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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Sunshine Act Meeting

TYPE: Quarterly Meeting.

AGENCY: National Council on Disability.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 522b(e)(1) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, (Pub. L. 94-409).

DATES: November 18-20, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Phoenix, At Civic Plaza, 122 North Second Street, Phoenix, Arizona; 602-252-1234.

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AGENCY MISSION: The National Council on Disability is an independent Federal agency comprised of 15 members appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Those needing interpreters or other accommodations should notify the National Council on Disability prior to this meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL ILLNESS: People with environmental illness must reduce their exposure to volatile chemical substances in order to attend this meeting. In order to reduce such exposure, we ask that you not wear perfumes or scents at the meeting. We also ask that you smoke only in designated areas and the privacy of your room. Smoking is prohibited in the meeting room and surrounding area.

OPEN MEETING: This quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability shall be open to the public.

AGENDA: The proposed agenda includes:

Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director
 Committee Meeting and Committee Reports
 Strategic Planning
 Unfinished Business
 New Business
 Announcements
 Adjournment

Records shall be kept of all National Council on Disability proceedings and shall be available after the meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 27, 1996.

Ethel D. Briggs,
Executive Director.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Process for Reconsideration of Declined General Applications for Federal Assistance

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts has been restructured. The Notices of Process for Reconsideration of Declined General Applications published on January 14, 1992 and March 29, 1993, are amended herein to reflect the agency's new structure, including new office and division names.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen K. Christensen, General Counsel (202) 682-5418, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 518, Washington, DC 20506.

1. Purpose

The processes by which the National Endowment for the Arts (the "Endowment") offers financial and technical assistance have been designed to result in supporting projects of artistic excellence and merit. The Endowment relies on discipline review and advisory panel review of grant applications to assure that projects are of substantial artistic and cultural significance. Panel recommendations are subsequently reviewed by the National Council on the Arts, which provides advice to the Endowment's chairperson who then decides whether to approve the applications recommended by the Council.

This Circular modifies the procedure for reconsideration of applications for

financial and technical assistance which have been declined by the National Endowment for the Arts based on negative recommendations of the advisory panel. This procedure does not include reconsideration of grant amounts once a grant is awarded. This process does not apply to applications recommended by the advisory panel but rejected by the Council or Chairperson. Reconsideration of such applications is had at the discretion of the Chairperson only. These revisions are being made in light of a major restructuring of the Endowment and its grant making process. The provisions of this Circular, which updates and amends the earlier Circulars on this subject, dated December 16, 1992 and March 29, 1983, do not apply to procurement governed by the Federal Acquisition Regulations. These provisions will apply to all requests for reconsideration filed after October 1, 1996.

2. Policy

(a) Statement. Award of financial and technical assistance is discretionary. Discipline and panel recommendations are made using criteria described in the Endowment guidelines. Criteria that involve subjective, qualitative judgments are not subject to reconsideration. Notwithstanding this fact, a Project Director, Authorizing Official, or individual whose application has been declined (hereafter referred to as "applicant") may obtain an explanation of the declination from the appropriate Endowment Discipline Director (hereafter referred to as "Director"). Following receipt of the explanation, if the applicant believes that the declination was based on one or more of the following Grounds for Reconsideration, reconsideration may be obtained under the procedure outlined in Section 3, below.

(b) Ground(s) for Reconsideration. Reconsideration of application declinations is available solely for one or more of the following three reasons relating to procedural impropriety or error:

(i) Discipline reviewers or advisory panel considered criteria other than those appearing in the relevant guidelines.

(ii) Individual(s) with conflict of interest served as a discipline reviewer or on the advisory panel.

(iii) Information relevant to the deliberations was provided by staff, reviewers, panelists, or others, but not including the applicant, which was inaccurate or incomplete, despite the fact that the applicant provided the Endowment staff with accurate and