

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE CALL UPDATE AS OF 1:00 P.M., JUNE 28, 2011

Dear Supporters of the Arts in Kansas,

There is yet a new number for our upcoming Kansas Arts Commission Conference Call:

1-712-432-0900 Access code 1 9 3 9 1 0 # Wednesday, June 29, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

This number is guaranteed to accommodate up to a thousand participants, so we should not experience the kinds of problems both you and I faced yesterday. Imagine my shock and dismay to realize that even I, as the conference meeting host, could not access the number!

To all those who are interested in observing the meeting, thank you for your interest in participating in the activities of the Kansas Arts Commission. Regrettably, the conference call originally scheduled for Monday, June 27, had to be rescheduled due to technical difficulties from the assigned area code. Though I have applied for a technical analysis for the cause of the problems, I have yet to receive a full explanation. Among reasons we have been told were that it was from the flooding problems in South Dakota (the original assigned area code); then we were advised it was due to the extensive number of participants on the call. However, the facts remain unknown until I receive a full report. Please accept my very sincere apologies and know that I was as shocked and disappointed as I'm sure you were, as this is a free conference-call service recommended by the State that I have used extensively, including several conference calls last week as well as one as late as Friday afternoon.

That being said, all things work together for good, and I trust the upcoming Wednesday afternoon meeting will be positive and productive in that we have the opportunity to have additional Commissioner participation. Regrettably we were not able to reach our quorum to do business on Monday due to the technical difficulties. Commissioners attending Monday's conference agreed they are available to meet on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m., and I have already received word that another Commissioner plans to attend.

We have confirmed conference line availability for the Wednesday, June 29, 2011, 3:00 p.m. meeting, at the above-listed number. An agenda has been provided for your perusal. We hope you will join us to listen to the meeting. As a reminder, only Commissioners are allowed to speak during the meeting.

One final word: as we are all aware, the Kansas Arts Commission is without staff at this time. For those of you who may have expected meeting notification, there is no facility to provide that service other than those who responded to the notice on the website of the Kansas Arts Commission or who were contacted by the Kansas Citizens for the Arts, at my request, for which I was indeed grateful. The Kansas Arts Commission has no staff, period: 0. I have done all possible in my volunteer position as new Commission Chairman of 28 days to facilitate the work of the Commission of a State Agency; however, because I am fully employed as a company owner with responsibilities to my employees, customers and clients—and six beautiful grandchildren, I trust you will understand that I am not a staff person with superior clerical skills but that I am doing my best to work together with the Commission, the Administration, and the Kansas Arts Community to facilitate the ongoing health, growth, and vitality of the Arts in Kansas during these challenging times of financial difficulty. I am very, very, very excited about the future of the Arts in Kansas, and I look forward to working with you to facilitate an exemplary program that will serve as a model for future generations. Keep the faith! The Arts Will Prevail!! *Ad Astra Per Aspera!*

Sincerely,
Linda Browning Weis, Chairman
Kansas Arts Commission

