



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 21 June 2022, Online

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Drew Medin

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

9:06am Ms. Helle, Board President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded approval of this meeting's agenda, as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded approval of the minutes from the 19 April 2022 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year end report postponed to August meeting.

President's Report

- Ms. Helle reminded the board that SEMAC has two grant coaches in place to work with grant applicants.
- A visit with Dodge County is in the works and the committee is happy to add visits to other counties later this year.

Executive Director's Report

- In FY2023, MSAB will continue to offer Creative Support Grants for both organizations and individual artists.
- The MSAB in-person annual meeting will be July 14-15, 2022, in Mankato. On Thursday the 14th is a mandatory leadership session to include the Executive Directors of all eleven regional arts councils and their respective board representatives
- We received and signed the fiscal agent agreement with the MSAB for FY2023, the last year of the biennium. Total amount: \$1,133,596

- General Fund \$193,158 – these funds cannot be carried forward into the next year and must be spent/obligated by 6/30/23
- Legacy Fund \$940,438 – any funds remaining at the end of FY23 may be carried forward into the next year and must be spent/obligated by 6/30/24. The breakdown of the legacy funds as follows:
 - \$752,350 Arts & Arts Access
 - \$141,053 Arts Education
 - \$ 47,035 Cultural Heritage
- Retirement Announcement: FY2023 will be Ms. Pearson’s last year as Executive Director, retiring June 22, 2023, after 22 years and 5 months of service.

Open/Continuous Grants

The Board Review Committee authorized the following Open/Continuous Grants since the last Board Meeting

- \$500 Opportunity Grant to Minnesota Marine Art Museum, Winona County, for *Mississippi Sippin*
- \$500 Opportunity Grant to Rochester Male Chorus, Olmsted County, for *Replacement Items Following Fire*
- \$3,000 School Residency Grant to Caledonia Area Public Schools, Houston County, for *Jazz Workshop and Concert*
- \$1,500 Pandemic Relief for Working Artists to David Friddle, Olmsted County
- \$5,000 Pandemic Relief for Arts Organizations to
 - Absolute Theatre, Olmsted County
 - Med City Arts Festival, Olmsted County

Old Business

- Web Committee
Mr. Alkire presented a broad RFQ for web development. Discussion ensued about eligibility of proposals from persons affiliated with SEMAC. (see attached)
- Board Retreat
A Board Retreat is in the works to occur between August and December. Topics include SEMAC mission, vision, staffing models, and work on the biennial plan. Ms. Pearson will forward a proposal from Carl Swanson regarding the retreat as soon as it becomes available.

New Business

- Approval of General Operating Support

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
Bridge Chamber Music Festival	Rice	\$5,000/year	
Owatonna Symphony Orchestra	Steele	\$5,000/year	
Sweet Adelines Zumbro Valley Chorus	Olmsted	\$5,000/year	

- **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Bridge Chamber Music Festival. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Owatonna Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Sweet Adelines Zumbro Valley Chorus. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Election of Officers**
 - **Mr. Roberts made a motion and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to retain current officers, Laura Helle as Board Presidentm Kara Maloney as Board Vice President, and Drew Medin as Board Treasurer and check signatory for FY2023. Motion passed unanimously.**

As the fiscal year closes SEMAC awarded grants to nine applicants representing three counties for a total of \$45,500 in funding. This includes \$6,500 in Pandemic Relief Grants, \$1,000 in Opportunity Grants, and \$30,000 in General Operating Support, as well as \$3,000 for School Residency Grants.

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Dodge		
Fillmore		
Freeborn		
Goodhue		
Houston	1	\$3,000
Mower		
Olmsted	5	\$22,000
Rice	1	\$10,000
Steele	1	\$10,000
Wabasha		
Winona	1	\$500
	9	\$45,500

- **Board Candidate Yelba Menacho Olson**
Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the appointment of Yelba Olson as the Goodhue County director on the SEMAC Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Panel Candidate Ivete de Castro Martinez**
Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the appointment of Ivete Martinez as a Visual Arts Panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to adjourn.

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 9:50am.