

HAWAI'I STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Administrative Standing Committee (1)
HiSAM Multipurpose Room, First Floor
250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, HI 96813
Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Barbara Saromines-Ganne, Chairperson
Sherman Warner, (Vice Chair)
Rai Saint Chu, Oahu Commissioner
Joel Guy, Kauai Commissioner
Karen Tiller Polivka, Oahu Commissioner

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Dean Sakamoto, Oahu Commissioner
Eva Rose Washburn-Repollo, Oahu Commissioner

HSFCA STAFF

PRESENT: Jonathan Johnson, Executive Director
Estelle Enoki, Administrative Services Assistant
Karen Ewald, APP Manager
James Gonser, Information Specialist
N. Trisha Lagaso-Goldberg, Commissions Project Manager
Vivien Lee, Arts Program Specialist
Charles Medeiros, Arts Program Specialist
Henny Saraswati, Secretary
Scott Young, Visitor Services Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Patricia Ohara, Deputy Attorney General

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:19 a.m. by Chairperson Barbara Saromines-Ganne.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Warner motioned to approve the agenda, followed by a second by Commissioner Guy. The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion of 2015 Legislative Audit

Chairperson Saromines-Ganne provided confidential draft copies of the audit report to all commissioners.

Chairperson Saromines-Ganne read the letter that she received from Jan K. Yamane, Acting State Auditor. She noted that the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), Governor office also received the copy of confidential draft from the State Auditor.

Ms. Saromine Ganne noted that we will need to respond to the confidential draft. She added that the public release for other report will made only by the auditor.

Commissioner Guy moved to defer the discussion to the executive session further on the agenda, Commissioner Warner seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. 2015 Legislative Session

Chairperson Saromines-Ganne gave a brief discussion regarding the coming up legislative session. She announced that Senator Glenn Wakai who was the chair of the Senate's Committee on Techonolgy and the Arts is going to be the chair of Economic Development and Technology (EDT). Ms. Saromines-Ganne informed that Mr. Wakai has been with SFCA and he still very supportive and has an interest to support SFCA.

Ms. Saromines-Ganne further announced that the new chair the Senate's Committee on Higher Education and the Arts (HEA) is Senator Brian Taniguchi. She noted that Mr. Taniguchi has been supporting and working with SFCA especially on the Art at the Capitol program. She also announced that the new Chair in the House for Tourism and Culture and the Arts (TCA) is Representative Tom Brower.

Ms. Saromines-Ganne informed that SFCA have been working with the WESTAF. She noted that WESTAF executive director Anthony Radich and Senior Deputy Director Bryce Merrill will be meeting with the SFCA Commission and the staff. She stated that SFCA is continuing to do some projects in consultancy with WESTAF.

Ms. Saromines-Ganne reported on her recent NASAA conference trip in New Orleans. She informed that NASAA offered many opportunities for state arts agency staff.

Commissioner Rai Saint Chu was sworn in and introduced.

Mr. Johnson encouraged the board to identify platforms and positions, then develop talking points and tactics for the 2015 legislative session. Mr. Johnson asked for a couple members to work with staff on each area to begin to draft talking points. He reviewed some of the upcoming issues including:

The bienium budget request for an increase of \$500k for grants, reinstates 3 abolished positions funded by Works of Art Special Fund including HiSAM Gallery Director, APP Commissions Project Manager, APP Clerical.

The legislature may have questions regarding the audit, so the board needs to prepare a response in advance.

Legislative proposals from last year include:

SB 2620 Works of art to be displayed in federal and county buildings

HCR 200 Requesting SFCA to erect a Peace Pole.

SB233 changes the inscription on Queen Liliuokalani statue to the dates of her coronation and death. Mr. Johnson noted that the board voted not to make the change until the legislature passed SB233.

HCR167 task force regarding the SFCA 50th anniversary. Mr. Johnson noted that we have not receive the Governor's five nominations for the SFCA 50th anniversary task force. Chairperson Saromines-Ganne stated that she was nominated by the senate to be on the committee and also Blair Collis. She then asked the Commissioners if they would like her to submit their names to the Governor's office to be on the 50th anniversary committee.

Chairperson Saromines Ganne announced that from the arts agency committee members are Tom Klobe, Momi Cazimero, Jonathan Johnson, Duane Prebble, Jay Jensen, Karen Ewald. She noted that they are working on the 50th anniversary exhibition in the ewa galleries of the Hawaii State Art Museum. She added that Mr. Klobe has agreed to provide his professional services in the exhibit design for SFCA staff as well.

Mr. Johnson stated that that SFCA is planning a series of events to celebrate the 50th anniversary beginning on July 12, 2015. He is planning to budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

Commissioner Sakamoto commented that the exhibition and the gallery are one component of the celebration. He asked if this event is going to require an appropriation for the 50th anniversary? Ms. Sakamoto then suggested that we need to submit proposal and budget. He asked who is taking the lead for the 50th anniversary to do the proposal and the budget? Mr. Johnson responded that is Karen Ewald, APP Manager.

Commissioner Saromines-Ganne said Estelle will notify to the commissioners with a legislation report and prepare the testimony.

Commissioner Sakamoto suggested that we should have the strategy what to do the next and who is going to testify. He added that he can help to testify for the Hawaii State Arts Museum Gallery as he used to worked at HiSAM as a Gallery Director before.

Commissioner Tiller Polivka further suggested to meet with the committee prior to the legislative session if possible to prevent some issues. She thinks the audit is critical.

Commissioner Warner made a motion to move to the executive session,
Commissioner Tiller Polivka seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

5. Executive Session (closed to public), pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes section 92-5(a)(2) to consider Executive Director Evaluation Process

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henny Saraswati
Secretary