



MSAC Executive Committee

MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2021

In attendance: Jackie Copeland, Carole Alexander, Julie Madden, Benny Russell, Shelley Morhaim, Anne West, Chad Buterbaugh, Laura Weiss, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Keyonna Penick

Chair Jackie Copeland called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Julie Madden made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Executive Committee minutes. Benny Russell seconded the motion. All approved.

Interim Executive Director (ED) Report, Steven Skerritt-Davis

- Staffing Update
 - Arts in Education Program Director position currently awaiting HR.
 - Interviews for the Executive Director position to be held in the upcoming week.
 - New temp Jeremy Thomson has joined the grants office to assist with processing payments
- Office Move Update
 - Moving out of Ostend street office to World Trade Center
 - Access to conference rooms on all floors available for meetings
 - If needed access to gallery space managed by Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts is possible and gallery space in the lobby; other partnerships could be explored
 - Office furniture moving October 27, 2021
 - Public announcement in December newsletter
 - Executive Committee will vet and approve announcement before distribution
 - Staff and council discussion about future plans on hold until post ED hire
- Arts Capital Grant Update
 - Legislation passed in session 2021
 - Working on hiring a coordinator in 2023 to build the program
 - Grant program will start in FY24 - \$3 million/year
- Councilor Roles and Responsibilities Review
 - Section 4. Responsibilities (b) Councilors are responsible for:



- (i) attending meetings of the Council; serving on at least one Council Committee; serving ex officio as a member of at least one Advisory Panel and acting as liaison between that panel and the Council;
- (ii) serving as liaison with the General Assembly acting as spokespersons and advocates for the arts; attending Council-sponsored events throughout the State and especially in their region of the State; representing diverse geographic areas of the state and exhibiting involvement and/or affiliation with art
- Represent the Council, supporting and advocating for its work publicly and privately (*Leverage Connections, Bolster Maryland Arts*)
 - Attend exhibits, performances, and events of grantee organizations
 - Become an active member/participant of your county arts agency and/or attend your county arts agency's meetings and events
 - Become a member of a professional organization (Maryland Citizens for the Arts, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, etc.)
- Coffee with the Council Co-Hosts
 - Volunteers Jackie and Zoe - Thank you.
 - Format - alternating weeks
 - Open discussion
 - Who are we as artists?
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 - Connecting mission and communities
- Americans for the Arts (AFTA) Membership Update
 - Staff recommendation to continue to withhold AFTA membership
 - Creative States Coalition created out of the State Arts Advocacy Network as a result of inequitable structure and leadership
 - Public Art Network have created the Public Art X-change to provide artists with more equitable representation
 - Report to full council in November
- Staff Team Building October 6, 2021
 - Stoop Storytelling Session with Laura Wexler held to boost staff morale
 - Staff debrief and survey informing future team building exercises
 - Created a fun committee as a result, possible revisiting of annual staff and council retreat
- GFO Grantee Session October 14, 2021
 - Approximately 120 participants, received lots of great feedback



- Dana Parsons provided broad overview of responses and welcomed questions directly
- Spreadsheet created to ask what future grants could look like
- Maryland Citizens for the Arts released very supportive Eblast
- Collaborators Meeting Update October 19, 2021
 - Meeting with all staff of four collaborating organizations to determine path forward
 - MSAC
 - Maryland Citizens for the Arts
 - Department of Education Fine Arts Office
 - Arts Education in Maryland Schools
 - Leadership Follow-up, collaborators to come back together
 - MSAC debrief with staff at 10.20.21 staff meeting, survey follow up
 - collaborate as needed (Summit, First Lady's Gallery, etc.)
 - make collaboration agreements and include accountability measures
 - Quanice Floyd stepping down from AEMS
- Staff involvement during council meetings
 - Staff input and interaction valued and welcomed
 - Chair to attend future staff meeting to encourage staff participation

State Uniform Grants System (Skerritt-Davis)

- Universal grant application
- MSAC will work with legislators to ensure the council's needs are at the forefront
- Exemption from the legislators also an option

New Business

- By-laws amendment expanding the executive committee from 5 to 7 has been approved
- The ED position has been narrowed down to 6 candidates; interviews to take place October 28, 2021. MSAC will make a recommendation to the Secretary of Commerce after interviews are complete. Final decision will be made by the Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.