The Maryland State Arts Council held a meeting at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, in Frederick, Maryland, on March 17, 2017. Chair Shelley Morhaim called the meeting to order.

Present: Carole Alexander, Barbara Bershon, Anthony Cornwell, Carla Du Pree, Joan Lyon, Julie Madden, Shelley Morhaim, Carol Trawick, Anne West, MSAC staff

Absent: Aileen Carlucci, Senator Richard Madaleno, Doug Mann, Jack Rasmussen, Robinson Rowe, Gary Vikan, Delegate Alonzo Washington

Guests: Catherine Moreland (CEO, Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center)
John Schratwieser (Executive Director, Maryland Citizens for the Arts)

Approval of Consent Agenda
The following items were approved as presented:
- November 2017 Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report

Chair’s Report
Shelley Morhaim reported the following:
- Shelley welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Shelley and Theresa have been meeting regularly to discuss the upcoming budget and other administrative matters
- We are working on gathering names to submit for the upcoming Green Bag nominations
  - Please forward any potential candidates for consideration
- Thanks to everyone who attended MD Arts Day
- Congrats to MCA for a successful event
- “Council Kisses” were given to Councilors for their outreach activities
  - Barbara, Carla, Tony and Julie, received “kisses” for attending various events throughout the State
- Thanks to those whom have registered for National Arts Advocacy Day in Washington D.C.
  - The event will be held March 20-21
  - This is a great way to connect on a national level
- Board members are also encouraged to join The National Assembly of State Art Agencies (NASAA)

Executive Director’s Report
Theresa Colvin reported the following:
- Thank you to the Delaplaine for hosting us today
- We are thrilled with the increase reported in the Governor’s budget
  - With the increase, we will be at $21 million
- Welcome to Steven Skerritt-Davis
  - Steven will be the Program Director for A&E and CAD
  - Special thanks to Pamela Dunne for continuing to serve in a dual role for the past year
Pam Breaux, CEO of NASAA has been holding conference calls with all Executive Directors to provide real-time updates on the status of the NEA

- We need to provide a positive and affirming path for our legislators
- There is support for the arts within the new administration
- Our Vice President’s wife, Mrs. Pence is a strong advocate for the arts and arts therapy
- Jane Chu is still in place at the NEA, and has expressed interest in remaining in her current position
- It is important to know that 40% of NEA grant funds go to state and regional arts agencies
- We need to continue to reach out and build strong relationships with our new legislators

Theresa stressed the importance of NASAA and their advocacy efforts

Special thanks to John and MCA for their hard work

Be sure to review your panel liaison schedule

- Please let us know if you have any conflicts
- These panels will give you great insight on our grant awarding process

This will be the final Council meeting for Theresa, as she is leaving MSAC

Thanks to the staff and the Council for all of your work

### A&E Technical Assistance Grants
The A&E Technical Assistance grants were approved as presented.

### Individual Artist Award Recommendations
The IAA recommendations were approved as presented.

### MD Traditions Project & Apprenticeship Grants
The MD Traditions Project grants were approved as presented.

### Maryland Citizens for the Arts
John Schratwieser reported the following:

- The Governor has submitted a bill that would take the balance in the Special Fund and use it for the purpose of adding to the base arts grant for the fiscal year
  - For FY 2017, the full $2 million would be transferred to the MSAC base arts grant
  - For FY 2018 and beyond, due to amendments, $1 million would be left in the fund annually for legislative priorities and the balance would be swept to the MSAC base arts grant
  - In each fiscal year, any money swept from the Special Fund to the base arts grant would be included for the purposes of calculating the funding formula
  - We are keeping a close eye on this and will keep you posted

- MD Arts Day was February 14th, which is also MCA’s 40th anniversary
  - Thanks to all who attended
  - John will also be serving as the keynote speaker this year

- Arts Advocacy day will be on March 20-21
- Please be sure to check our website for important news and updates
- If you are not on our mailing list, please be sure to get signed up
- Thanks to everyone for all that you do, on behalf of the arts

### New Business
- Next Meeting is June 2, 2017

### Adjournment