



MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2017

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