

Nevada Circuit Rider Roster Committee Panel Review and Recommendations

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On Friday, June 29, 11am PST The Nevada Arts council conducted a Nevada Circuit Rider Roster Committee Review meeting. Two panelists reviewed three applications to make recommendations to the Nevada Arts Council board for possible inclusion on the Nevada Circuit Rider roster. Panelists were Sharron Rosse and Danielle Kelly.

Sharon Rosse (Carson City, NV) has worked in visual arts and arts administration in northern Nevada for over 30 years. She is Executive Director of the Capital City Arts Initiative [CCAI], a visual arts nonprofit organization that presents exhibitions, speakers, and school programs in Carson City. Rosse administered the Nevada Arts Council's Artists' Services Program from 1992-2001 where she initiated NAC's visual arts touring program and administered its Artists Fellowships. She has presented over 325 visual arts exhibitions and projects featuring artists from Nevada and the United States. Sharon is a visual artist and earned a B.A. in Studio Art from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Danielle Kelly (Lake Forest, IL) is the Executive Director for the Surface Design Association, publisher of the *Surface Design Journal*. She is the former Executive Director and Exhibition Designer for the Las Vegas Neon Museum. Kelly's project-based visual art practice has been featured in solo and group exhibitions in Los Angeles, Seattle, Las Vegas, San Francisco, and Portland, OR. Kelly's literary work has appeared in a variety of West Coast-based publications, including Desert Companion and the Las Vegas Weekly. She has also contributed exhibition catalog essays to the UNLV Marjorie Barrick Museum, the Las Vegas Springs Preserve, and VAST Projects.

Applicants were scored using the following criteria:

- Quality and Clarity of Application (20 Points)
- Professional Experience and Expertise (50 Points)
- Commitment to Professional Development and Effective Consulting Practices (30 Points)

The following three individuals were recommended by the panel to be added to the Nevada Circuit Rider Roster. Each bring a unique expertise to the roster and panelists felt strongly that they would all contribute positively to Nevada's cultural industry through inclusion on the Nevada Circuit Rider Roster.

- Deanna Ackerman, fundraising professional (Average Score: 98)
- Christine Fey, arts administrator and cultural planner (Average Score: 89.5)
- Martha Jane Holman, marketing and nonprofit management specialist (Average Score: 83)