



MSAC Full Council Meeting

AGENDA

September 4, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Chesapeake Arts Center

194 Hammonds Ln, Brooklyn Park, MD 21225

10:00 Call to Order and Chair Remarks, Jack Rasmussen

- Introduction of Committee Chairs and Committees

Committees

Councilors are assigned to committees but may attend any committee meeting.

- Executive Committee (Jack Rasmussen, Chair, Julie Madden, Vice Chair, Anne West, Treasurer, Carla DuPree, Programming Performance and Evaluation Committee Chair, Carole Alexander, Senate Appointee, Shelley Morhaim, House Appointee)

Has general supervision of the affairs of the Council between its meetings, fixes the hour and place of meetings, makes recommendations to the Council, and shall perform other duties as specified in the By-Laws. The Executive Committee is authorized to approve individual grants up to \$2,000, but the total amount of such grants approved by the Executive Committee shall not exceed \$10,000 in any one fiscal year.

- Grants Committee (Lily Bengfort, Chair - Timothy App, Zoe Charlton, Jackie Copeland, Tony Cornwell, Sumita Kim, Benny Russell, John Schratwieser, Anne West, Jack Rasmussen)

Review funding recommendation made by the advisory panels; to review applications for grants as necessary; and to undertake such other duties as the Council may from time to time.

- Nominating Committee (Carole Alexander, Chair - Zoe Charlton, Jack Rasmussen)

Nominates one candidate for each office and present these nominations to the Council at least one month prior to the elections at the Annual Meeting. Before the elections, nominations from the floor shall be admitted. The election of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting.

- Finance Committee (Anne West, Chair - Lily Bengfort, Joan Lyon, Jack Rasmussen)

Reviews the budget throughout the year and meets ahead of the June Council meeting to review and recommend a budget for the coming fiscal year.

- Governance Committee (John Schratwieser, Chair - Timothy App, Sumita Kim, Shelley Morhaim, Julie Madden, Jack Rasmussen)

The purpose of the Governance Committee is to enhance the engagement and participation of Council members, and to ensure the effective operation of the lay leadership structure.

- Program Planning & Evaluation Committee (Carla DuPree, Chair - Jackie Copeland, Tony Cornwell, Joan Lyon, Benny Russell, Jack Rasmussen)

Reviews and assesses, as necessary, on-going programs maintained by the Council; studies new program initiatives for Council consideration; directs the Council's on-going planning process with respect to policies, programs, and Council operations; makes recommendations for Council



action on these matters when appropriate; and undertakes such other duties as the Council may from time to time direct.

Jack Rasmussen made a motion to approve Committees.

Carole Alexander second.

Vote unanimously approved.

10:10 Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director, Ken Skrzysz, shared an overview of the Council activity for the past year. Major points: Increase opportunities for leadership on partners' boards for those that understand 21st century values for arts impact through equity, diversity and inclusion; Continue to increase opportunities for constituent feedback, documenting what we hear, making decisions based on what we hear, here to serve constituents of Maryland; Find ways to augment our storytelling so that we are sharing our accomplishments and impact; This is the work of our time.

11:00 Program Performance and Evaluation Committee Report

- [Program Performance and Evaluation Committee Report](#)

Motion: Remove "required to, any subsequent fiscal year we'll provide technical assistance"

Carole moved to approve amendment

Joan second

All policy changes were approved unanimously.

11:30 Major Partners Update

The following partners presented updates about their respective organizations:
Alysia Lee, Fine Arts Coordinator, Maryland State Department of Education

Quanice Floyd, Executive Director, Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance

Nicholas Cohen, Executive Director, Maryland Citizen for the Arts

Mr. Cohen provided legislative updates which included:

- House Bill 1391 and
- House Bill 152

11:45 Break

12:00 Strategic Planning Implementation

The Executive Director presented an implementation plan for the Strategic Plan:

Anne- moved

Julie- second

Approved unanimously by the Council.

12:15 Staff Reports

Deputy Director Report, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Arthur Brown

- IAA Revision Process
- CAD Revision Process FY21
- CAD FY19 Reports in, FY20 Payments Processing
- CAAM Retreat - September 12-13 (Cumberland)
- County Arts Council Board Visits
- Somerset County Arts Council Update



Fiscal Officer Report, Shaunte Roper

- FY20 Budget Variance for BSO Grant
- FY20 Budget Requests

The Executive Committee recommended that the Baltimore Choral Arts Society pursue funding from the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation for its UK Tour.

The Budget Variance and Budget Requests were voted upon:
Motion to approve- Lily
Second - Joan
Unanimously approved by the Council.

Office Secretary Report, Derrick Quevedo provided a Joint Staff Meeting Report.

Dana Parsons provided a Grants & Professional Development Report

Talking Points for Councilors

- The Grants for Organizations program is the largest funded program (72%) of all MSAC grant funds.
 - FY19 to FY20 saw ~2% shift in these funds.
 - The shift in ~2% funding allowed increased funding for in 10 other grant programs in response to statewide constituent feedback and in alignment with our Strategic Plan.
 - Goal 1: Strategy 1: Engage with community leaders, artists, and organizations from less represented areas or communities to better understand and respond to their needs
 - Goal 2: Strategy 1: Incorporate grantee feedback to broaden and diversify the opportunities and outcomes of MSAC funding programs.
- In alignment with transparency and equity, Grants for Organizations grants were calculated with the same formula for each organization.

Grants Management Associate Report, Tammy Oppel

- Since February 2019, **\$296,097.50** in funding has been awarded to individuals and organizations through the Creativity grant program
- Awards have been granted to individuals and organizations in **23 out of 24** counties across the state of Maryland

Art Services Program Director Report, Emily Sollenberger

- Independent Artist Network
- Call for GFO & IAA Panelists
 - GFO due 9/26 with 104 responses to date.
 - Majority: Baltimore City, Montgomery, Prince George

Art Services Program Director Report, Laura Weiss



Field Work Overview

- We noticed that some counties are heavily visited, while some are not visited as often.
- We collectively made it a goal that all counties receive at least 2 visits during the course of the calendar year.
- During the last quarter of 2019, we will be focused on attending events and meetings in counties that have received less than 2 visits so far in 2019.

Public Art Director Report, Liesel Fenner

- Chestertown received an award- David Hess.
- Maryland public art initiatives, National Guard readiness, we will plan separate dedication in Easton
- UMBC Interdisciplinary Life Sciences public art work, photos of students under artwork

Maryland Traditions Program Director, Chad Buterbaugh

Folklife Network development

- FY 2020 funding in process for current grantees
- FY 2021 applicants being sought
- Guidelines reviewed by current grantees

Upcoming events

- National Folk Festival, *Sept. 6-8, Salisbury*
- NEA National Heritage Fellowship events, *Sept. 18 & 20, Washington, DC*
- Appalachian Festival, *Sept. 21, Frostburg*
- American Folklore Society conference, *Oct. 16-19, Baltimore*

Welcome Precious Blake, Arts in Education Program Director hails from Kennedy Arts Center, led regranting and national awards to artists, excited about teacher artist roster as well as bringing arts in education to the students of Maryland.

12:45 Lunch

1:15 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Work

The staff and Council members participated in an exercise led by Quanice Floyd, highlighting who the Council does and doesn't serve and how can we reach those that are not being served. All agreed accessibility is key.

2:30 Facility Update

Presentation from Teddy Krolik, Chief of Planning & Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation

- Many new changes developing on transit routes
- Light rail stop near new facility may be down shortly after the Council relocates

2:45 New Business

None

3:00 Adjourn