



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
*Tuesday, 8 March 2022, Online*

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DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kjel Alkire, Diane Crane, Laura Helle, Levi Livingood, Kara Maloney, Jon Swanson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Drew Medin, Elisha Marin

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

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9:04am Ms. Helle, Board President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

**Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Swanson seconded approval of this meeting's agenda, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of the Minutes

**Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded approval of the minutes from the 9 November 2021 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report

**Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report for the Second Quarter of FY 2022. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Report

- Ms. Helle invited directors to host visits to their counties by the Board Action Committee.

Executive Director's Report

- Board vacancies remain for Goodhue and Steele Counties. Representation for Rice County, as well as a new panelist, will be voted on today.
- MSAB will offer Creative Support Grants in FY2023. Ms. Pearson anticipates that SEMAC will continue to carry forward funds into FY2023, because of the increased MSAB funds.
- Arts Action Week will be held virtually March 14 through 18. The deadline to sign up and receive the link for zoom meetings is Friday, March 11.
- On Wednesday, March 9, at 9:30am, Sarah Fossen, Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts will host a virtual coffee conversation about why it

is important for regional arts advocates to support the passing of the \$100 million arts Covid relief bill and engage with your legislators. Also, some key insight into how MCA can make our voices heard at the capitol and throughout the state. This is our chance to ask questions and share our stories! The zoom meeting information was emailed to you.

- The spring grant round – Small Towns, Programming, and Legacy – closed on March 1. The panel is currently reviewing applications. Results of the review will be presented at the April board meeting.
- Our website committee is still exploring the restructuring of the website, with the goal to decide on the course of action and get things started by the end of the fiscal year.
- MSAB plans an in-person annual meeting on July 14-15. They intend all RAC ED's and also board presidents (or another person designated by the RAC) in attendance.
- Every Wednesday in February from 12:30-3:30, Ms. Pearson virtually attended the Racial Equity in Arts Funding Workshop offered by Grantmakers in the Arts, and will share information in the near future.
- The FRACM continues to work with Aamera Siddiqui on Equity, having just finished session #2 on perception.
- Ms. Pearson suggests we engage Ms. Siddiqui to conduct DEI training for arts advisory panel members, new board members, and continue work the board has already completed. A draft of potential workshops/steps will be provided at the April meeting.

### Open/Continuous Grants

Ms. Pearson authorized the following Open/Continuous Grants since the last Board Meeting

- \$500 Opportunity Grant to Kasson-Mantorville Community Education, Dodge County, for *The Fabulous Armadillos Live in Concert*
- \$500 Opportunity Grant to Minnesota Assn of Community Theatres, Steele County, for *Fast Fest 2022* to be held at the Paradise Center for the Arts
- \$1,500 Pandemic Relief for Working Artists to each of the following individuals:
  - Jennie Brass, Olmsted County
  - Rocky Casillas-Aguirre, Rice County
  - David Kassler, Olmsted County
  - Susanne Crane, Freeborn County
  - Benjamin Gateno, Olmsted County
  - Catherine Glynn, Fillmore County
  - Sue Hammes-Knopf, Rice County
  - Catherine Houghtaling, Olmsted County
  - Elisha Marin, Freeborn County
  - Kate McGrogan, Rice County
- Pandemic Relief for Arts Organizations to each of the following groups:
  - \$2,900 Pandemic Relief to Albert Lea Art Center, Freeborn County
  - \$5,000 Pandemic Relief to Freeborn County Arts Initiative, Freeborn County
  - \$5,000 Pandemic Relief to Frozen River Film Festival, Winona County

New Business

- Approval of Grants

General Operating Support

<u>County</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
Fillmore	History Alive Lanesboro	Administrative Expenses	\$5,000	
Freeborn	Albert Lea Community Band	Administrative Expenses	\$5,000	
Olmsted	Gallery 24	Administrative Expenses	\$5,000	
Olmsted	Rochester Repertory Theatre Co.	Staffing & Salaries	\$5,000	
Rice	Ameriikan Poijat Finnish Brass Band	Administrative Expenses	\$5,000	

- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to History Alive Lanesboro. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Albert Lea Community Band. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Gallery 24. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Maloney moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Rochester Repertory Theatre Company. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Ameriikan Poijat Finnish Brass Band. Motion passed unanimously.**

School Residencies

<u>County</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
Fillmore	Fillmore Central Schools	Big Band Bash at FCHS	\$3,000	
Goodhue	Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools	WOW Hot Metal Casting	\$3,000	
Olmsted	Rochester STEM Academy	Spoken Word Residency	\$3,000	

- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Fillmore Central Schools. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Rochester STEM Academy. Motion passed unanimously.**

Individual Artists

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
28.22	Sarah Johnson	Winona	You Are Not Alone Mural	\$5,000	Swanson
28.20	Mai'a Williams	Winona	Blooming	\$5 000	

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27.80	Bob Armstrong	Winona	<i>Intro to Puppetry; building rod puppets</i>	\$5,000	
27.60	Lane Powell	Fillmore	<i>UPWARD &amp; ONWARD: 5-8 grade Bands</i>	\$5,000	
27.40	Marie Maher	Olmsted	<i>The Well-Versed Senior</i>	\$5,000	
27.00	Parker Forsell	Winona	<i>Discovering Ocooch Mountain Echo</i>	\$3,000	
26.90	Catherine Glynn	Fillmore	<i>Presence: Distilled &amp; Unleashed</i>	\$5,000	Maloney
26.90	Mary Farrell	Winona	<i>Lake Winona: Getting Back to Health</i>	\$5,000	
26.56	Eleanor Jensen	Goodhue	<i>Prairie and Place</i>	\$3,000	
26.50	Jon Swanson	Winona	<i>Images of Mid West Music Festival 2022</i>	\$4,335	Swanson
26.44	Keith Lawrence	Olmsted	<i>Faces of Recovery</i>	\$3,000	
26.33	Elizabeth Tevis	Winona	<i>SuminagashiScape: The Driftless</i>	\$3,000	
26.33	Susan Waughtal	Olmsted	<i>A Squash Blossom Farm Compendium</i>	\$5,000	
26.22	Tierney Parker	Olmsted	<i>Pieces of Me</i>	\$3,000	
26.20	Chris Delisle	Olmsted	<i>Proto Language</i>	\$5,000	
26.10	Carlota Gay	Olmsted	<i>Women through their Eyes: Stories of Diversity and Hope</i>	\$3,000	
25.70	Wiley Harang	Olmsted	<i>Beautiful Ways</i>	\$5,000	
25.56	LaVonte Thompson	Winona	<i>Give Me My Flowers: Exalting Black Women</i>	\$3,000	
25.38	Kate Langlais	Rice	<i>I am Minnesota, Part 2</i>	\$3,000	
24.50	David Wilson	Olmsted	<i>Volume of Original Music: My Artworks</i>	\$5,000	
23.37	Robbie Brokken	Fillmore	<i>Salvaged Heirlooms; upcycled adornment</i>	\$5,000	Maloney
23.00	Madelyn Hartke	Rice	<i>Tracking Original Music to Tape</i>	\$3,000	
22.67	Jennie Brass	Olmsted	<i>Resin-ating Through Art</i>	\$3,000	
21.13	Justin Jones	Mower	<i>Uniting the 507 Music Scene</i>	\$3,000	Helle
19.22	Al Snyder	Houston	<i>Watercolor Creations for Kids</i>	\$3,000	

- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Sarah Johnson. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Mai'a Williams. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Robert Armstrong. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Lane Powell. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Maloney moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Marie Maher. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Parker Forsell. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Catherine Glynn. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Mary Farrell. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Eleanor Jensen. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Jon Swanson. Motion passed with one abstention.**

- Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Keith Lawrence. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Elizabeth Tevis. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Susan Waughtal. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Tierney Parker. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Chris Delisle. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Carlotta Gay. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Wiley Harang. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to LaVonte Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Kate Langlais. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Maloney moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to David Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Robbie Brokken. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Madelyn Hartke. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Jennie Brass. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Justin Jones. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Al Snyder. Motion passed unanimously.

For the February grant round SEMAC awarded grants to 48 applicants representing eleven counties for a total of \$183,235 in funding. This includes 25 Individual Artist grants for \$100,335, five General Operating Support grants for \$50,000 (over two fiscal years), three School Residency grants for \$9,000, two Opportunity grants for \$1,000, three Pandemic Relief for Arts Organizations grants for \$12,900, and ten Pandemic Relief for Working Artists grants for \$15,000.

<b>County</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>
Dodge	1	\$500
Fillmore	6	\$29,500
Freeborn	5	\$20,900
Goodhue	2	\$6,000
Houston	1	\$3,000
Mower	1	\$3,000
Olmsted	16	\$66,000

<b>County</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>
Rice	6	\$20,500
Steele	1	\$500
Wabasha	0	0
Winona	9	\$33,335
	<b>48</b>	<b>\$183,235</b>

- **Board Candidate Scott Roberts (résumé attached)**  
Ms. Maloney moved and Ms. Crane seconded the appointment of Scott Roberts as the Rice County representative to the SEMAC Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Panel Candidate Robbie Brokken (résumé attached)**  
Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the appointment of Robbie Brokken as a panel generalist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 9:45am.