

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

Meeting Date: May 20, 1998

4:00-6:30 p.m.

Sacramento Central Library Galleria.

828 I Street, Lower Level West Meeting Room, Sacramento

For information, call (916) 264-5558

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Luke W. Breit

Michelle Egan

Marcy Friedman

Raymond L. Gage

Gerry N. Kamilos

Quan Van Le

W. Kearse McGill

Richard E. Merz

R. Burnett Miller

Kendall Person

Gloria A. Woodlock

- I. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 4:05 p.m. by Chair Kamilos. Absent: Gage, Person, McGill
- II. APPROVED AGENDA OF MAY 20, 1998  
Moved: Miller; seconded: Merz  
Ayes: Unanimous
- III. APPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 1998  
Moved: Merz; seconded: Miller.  
Ayes: Unanimous

Chair Kamilos introduced Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission's new staff members:

- a. Deborah Schwartz, Art in Public Places Program Assistant - Masters Degree in Museum Studies and Art History. Has a contemporary art background and has worked as an intern at several museums.
- b. John Seto, Grants Program Assistant - Director of Chinese Cultural Center. Worked for Ohio Arts Council. Degree in Art History and Far Asian Humanities and a Masters of Philosophy Degree in Art and Archeology of China. He is currently a liaison for the Performing Arts Committee.
- c. Sam Tubiolo, Arts Education & Outreach Program Assistant - Has served as AEO resident artist and was on AEO Committee. Worked as a visual artist in different fields and places around the country. Worked as archeological illustrator and is a ceramist.

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IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 MINUTES EACH)

- a. CAP to CAP TRIP (Kamilos, Lambeth, Miller, and Woodlock). The trip initiated a reinstatement of an arts and cultural team that gathered about three years ago. Over 14 people participated on the team this year showing their enthusiasm for the arts in the Sacramento region. The team met with top management of the NEA, local elects - Robert Matsui, Vic Fazio, and John Doolittle. Matsui will assist and advocate for the arts. President of the Council for the Arts, Malcolm Richardson, told the team he is going to politically and strategically work for the arts. Congressman John Doolittle is now on the governing board of the NEA, appointed by Newt Gingrich. Doolittle, in the past, has not favored the NEA, so hopefully being on the governing board will give him a better understanding of the arts. The Chamber of Commerce is presently establishing a new committee that deals with cultural and quality of life issues.
- b. Artrain (Walker): Three hundred people attended the Artrain reception and 3000 people from the community viewed the exhibit. Chair Kamilos remarked that being able to view the Marion Anderson Elementary School Choir allowed everyone to see the results grants have in providing excellent school programs.
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V. A. APPROVED NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS (KAMILOS)

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE JAMES COOPER, VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE; AND ROSINA CATALANO, ARTS EDUCATION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Merz; seconded: Friedman: Ayes 7 Noes 0 Absent 4 Abstention 0

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B. APPROVED 1999 CULTURAL ARTS AWARDS GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION (HELLER)

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Breit; seconded: Woodlock Ayes 7 Noes 0 Absent 4 Abstention 0

COMMISSION ACTION: Amended motion to include parenthesis around city and county of Sacramento in grant application. Moved: Breit; seconded: Woodlock Ayes 7 Noes 0 Absent 4 Abstention 0

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C. APPROVED ARTISTS FOR STOCKTON BROADWAY SHRA PROJECT (BLOOM)

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Friedman; seconded: Breit Ayes 8 Noes 0 Absent 3 Abstention —

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VI. PRESENTATIONS: None

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- VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS(S): California Arts Council Budget, SB 1373 (Walker). Director Walker informed the Commissioners of the need to support bipartisan bill #SB 1373 sponsored by Congressman Adam Schiff of Burbank-Pasadena to support an increase of funding for the California Arts Council. The object is to increase statewide funding from 39 cents per capita (47 in the Nation) to \$1.00 per person. The passing of this bill could ultimately increase the funding SMAC could receive from Sacramento State and Local Partnership grant, if approved, which would in turn greatly increase the Artist in Schools program and arts organizations funding. The Commission voted unanimously to endorse the bipartisan SB #1373 bill for increased CAC funding. It was also suggested that Commissioners write Governor Wilson asking him to support the bill.
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- VIII. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Alpha Bruton, Arts Education Program Coordinator, thanked Commissioner Merz for attending a Neighborhood Arts Project.
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XI. CHAIR'S REPORT: None

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X. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** The California Arts Council rated SMAC as a model agency for the third year in a row. The mural program also rated as a model program with CAC. Director Walker is very pleased with the backgrounds of the new staff members and welcomed them aboard.

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XI. **OLD BUSINESS OR NEW BUSINESS:** None

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XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Kamilos at 5:48 p.m.

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