

**Florida Folklife Council Meeting
August 25, 2015**

Meeting Minutes

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

Staff present: Ms. Susanne Hunt, Supervisor, Outreach Programs; Ms. Amanda Hardeman, State Folklorist; Ms. Isabella Folmar, Folklife Program Assistant; Ms. Alissa Slade Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation

Members of the Public present: None.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introductions

Folklife Council members and Division staff introduced themselves.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Cartwright 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 July 14, 2015 meeting

Dr. Crook 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 the 2016-2017 NEA grant application. She outlined her plans to hire a contract fieldworker for a survey of Southwest Florida in 2016-2017, and asked the Council for recommendations for fieldworkers in that area. She informed the Council that the AFS planning committee would call upon them to review abstracts for the 2016 conference in Miami. She reported progress on the program's upcoming outreach events, including the Artist Residency in Tallahassee and the Maritime Folklife Festival in St. Augustine, Florida. Ms. Hardeman requested nominations for the upcoming Folk Heritage Award deadline on October 1, 2015. Ms. Hardeman provided updates on the contract with HistoryMiami for the upcoming Miami survey, as well as plans to feature National Heritage Fellow Dolly Jacobs as a 2016 Artist-in-Residence. Discussion ensued.

B. Other Reports

Ms. Susanne Hunt greeted the Council and elaborated on plans for the 2016 Artist Residency Program. She emphasized that the Maritime Folklife Festival will be an excellent outreach opportunity concurrent with citywide celebrations for the 450th anniversary of the founding of St. Augustine.

VI. New Business

- A. Ms. Hardeman expressed a need for the Council to review and clarify the funding levels for familial apprenticeships. She reminded the Council that, in accordance with the apprenticeship guidelines, for these and future applications, apprentices who are immediate family to the master artist would not receive a stipend.

Mr. Schmand made a motion to clarify the support for familial apprenticeships by agreeing that the Council will not authorize funding to apprentices who are immediate family to the master artists. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

- B. Ms. Hardeman reviewed how the previous motion would affect this year's apprenticeship applications. In the interest of maximizing the number of funded teams, Ms. Hardeman suggested that the number of funded apprenticeships be extended to include the top five ranked applications; that all apprenticeships for 2015-2016 be shortened from eight months to six months; and that only one apprentice per team would be funded. The top five master artists ranked by the Council at the July 14, 2015 meeting were Ku Mu Paw, Michael Usina, Jamal Jones, Romeo Ragbir, and George Robinson. Michael Usina and George Robinson's apprentices, as immediate family to the master artists, would not receive stipends.

Mr. Schmand made a motion that the Council recommend to Secretary of State Ken Detzner the top five teams, with the understanding that the Program would only fund one apprentice per team; that the apprenticeships would be shortened from eight months to six months; and that apprentices who are immediate family to the master would not receive stipends, in order to fund more apprenticeship teams and extend the reach of the Program. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

VII. Other Business

- A. The next meeting was confirmed for December 1, 2015 via teleconference from Tallahassee.

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 members of the public present.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

Chairman Cartwright called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Crook so moved. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Chairman, Florida Folklife Council

Date

Director, Division of Historical Resources

Date