

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2015**



The meeting of April 13, 2015 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission at 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon
Eric Hanks
Helen Hernandez
Constance Jolcuvar
Bettina Korek
Peter Lesnik
Claudia Margolis
Claire Peeps
Araceli Ruano

Absent: Betty Haagen
Richard Montoya
Alis Clausen Odenthal
Hope Warschaw
Rosalind Wyman

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Professional Development Programs Manager
Margaret Bruning, Director of Civic Art
Clare Haggarty, Collections Manager
Bronwyn Mauldin, Research and Evaluation Manager
Louanne Brazil, Director of Development

President Ruano called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, the excused absences for the meeting of April 13, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Installation of Officers

The following slate of officers were installed for 2015-16:

Claire Peeps, President
Bettina Korek, Vice President
Pamela Bright-Moon, Secretary
Betty Haagen, Executive Committee
Araceli Ruano, Immediate Past President

[President Peeps chaired the meeting from this point forward.]

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, the minutes for the meeting of March 9, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

None.

President's Items

President Peeps thanked Commissioner Ruano for her service as President in 2014-15.

President Peeps announced the County Counsel briefing on Conflict of Interest has been rescheduled for the May 11, 2015 commission meeting.

President Peeps circulated the 2015-16 commissioner committee/liaison assignments ([attached](#)).

President Peeps distributed a memo to commissioners outlining a proposal for an all-day policy and planning meeting on September 14, 2015 ([attached](#)).

President Peeps asked Commissioners to share their participation at art events.

Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker distributed the Save the Date flyer for the Quality and Productivity Commission's annual leadership conference scheduled for May 27, 2015.

Ms. Zucker asked commissioners to review the Organizational Grant Program (OGP) panel comments binder in preparation for the April 27 meeting and gave an overview of the OGP process for the upcoming commission meetings from April to June.

Ms. Zucker reported the proposed county budget is scheduled to be released on April 14, 2015 and distributed copies of the Arts Commission's recommended budget. The Arts Commission was approved for three budget items: \$110,000 for one position for the Ford Theatre, \$15,000 for administrative costs, and \$54,000 for unavoidable labor costs for the Holiday Celebration.

Additionally, there may be a proposed motion by Supervisors Solis and Kuehl to support the Community Impact Grants for \$500,000 for three years. A handout was distributed of the Community Impact grant proposal and examples of the types of projects that could be funded. Should the funding be approved, President Peeps will appoint an Ad Hoc committee to develop guidelines. Commissioners Lesnik, Jolcuvar, Hernandez, and Bright-Moon expressed their interest in serving on the committee.

Ms. Zucker introduced Louanne Brazil, Director of Development for the Ford Theatre and distributed copies of the Ford Funding Prospectus ([attached](#)). Ms. Brazil gave an overview of the Ford capital campaign and current strategies for fundraising.

Civic Art Committee Report

Commissioner Korek, Chair of the Civic Art Committee, reported the committee met prior to the general meeting to review the acceptance of a potential donation of 25 oil paintings by artist George Gách. Margaret Bruning, Director of Civic Art, gave an overview of the artwork and the LAC+USC Medical Center Arts Council, which will oversee the collection.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Margolis, and unanimously approved, to accept the donation of 25 oil paintings by George Gách on behalf of the LAC+USC Medical Center.

Report on Creative Occupations and Planning for Research and Evaluation

Bronwyn Mauldin, Research and Evaluation Manager, presented an advance copy of *Creative Work: How Arts Education Promotes Career Opportunities Beyond the Arts*, which is scheduled to be released on April 15, 2015.

Ms. Mauldin also gave a presentation on the areas of interest and possible research projects the Arts Commission is considering in the future and asked Commissioners for feedback.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Hernandez informed the Commission artist Barbara Carrasco has a mural on the history of Los Angeles that is currently in storage. Ms. Carrasco is looking for a permanent home for it and asked if the commission could provide any assistance.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of April 13, 2015 was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. on motion by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and unanimously approved.