The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) held its meeting in Baltimore on September 15, 2017. Chair Shelley Morhaim called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Carole Alexander, Lily Bengfort, Barbara Bershon, Aileen Carlucci, Anthony Cornwell, Zoe Charlton, Joan Lyon, Shelley Morhaim, Jack Rasmussen, Robinson Rowe, Anne West, MSAC staff

**Absent:** Senator Richard Madaleno, Doug Mann, Gary Vikan, Delegate Alonzo Washington

**Guests:** Kibibi Ajanku, Director of Equity and Inclusion, Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance, Urban Arts Leadership Program, Nicholas Cohen, Executive Director, Maryland Citizens for the Arts

**Approval of Consent Agenda**
All consent agenda items were approved as presented.

**Chair’s Report**
Shelley Morhaim reported the following:
- Shelley welcomed everyone to the meeting, then proceeded with roundtable introductions of Council and Staff
- Welcome to our new Councilors: Lily Bengfort and Zoe Charlton
- It was a busy summer for the Maryland State Arts Council
  - The IAA awards were held in June
    - Special thanks to the staff for making the event a great success
  - We held New Councilor Orientation in August
    - Special thanks to Barbara, Julie, Jack and Joan for their participation
- The 50th Anniversary celebration is September 28th, in Annapolis
  - Thanks to the planning committee member for all of their hard work
  - We are honored to have Yumi Hogan and Jane Chu as speakers for the evening
  - We hope to see you there
- The 2017 NASAA leadership conference will be October 11th, in Portland, Oregon
  - There will be an announcement regarding the 2018 full conference, being held in Baltimore
  - NASAA serves as a great opportunity to connect with other state arts agencies throughout the country
  - We encourage Councilors to try to attend at least one conference during their term
- As Councilors we have two roles:
  - We have a policy role and a role as Ambassadors
  - Shelley encouraged the Council to take on an active role as Ambassadors
  - We have a responsibility to let the community know who we are, and that we are here
- “Council Kisses” were given to Councilors for their outreach activities
- Thanks to everyone for your continued participation
MD Traditions Heritage Awards Update
Chad Buterbaugh reported the following:
- We are gearing up for the Annual MD Heritage Awards
  - The winners in each category will be:
    - Person: Joan M.E. Gaither, Documentary Story Quilter
    - Place: Baltimore American Indian Center
    - Tradition: Skipjack Races & Festival, Deale Island
- The event will be held on December 2
  - UMBC will serve as our host
  - We hope to see you there

Executive Director's Report
Julie Madden reported the following:
- Thanks to Liz Fitzsimmons for her continued support throughout the transitions
- We are happy to announce that Ken Skrzesz from MSDE has been named the new Executive Director of MSAC
  - Ken will start in late October, and is excited about coming to MSAC
  - Julie thanked everyone for all of their work and support over the past few months
- The Communications Manager position remains vacant, but we would like to have someone on board by the new year
- We have a busy year coming up
- MSAC is still exploring ways to bring the NEA’s Creative Forces Program to MD veterans
- Congratulations to Chad for another successful MD Traditions Festival
- Thanks to all for attending the IAA ceremony in June
- We are looking forward to our 50th Anniversary celebration in Annapolis
- Julie presented a $2500 request from MCA for ArtsLab sponsorship
  - The Council approved the request as presented

Public Art Update
Liesel Fenner reported the following:
- The Maryland Public Art Initiative had its first project at UMBC in 2014
- We are underway for another project at University of Maryland Baltimore
- We also have a new project with the National Guard in Easton
- There is also another call planned for the UMBC campus

Panel Selection Committee Report
The recommendations for GFO panelists were approved as presented.

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

Arts in Education Budget Report
Jen Menkhaus reported the following:
- Visiting Performers Program
  - FY 2017 AiE Co-Funded Performances
  - Total cost: $210,970
  - AiE funds: $98,136
  - School funds: $102,572
  - Other sources: $10,262
  - FY 2018 funds budgeted: $100,900
Artists in Residence Program

- **FY 2017**
  - 194 Residency Applications Submitted
  - 192 Residency Applications Funded
- **FY 2018**
  - 220 Residency Applications Submitted
  - 211 Residency Applications Funded
  - In FY 2017 the AiE Program provided support for a total of 4,485 performances and workshop sessions for an audience of over 120,902 students in 559 Maryland schools.
- **FY 2017 Artist-in-Residence grants will reach 20/24 counties (including Baltimore City)**

Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Nicholas Cohen reported the following:

- Welcome to the new Council members
- We look forward to working w/MSAC in the upcoming year
- ArtsLab will be held on October 12
- We encourage all to attend this event
- We are looking forward to MD Arts Day in February
- We will keep you posted with progress and changes as they come
- Please make sure you are signed up to receive E-news

New Business

- Next Council Meeting is November 17, 2017 in Sandy Spring, MD

Business Adjourned

Attachments:

- ✓ MCA Sponsorship Request
- ✓ A&E Technical Assistance Grants
- ✓ Panel Selection Recommendations
- ✓ AiE Budget Report