



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
*Tuesday, 19 April 2022, Online*

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DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kjell Alkire, Diane Crane, Laura Helle, Levi Livingood, Kara Maloney, Elisha Marin, Drew Medin, Scott Roberts, Jon Swanson

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson

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9:02am Ms. Helle, Board President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

**Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded approval of this meeting's agenda, as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of the Minutes

**Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Livingood seconded approval of the minutes from the 8 March 2022 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report

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

President's Report

- Ms. Helle stated that she had not heard from anyone about having board reps make presentations to their counties. Only two have been conducted so far – Winona and Mower counties – both in the spring of 2021. She then reviewed the basic process that the team follows. Mr. Livingood stated that he would like them to come to Dodge County.

Executive Director's Report

- A potential candidate for the board vacancy in Goodhue County volunteers with the Hispanic Coalition of Goodhue County and has experience serving on boards. The vacancy remains in Steel County.
- On Thursday, May 5 at 10am, Sarah Fossen, Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts will host an in-person rally for the arts at the Minnesota State Capitol. It will start with an outdoor gathering on the front steps and then move into the Capitol Rotunda at 11am. Over 1,400 Minnesota nonprofit arts and

culture organizations would qualify for COVID relief funding if the proposed \$100 million bill passes. If interested, registration is required.

- The MSAB continues to plan an in-person annual meeting on July 14-15. They would like attendance by both the executive directors of each RAC and a board member (either the President or another person designated by the RAC).
- Two individuals will act as grant coaches in the upcoming fiscal year; Julie Johnson from Winona and Judy Hickey from Rochester. Both have a good background in writing successful (SEMAC) grants and working with a diverse group of individuals. Judy also served as a SEMAC panelist. We still hope to find a third person for the western part of the region.
- A list of MSAB grants awarded to Region 10 was emailed to board members before the meeting
- The June meeting will include election of officers. Do Ms. Helle, president, and Ms. Maloney, vice president, wish to continue for another term? Mr. Medin is second signatory on the checks so he will continue as treasurer.

Open/Continuous Grants

The following grants were authorized and awarded since the last Board Meeting.

- \$500 Opportunity Grant to Zumbrota Area Arts Council, Goodhue County, for *Summer Concerts for Children*
- \$1,185 School Residency Grant to Kasson-Mantorville Public Schools, Dodge, County, for *Ben Bussey Guest Trombone Residency*
- \$1,500 Pandemic Relief for Working Artists to Rachel Minnick, Winona County
- \$5,000 Pandemic Relief for Arts Organizations to
  - History Alive Lanesboro, Fillmore County
  - Minnesota Marine Art Museum, Winona County
  - Northfield Arts Guild, Rice County

Old Business

- Website Committee Report  
Mr. Alkire presented his thoughts on the process going forward stating that he will put together a draft of an RFQ for board discussion. He is also willing to host a zoom meeting for committee members and any other board members interested in working on the website.

New Business

- Approval of General Operating Support

<u>County</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Request</u>
Goodhue	Zumbrota Area Arts Council	Staffing & Salaries	\$5,000/year

- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Zumbrota Area Arts Council. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Approval of Legacy Grants for Nonprofits

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
28.29	Senior Citizens Service (125 Live)	Olmsted	\$4,850	
27.14	Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County	Goodhue	\$5,000	
26.86	Crossings Center	Winona	\$5,000	
26.57	Engage Winona	Winona	\$5,000	
26.43	Red Wing Downtown Main Street	Goodhue	\$5,000	
26.40	Riverland Community College	Mower	\$5,000	Helle
26.17	Owatonna Human Rights Commission	Steele	\$5,000	
24.71	Red Wing Innovation Incubator	Goodhue	\$5,000	

- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$4,850 to Senior Citizens Service. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Crossings Center. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Engage Winona. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Red Wing Downtown Mainstreet. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Riverland Community College. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Owatonna Human Rights Commission. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Red Wing Innovation Incubator. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Approval of Programming Grants and Small Towns/Rural Areas Grants

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
29.00	South Central Minnesota Studio ArTour	Rice	\$ 5,000	
27.63	Eyota Days Committee	Olmsted	\$3,425	
27.63	Peterson Committee for the Arts	Fillmore	\$5,000	
26.89	Immersion Youth Repertory	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.88	Ye Olde Opera House	Houston	\$5,000	
26.88	International Owl Center	Houston	\$5,000	
26.88	Friends of the Bohemian Brick Hall	Freeborn	\$5,000	
26.38	Rushford Area Society of the Arts	Fillmore	\$5,000	
26.13	Brave Community Theatre	Fillmore	\$4,860	
26.13	Mainspring	Houston	\$5,000	
25.33	Rochester Civic Theatre Company	Olmsted	\$5,000	
23.88	Mantorville Economic Development Authority	Dodge	\$5,000	Livingood

- Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to South Central Minnesota Studio ArTour. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,425 to Eyota Days Committee. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Peterson Committee for the Arts. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Immersion Youth Repertory. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Ye Olde Opera House. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to International Owl Center. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Friends of the Bohemian Brick Hall. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rushford Area Society of the Arts. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$4,860 to Brave Community Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Mainspring. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochester Civic Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Mantorville Economic Development Authority. Motion passed with one abstention.

- **Approval of Legacy Grants for Arts Organizations**

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
28.86	Frozen River Film Festival	Winona	\$10,000	
28.63	Anderson Center at Tower View	Goodhue	\$10,000	
28.50	Resounding Voices	Olmsted	\$10,000	
27.63	Sheldon Theatre of Performing Arts	Goodhue	\$10,000	
27.50	Sandbar Storytelling Festival	Winona	\$10,000	
27.38	Rochester Male Chorus	Olmsted	\$10,000	
27.29	Minnesota Marine Art Museum	Winona	\$10,000	Swanson
27.25	Lanesboro Arts	Fillmore	\$10,000	Maloney
27.00	Mantorville Art Guild	Dodge	\$10,000	
26.86	Austin Symphony Orchestra	Mower	\$10,000	
26.86	Winona Symphony Orchestra	Winona	\$10,000	
26.50	Ameriikan Poijat Finnish Brass Band	Rice	\$10,000	
26.38	Rochester Ensemble of Dance	Olmsted	\$10,000	
26.26	Rochester Repertory Theatre Company	Olmsted	\$10,000	Livingood

- Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Frozen River Film Festival. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Anderson Center at Tower View. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Resounding Voices. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Sheldon Theatre of Performing Arts. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Sandbar Storytelling Festival. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Male Chorus. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Minnesota Marine Art Museum. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Lanesboro Arts. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Mantorville Art Guild. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Austin Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Winona Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Ameriikan Poijat Finnish Brass Band. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Ensemble of Dance. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Repertory Theatre Company. Motion passed with one abstention.

For the March grant round SEMAC awarded 41 grants to 39 applicants representing ten counties for a total of \$266,320 in funding. This includes one General Operating Support grant for \$10,000 (over two fiscal years), 23 Legacy grants for \$184,850, four Programming grants for \$18,425, eight Small Towns/Rural Areas grants for \$39,860, four Pandemic Relief grants for \$16,500, one School Residency grant for \$1,185, and one Opportunity grant for \$500.

<b>County</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>
Dodge	3	\$16,185
Fillmore	5	\$29,860
Freeborn	1	\$5,000
Goodhue	7	\$45,500

<b>County</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>
Houston	3	\$15,000
Mower	2	\$15,000
Olmsted	8	\$58,275
Rice	3	\$20,000
Steele	1	\$5,000
Wabasha	0	0
Winona	8	\$56,500
	<b>41</b>	<b>\$266,320</b>

**Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to adjourn.**

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 11:20am.