

Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before November 30, 1998. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: October 21, 1998.

**Carol J. Jones,**

*Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Advisory Panel Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel, Dance Section (Heritage & Preservation and Education & Access categories) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on November 17-20, 1998. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 18th and 19th, and from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 20th, in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on November 20th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion on field issues and needs, Leadership Initiatives, Millennium projects, and guidelines.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 18th and 19th, and from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 20th, are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 14, 1998, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4)(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and, if

time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: October 22, 1998.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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### National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Art Advisory Panel Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel, Local Arts Agencies Section (Heritage & Preservation, Education & Access, and Planning & Stabilization categories) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on November 18-19, 1998. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 18th and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 19th, in Room 730 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on November 19th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion on field issues and needs, Leadership Initiatives, Millennium projects, and guidelines.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 18th and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 19th, are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 14, 1998, these sessions will be closed

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems; Notice of Meetings

In accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems (1196).

1. *Date and Times:* November 16, 1998; 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. each day.

*Contact:* Dr. Usha Varshney, Program Director, Division of Electrical Communications Systems, Room 675, 703-306-1340.

2. *Dates and Times:* November 16-17, 1998; 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. each day.

*Contact:* Dr. Magdy Iskander, Program Director, Division of Electrical Communications Systems, Room 675, 703-306-1340.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meetings:* Closed.

*Purpose of Meetings:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate CAREER-ECS proposals submitted to the Division as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reasons for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including