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## ***Governor appoints 4 to South Dakota Arts Council***

PIERRE, S.D. — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has announced the appointments of new Council Members Andrew Kightlinger, of Pierre; Mary Haug, of Brookings; and Linda Anderson, of Rapid City to serve on the South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC). All three new members were appointed to three-year terms on the Council.

Kightlinger was born and raised on the island of Madagascar before moving to South Dakota in 1998. He is a filmmaker who has written and directed six short films and two feature-length films, many of which were shot in South Dakota. Kightlinger has his M.F.A. in film from Boston University and a B.A. in government and French from Augustana University. Kightlinger has film industry experience in Los Angeles, and he also works closely with the South Dakota Film Festival to highlight new and exciting films made in South Dakota or by local filmmakers.

Haug taught English at South Dakota State University for 30 years, retiring in 2008. She was the 2015 Spirit of Dakota recipient, awarded to a woman who has represented social, cultural, and educational advancements for others. She's also been nominated for two Pushcart Prizes. Haug is the author of a memoir, *Daughters of the Grasslands*, and the editor of "The Woster Brothers' Brand," a collection of her brothers' newspaper columns. She's also had work published in several national and regional publications.

Anderson is the executive director of the Black Hills Playhouse, a non-profit, professional theatre located in Custer State Park. She believes art is an essential component in dynamic, healthy communities and devotes time as a consultant, board member and volunteer, taking on projects which interest her and afford opportunities to make a difference. She has a special interest in the role the arts play in economic development, and works to promote the creative industries in South Dakota.

Re-appointed by the Governor to another three-year term on the board was Deanna Lien of Rapid City.

The South Dakota Arts Council is a state entity attached to the Department of Tourism and State Development, providing grants and services to artists and nonprofit organizations in South Dakota with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and state government.

An office of the South Dakota Department of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council's mission is to provide grants and services to artists, arts organizations and schools across the state, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and South Dakota state government.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism and the South Dakota Arts Council. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.