



Newton Cultural Council Meeting

October 24, 2022

Call to Order: 5:34 pm

Present: Candy Gold, Glenda Fishman, Chris Pitts, Emily O'Neil, Jane Feigenson, Paula Gannon, Robert Linsky, Chali'Naru Dones, Sam Belisle, Marie Longo, Jacob Lavoie

Guests: Halcyon Mancuso, Gloria Gavis, Clara Chan

Approval of Minutes Oct 3rd

Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Glenda—the financial report was filed early-- from California. The report shows that the amount the NCC has to grant is \$51,034. This is after deducting \$714 in administrative costs for last year and 5% for this year. Tentatively, we could have another \$2,000 if we chose to use administrative funds for grants.

Adjudication

Timothea Pham from MCC sent email on the 20th that there is a problem downloading the panel book. Paula is having it printed and will have it tomorrow. If people want to go in and copy the grants where they are doing the deep dive, that is possible.

Some people were able to open it. Others haven't. Discussion about accessing the full panel book. Also possible to look at individual applications and go through the individual tabs. The issue was resolved in part as the panel book was uploaded to the shared drive for people to access.

Chris

Looking at deep dive allocations: Discussion as to whether there were any conflicts or anyone needed to swap assignments.

Discussion about the difference between Mass Council adjudication form and Newton's form. Chris walked through the form and what to do.

ADA accessibility is required for the MCC but not asked in the application forms. There are some requirements not on their forms. Accessibility is something that we should be asking

applicants. It was suggested that on the form there it should be noted whether a question is one we are asking in addition to MCC questions.

Discussion about representation and leadership and how we are 'scoring' representation.

Chris walked through the individual questions.

Question about diverse performers perhaps redundant with previous question. Score the same.

At the end there is an opportunity to identify particularly strong applications.

Documents and forms can be found in the shared folder on Chris' drive.

Review of dates for adjudication: November 14, 21, 28 and December 5. No meetings October 31 and November 7. Anne Marie and Jane should figure out the schedule of presenters. After all the adjudication meetings then there will be one or two additional meetings to allocate the funds.

Questions about record keeping. Notes that people take should be given to Paula. She will make sure the process is compliant with regulations.

Discussion about conflicts.

Paula—everyone should look at the projects and send any issues to Chris and Emily. Those could become the assignments for Halcyon. That should be done in the next couple of days. There is a copy of the book in Chris' folder now and people can download from there as well. Expectation is that everyone will do their deep dives and then can familiarize themselves with the rest of the applications.

For adjudication sessions, it was suggested that we begin each meeting with a listing of grants that will be discussed. This will help the public attending decide whether the wish to stay on the zoom meeting or leave or attend another time.

Thanks to Marie for summary of reception. Thanks to Jane for manning the booth at the Harvest Fair.

Meeting adjourned 7:15