



## **Iowa Arts Council**

June 10, 2013

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

State Historical Building, Des Moines

**Present:** Paul Dennison, Steve Hansen, Kent Hartwig, Molly Kotval, Chawne Paige, Frances Parrott, Lisa Walsh and Ann Wilkinson.

**Present by Telephone:** Randall Lengeling

**Absent:** Carmen Darland, Linda Grandquist, James Hayes, Sean O'Harrow and Vicki Sukup.

**Staff Present:** DCA Director Mary Cownie, DCA Deputy Director Chris Kramer, Division Administrator Matt Harris, Board Administrator Jessica Rundlett and Legislative Analyst Kent Ohms.

**IAC Staff Present:** Linda Lee, Veronica O'Hern, Joseph Pearson and David Schmitz.

### **Call to Order**

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:05AM. Roll was called by Rundlett.

### **Minutes**

Paige moved to approve the March 11, 2013. The motion was seconded by Parrott and carried unanimously.

### **Report from Chair**

Hansen stated that he has been on the IAC for ten years, and has been chair for four. He has served under three Governors and three leaders. There is good progress happening now, as seen by the new concrete near the building.

Harris thanked Hansen for his service to the board and the State of Iowa. Cownie stated that Hansen has been a tremendous leader for the board and his legislative experience has been quite valuable.

### **Report from Department Director**

See attached Director's Report.

Hartwig asked who has jurisdiction over capitol and the displays in the rotunda. Cownie answered that in Code, we oversee the two battle flag cases in the Rotunda. DAS oversees other aspects, but they will also work in conjunction with the DCA.

Dennison stated that Cownie, Kramer and Harris should be complemented for what they did at the capitol. They have tremendous reputations. It makes him feel good to be on this board, knowing that the staff is really doing their job.

Cownie introduced Liz Gilman, the Executive Producer of Produce Iowa. It is the re-launch of the office formerly known as the Film Office. She introduced herself and stated that she has been travelling the state. Gilman is a Menlo native and Iowa State University graduate.

### **IAC Administrator's Report**

Harris introduced the IAC Staff Members: David Schmitz, Joseph Pearson, Veronica O'Hern and Linda Lee.

Schmitz stated that the late Bruce Williams built a tremendous foundation with the Art in State Buildings program and that he is actively working with the program.

Pearson stated that he is focusing on making the CLP program simple and efficient.

Harris re-introduced O'Hern and Lee.

Harris stated that with new staff on board the IAC will be focused on implementing the Strategic Plan, which represents a return to mission

Harris pointed out that the board members had a handout of grants in their packets. He went over the upcoming grant deadlines.

**Financial Report**

The board was provided April and May finances. FY13 ends June 30, and then the accountant has two months to close out the books. NEA reporting is due October 1. This past October we submitted the on-year application to the NEA for three year funding. We have received preliminary notification that that funding is renewed which affirms the NEA support of what is happening in Iowa and the direction of the agency. We will see about an 8% reduction. Some funding has been reduced, and there are a few more states in the funding pool – the State of Kansas and the US Territory the Northern Marianas Islands.

Hansen asked for questions on financial summary.

Hartwig moved to approve the Financial Report. Kotval seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Good of the Order**

Hansen asked for any comments for the good of the order or comments about what is going on at home.

Parrott stated that Council Bluffs has opened the Tom Hanafan River's Edge Park! The park includes Rays, the newest addition to Iowa West Public Art.

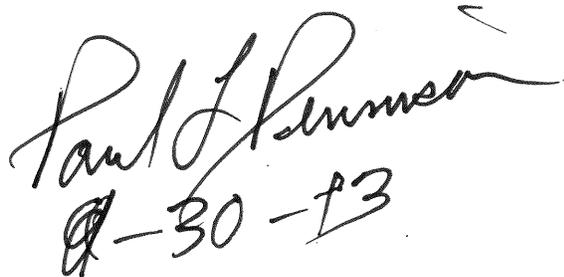
Wilkinson reported on a wonderful event, Buffalo, Buffalo, Buffalo that she attended at the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge. She stated that it was a wonderful affirmation of the arts in Iowa.

Paige and the board thanked Hansen for his service.

Hansen stated that he has observed that history does repeat itself. He believes the IAC is on the right track and has a real solid board. He thinks there has been excellent hires, including Leo Landis as Museum Curator. The DCA took more than their share of previous budget cuts, and now is the time to go back to legislators and advocate to re-gain funding. Hansen stated that he appreciates Cownie & Harris's leadership and Rundlett for the binders and getting the packets out timely. Hansen says that some of the most memorable meetings are the ones where the board travels. He stated that the Gala was a successful event & he tips his hat to that. He would welcome any one to come to Sioux City and said that the arts in Iowa are on the uptick.

**Adjournment**

Wilkinson moved to adjourn at 1:15PM. Walsh seconded and motion carried unanimously.



Paul L. Hansen  
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