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**Regional Arts Commission  
Governance Committee Minutes  
July 27, 2021 @ 11 AM via ZOOM**

Attendees



Kellie Trivers, Chair, Mont Levy, David Wilson

Absent: Cheryl Walker

Staff: Vanessa Cooksey

Other: Lea Sutherlin, Admin Consultant

1. Welcome/Call to Order: Trivers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:05.

2. **Review Commissioner Terms**

Sutherlin gave brief overview of the 2021 Commissioner Terms Contact List with term summaries.

Committee reviewed future openings by year.

Levy asked which commissioner would not be eligible for reappointment.



Cooksey: Per the bylaws, if a commissioner's initial appointment is a term completed for someone else, then that commissioner is eligible for their own two (2), four-year terms.

3. **Commissioner Recruitment**: Levy noted he is researching recommendations for commissioner recruitment, specifically in the area of finance.

Cooksey: Walker will have recommendation of a working artist Lyah LeFlore; Denise Thimes also expressed interest in serving on the Commission - she lives in the county; Brian Owens not interested at this time.

Open discussion held regarding whether or not there should be a priority around a working artist; working artist as a community of people who bring added value to

the table and whose livelihood is dependent on talent for income – important from a governance perspective; CATs might appreciate having represented artist on the board; consideration of a CAT alumni as a commissioner; and prospective commissioner having connections in community for fundraising.

Wilson suggested reaching out to Stephanie Riven, founding executive director of the Center of Creative Arts (COCA).

Trivers noted that between Walker’s recommendations, Stephanie Riven and CAT alumni, this committee should be able to recruit a new member.

Wilson: Keith Tyrone Williams another possibility, artist and teaches at performing arts school on Grandel.

Levy: Will also contact Mike Scully for west county recommendations.

4. **Status of Chair Appointments**

Cooksey: As follow-up to her and Levy’s meeting with County Executive Page, Sutherlin sent a note to the County regarding Levy’s re-appointment as chair for the remainder of 2021, and to the City for Walker’s appointment as chair in 2022.

5. **Review of RAC Board/Staff Events Fall/Winter 2021**

Cooksey reviewed Board and Staff events for the remainder of the year, which included Commission meetings, committee meetings, two mini-retreats during the months of September and November, and a Town Hall in October.

Open discussion held regarding retreat facilitator.

Cooksey will approach two facilitators who served RAC in the past, and ask for their feedback and ideal approach to what’s needed at the pending retreats.

6. Adjourned at 11:56p.