

Members Present

Nancy Aposhian
Merlin Ellis
Lars Nielson, Jr.
Wesley Ringle
Dr. Robbi D. Venditti
Peggy Wilson

Members Absent

Joe Cooper
Vincent DiBella
Natascha Karadshes

MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Date: July 26, 2012
Time: 4:00 p. m.
Location: Mesa Arts Center
One East Main Street
3rd floor, south Studios building

◇ Results ◇

1. Approval of Minutes from the May 24, 2012, Meeting: There being no corrections, Dr. Robbi Venditti made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Peggy Wilson seconded, and the Board members present unanimously approved the minutes of May 24. The minutes will be posted to the City's website.
2. Introduction of New Board Member, Peggy Wilson – Lars Nielson, Jr.: The Board welcomed new member Peggy Wilson
3. Discuss and Take Action – Election of Chair for FY12-13 – Lars Nielson, Jr.: Merlin Ellis, vice-chair, nominated Lars Nielson, Jr. to continue as Board chair, and Lars Nielson, Jr. accepted the nomination. The Board members present unanimously voted that Lars Nielson, Jr. continue as chair for FY12-13.
4. Discuss and Take Action – Election of Vice-Chair for FY12-13 – Lars Nielson, Jr.: Lars Nielson, Jr., chair, nominated Merlin Ellis to continue as vice-chair, and Merlin Ellis accepted the nomination. The Board members present unanimously voted that Merlin Ellis continue as vice-chair for FY-12-13.
5. Public Comments: There was no public present.
6. Information – Overview of Arts Education Outreach Program – Mandy Buscas
7. Discussion – Board Volunteers Needed for Panel Review – Mandy Buscas
8. Information and Discussion – Review the Panel Ratings and Funding Recommendations for the Creative Economy Fund – Lars Nielson, Jr.
9. Information and Discussion – Update on Name Change for the Mesa Creativity Festival – Rob Schultz
10. Discussion – Consider a Possible Board Name Change – Merlin Ellis
11. Staff Reports – Arizona Museum of Natural History, Update on Exhibits, Educational Programs, Collections, and Operations.
Arizona Museum for Youth, Update on Exhibits and Operations.
Mesa Arts Center, Update on Studio Activities, Volunteer Activities, Gallery Activities, and Performing Live.
12. Assistant Director's Report – Rob Schultz, Arts and Culture Director/Ex. Director Mesa Arts Center - Update on Arts and Culture Activities.

13. Report on Conferences and/or Meetings/Performances Attended: Board Members – Information Only

14. Adjourn

Next Board Meeting: September 27, 2012