Florida Folklife Council Meeting
July 14, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Folklife Council Members present (via telephone): Dr. Annette B. Fromm, Chair; Dr. Keith Cartwright, Vice Chair; Dr. Larry Crook; Dr. Jerrilyn McGregory; Dr. Natalie Underberg-Goode and Mr. Timothy Schmand

Staff present: Ms. Susanne Hunt, Supervisor, Outreach Programs; Ms. Amanda Hardeman, State Folklorist; Ms. Isabella Folmar, Folklife Program Assistant; Ms. Angela Tomlinson, Program Administrator, Office of the Director

Members of the Public present: Mr. Jason Zippay of the Florida Channel

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fromm at 10:02 a.m.

II. Introductions

Folklife Council members and Division staff introduced themselves.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Fromm called for a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Mr. Schmand so moved. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

IV. Adoption of the Minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting

Dr. Underberg-Goode made a motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

A. Staff Report – Amanda Hardeman

State Folklorist Amanda Hardeman provided her report of Florida Folklife Program activities. Ms. Hardeman provided information regarding performances and presentations at the 2015 Florida Folk Festival and the conferences she participated in this year. She outlined her collaborative work with the Florida Memory Project and Michael Knoll of HistoryMiami, and announced plans for the 2015 Folk Forum in St. Augustine, Florida as well as the 2015 Artist in Residence events in Tallahassee. Ms. Hardeman provided updates on the 2016 American Folklore Society conference in Miami as well as her survey plans for 2016-17, and upcoming events at Stephen Foster State Park. Discussion ensued.

B. Other Reports

Ms. Susanne Hunt greeted the Council and thanked Ms. Hardeman for her diligent work presenting at many venues. She welcomed new Folklife staff member, Isabella Folmar. She reported progress with Folklife Program social media outreach.

Ms. Angela Tomlinson greeted the Council and offered to answer any questions regarding changes in Apprenticeship Program Guidelines, as she is coordinating changes with Ms. Hardeman.
VI. New Business

A. The Council reviewed the 2015-2016 Apprenticeship Program Applications and ranked them on a scale of one to ten.

**Dr. Fromm made a motion to recommend the top four teams to Secretary of State Ken Detzner for participation in the 2015-2016 Florida Folklife Apprenticeship Program.** The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

B. The Council discussed ways to improve the Apprenticeship Program application and guidelines. Recommendations included clarifying the language and defining folklife and folk group.

C. The Council reviewed member appointment status and made the recommendation to reappoint Dr. Bulger and Dr. McGregory.

**Dr. Cartwright made a motion to recommend to the Secretary of State the reappointment of Dr. Bulger and Dr. McGregory.** The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

D. The Council discussed the election of officers. Dr. Cartwright, as Vice Chair, assumes the position of Chairman for 2015-2016 as Dr. Fromm’s term expires. Dr. Fromm called for nominations for a new Vice Chair.

**Dr. Cartwright made a motion to appoint Dr. Underberg-Goode.** The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. Dr. Underberg-Goode accepted the responsibility.

VII. Other Business

A. Next meeting was scheduled for December 1, 2015, from Tallahassee via teleconference.

Ms. Hardeman advised Council members that the primary activities for their next meeting would be the review of Heritage Award Nominees. The Council agreed to meet by teleconference on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 10 a.m. E.S.T.

B. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

**Dr. Fromm made a motion to adjourn.** The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.