NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Humanities

Meeting of National Council on the Humanities

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the National Council on the Humanities will meet to advise the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) with respect to policies, programs and procedures for carrying out his functions; to review applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 and make recommendations thereon to the Chairman; and to consider gifts offered to NEH and make recommendations thereon to the Chairman.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and Friday, March 20, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. until adjourned.

ADDRESSES: On March 19, 2020, the meeting will be held at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, Fred W. Smith National Library, 3600 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121. On March 20, 2020, the meeting will be held at Constitution Center, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Voyatzis, Committee Management Officer, 400 7th Street, SW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20506; (202) 606-8322; evoyatzis@neh.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Council on the Humanities is
meeting pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 951-960, as amended). The Committee meetings of the National Council on the Humanities will be held on March 19, 2020, as follows: the policy discussion session (open to the public) will convene at 10:00 a.m. until approximately 10:30 a.m., followed by the discussion of specific grant applications and programs before the Council (closed to the public) from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The following Committees will meet in meeting rooms at Mount Vernon:

Education Programs;
Federal/State Partnership;
Preservation and Access;
Public Programs; and
Research Programs.

The plenary session of the National Council on the Humanities will convene on March 20, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Center at Constitution Center. The agenda for the morning session (open to the public) will be as follows:

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting
B. Reports
   1. Chairman’s Remarks
   2. Senior Deputy Chairman’s Remarks
   3. Presentation by guest speaker David S. Ferriero, 10th Archivist of the United States National Archives and Records Administration
   4. Reports on Policy and General Matters
      a. Education Programs
b. Federal/State Partnership

c. Preservation and Access

d. Public Programs

e. Research Programs

The remainder of the plenary session will be for consideration of specific applications and therefore will be closed to the public.

As identified above, portions of the meeting of the National Council on the Humanities will be closed to the public pursuant to sections 552b(c)(4), 552b(c)(6), and 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The closed sessions will include review of personal and/or proprietary financial and commercial information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants, and discussion of certain information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chairman’s Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings dated April 15, 2016.

Please note that individuals planning to attend the public sessions of the meeting are subject to security screening procedures. If you wish to attend any of the public sessions, please inform NEH as soon as possible by contacting Carina Nixon at (202) 606-8323 or genounsel@neh.gov. Please also provide advance notice of any special needs or accommodations, including for a sign language interpreter.


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