

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

March 1, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Trevor Yager, Chair

Minutes

Members present: none

Members via teleconference: Jon Ford, Pam Hicks, Trevor Yager

Members absent: Gil Cárdenas, Jeff Kirk, Linda Levell, Suzie Rentschler, Irene Smith-King, Earl Williams

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Susan Britsch, Kristina Davis, Bobbie Garver, Dennis Hardin

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** IAC Commissioner Trevor Yager convened the teleconference at 2:05 p.m.
2. **Consent Agenda.** Due to lack of quorum present, no action was taken. The minutes from the December 9, 2011 meeting of the Program Evaluation Committee will be presented for approval at a special meeting of the committee prior to the next meeting of the full Commission on March 16, 2012.
3. **Cultural Districts Technical Assistance Update.** IAC Community Development Manager Kristina Davis reported that communities which attended the Building Better Communities seminar offered by IAC last October are eligible to apply for Phase II of the technical assistance being offered, which will be individual consultancies for each community, consisting of up to 60 hours of training. Between 12 and 15 consultancies will be awarded. Letters of intent to apply for a consultancy must be submitted to IAC by May 15, 2012. Those communities which ultimately apply for Cultural District designation will have an application deadline of October 2, followed by a panel review on November 7. Final approval of any successful candidates will be voted by the full Commission at its December 7 meeting. (Handout attached)
4. **Regional Initiative Grants and Regional Arts Partner Allocation Timeline.** IAC Community Development Manager Bobbie Garver presented a handout (attached) showing the proposed timeline for IAC review of its Regional Grant allocations. Such a review was requested by the Regional Arts Partner Consortium in December 2011. Members of the review committee will be drawn from current and previous Regional Arts Partners, and IAC Commissioners; the committee will meet in person at least twice during the period May – December 2012. IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson will

provide budgetary and census data, as well as possible scenarios for an amended allocation formula. A final vote by the full Commission is expected to take place in December, 2012.

5. **Arts in Education Update.** IAC Community Development Manager Susan Britsch reported that there are 9 recipients of Arts in Education Grants for calendar year 2012. Discussions have begun about re-inventing the Arts in Education grant program, in an effort to draw more applicants for funding. Many times schools are short of manpower and resources to administer such a grant, and the schools might be better served if artists and organizations were also eligible to apply for funding which would bring artistic experiences to the schools. Ms. Britsch also reported that the state-wide Poetry Out Loud final competition was held in Indianapolis on February 25; the winner for 2011 was Jordan Mather-Licht of Broad Ripple High School in Indianapolis. Participation in the event was the highest ever, with 17 schools sending contestants. Mr. Mather-Licht will travel at IAC expense to Washington, DC to compete in the national event in May.

6. **Old Business.** There was no old business.

7. **New Business.** There was no new business.

8. **Adjourn.** Mr. Yager thanked everyone for their participation, and closed the meeting at 2:20 p.m.