



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 17 August 2021, Online

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Drew Medin

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

9:03am Ms. Helle, Board President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded approval of the minutes from the 18 May 2021 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report for Year End FY 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Alkire seconded creating a \$5,000 pandemic relief grant for organizations, restricted to overhead such as staffing and utilities. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- Ms. Helle reported that in July, board representatives from each RAC attended an MSAB virtual meeting.
- Legacy Amendment
- Ms. Helle advocated more diversity on the state level.

Executive Director's Report

- Welcome to the new executive committee (see agenda item under old business).
- The legislature decided to release the FY2021 hold back dollars to the regional arts councils. SEMAC received \$121,362 in July.

- The applicant for the vacant board position in Rice County may be a better fit for the review panel. Ms. Pearson continues to recruit for the open board positions.
- MSAB awarded several grants to individuals and arts organizations in our region, impacting the amount awarded this year, as many chose not to apply to SEMAC.
 - Creative Support for Individuals funded 53 SEMAC artists for a total of \$211,300.
 - Creative Support for Arts Organizations funded 39 organizations in our region for a total of \$542,288.
 - MSAB Cares Act funded 9 organizations for \$50,000 and Operating Support to 17 organizations in the region.
- The savings account balance includes funds from the FY20 Legacy carry forward. These funds must be spent by June 30, 2022.
- Pandemic relief grants to individuals continue to be funded with carry forward dollars from FY2020 legacy fund. Contract was amended to allow this usage.

Old Business

- Nominal Stipends for Directors
 - **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to institute stipends of \$50 per meeting attended plus mileage for in-person meetings, effective November 1, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to increase stipends for panelists to \$50 per meeting attended plus mileage for in-person meetings, effective immediately. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.**
- Board Officers

Due to cancellation of the June meeting, an email nomination and voting process was held for FY2022 Board Officers. The results were as follows.

 - **Ms. Helle to serve as Board President for FY2022. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Ms. Maloney to serve as Board Vice President for FY2022. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Mr. Medin to continue as Board Treasurer and Check Signatory for FY2022. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded appointing Levi Livingood as Board Reviewer (of General Operating Support Applications) for FY2022. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

- Review of General Operating Support Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble	Goodhue	\$5,000	
Matchbox Children's Theatre	Mower	\$5,000	
Rochester Chamber Music Society	Olmsted	\$5,000	
Rochester Male Chorus	Olmsted	\$5,000	
Owatonna Arts Council	Steele	\$5,000	
Winona Symphony Orchestra	Winona	\$5,000	Gundersheimer

- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Matchbox Children’s Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Rochester Chamber Music Society. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Rochester Male Chorus. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Owatonna Arts Council. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Winona Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed with one abstention.**

- **Approval of Individual Artist Grants**

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
27.25	Gina Favano	Winona	\$5,000	Gundersheimer
27.25	Matthew Wehling	Rice	\$5,000	
27.13	Kathleen Covalt	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.88	Robert Gardner	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.75	Matthew Wagner	Winona	\$3,000	Gundersheimer
26.29	Karl Unnasch	Fillmore	\$5,000	
26.25	Chris Allen	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.00	John Wells	Goodhue	\$5,000	
25.63	Anna Loney	Fillmore	\$5,000	Maloney
24.88	Melissa Egger	Olmsted	\$3,000	
24.67	Geralyn Thelen	Rice	\$5,000	
22.57	Scott Roberts	Rice	\$5,000	
22.38	Michael Terrill	Olmsted	\$5,000	
22.25	Teaki Garcia	Olmsted	\$3,000	
18.25	Scott Leddy	Winona	\$3,000	Gundersheimer
17.00	Sylvia Hernandez Rodriguez	Mower	\$3,000	Helle

- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Gina Favano. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Matthew Wehling. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Kathleen Covalt. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Robert Gardner. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Matthew Wagner. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Helle seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Karl Unnasch. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Chris Allen. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to John Wells. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Helle seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Anna Loney. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Melissa Egglar. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to GERALYN Thelen. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Scott Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Michael Terrill. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Teaki Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Scott Leddy. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Sylvia Hernandez-Rodriguez. Motion passed with one abstention.

For the July grant round SEMAC awarded grants to 22 applicants representing seven counties for a total of \$70,000 in funding. This includes six General Operating Support grants for \$30,000, five Emerging Artist grants for \$15,000, and eleven Advancing Artist grants for \$55,000.

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Dodge	0	0
Fillmore	2	\$10,000
Freeborn	0	0
Goodhue	2	\$10,000
Houston	0	0
Mower	2	\$8,000
Olmsted	8	\$36,000
Rice	3	\$15,000
Steele	1	\$5,000
Wabasha	0	0
Winona	4	\$16,000
	22	\$100,000

Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to adjourn.

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 10:23am.



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Tuesday, 9 November 2021, Online

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kjell Alkire, Diane Crane, Laura Helle, Lee Gundersheimer, Levi Livingood, Kara Maloney, Elisha Marin, Jon Swanson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Drew Medin

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

9:01am Ms. Helle, Board President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded approval of the minutes from the 17 August 2021 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Alkire seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report for the First Quarter of FY 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- Ms. Helle encouraged personal outreach to artists. It is rewarding both for the organization and personally.
- Suggestions included social media posts. Ms. Helle will forward an example of reposts that could be used by all directors.

Executive Director's Report

- Reminder that SEMAC now provides \$50 per meeting stipend plus mileage for any in-person meeting attended for directors and panelists.
- Three vacant board positions: Have a potential candidate for Rice County but continue to solicit candidates from underrepresented/diverse groups for Goodhue and Steele Counties.
- MSAB will again offer Creative Support Grants. Last year these large awards impacted the amount SEMAC was able to award since many recipients chose to

not apply for both MSAB and SEMAC grants. Because of this, we anticipate that SEMAC will continue to carry forward funds into FY2023.

- The next grant round – Individual Artists – opens December 1, 2021 and closes January 10, 2022.
- Effective October 25, 2021, the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits has a new Southern Region coordinator, Jessica (Jes) Wysong, who lives in Mankato.
- Americans for the Arts first in-person meeting since 2019 will be held either May or June 2022 in Washington, D.C. Final details will be announced soon.
- National Arts Marketing Project virtual conference December 7-8, 2021.
- The SEMAC website needs a complete restructuring to make it a viable source of information for the region. Our contact at Brandhoot estimates, depending on what is included, this could run \$50-100k. A less expensive but more generic, non-customized (\$25-50k) version is also offered. It will take approximately six months to rebuild the site. Now, when funds are available, is the opportunity to add value to SEMAC as an organization.

Website Committee: Ms. Helle, Mr. Alkire, Mr. Marin and Mr. Swanson were tasked with exploring website options. All directors were asked to forward wish lists, possible vendors, and examples of great arts council websites to Ms. Pearson.

Open/Continuous Grants

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

- \$1,500 Arts Management Training Grant to Austin Area Commission for the Arts, Mower County, for Intercultural Development Inventory Staff Training.
- \$75 Arts Management Training Grant to Children’s Dance Theatre, Olmsted County, for Workshop “Preparing your Nonprofit to Generate Earned Income.”
- \$1,500 Pandemic Relief for Working Artists to each of the following individuals:
 - Chris Christensen, Olmsted County
 - Kari Christensen, Olmsted County
 - Eric Egger, Olmsted County
 - Lori Hungerholt, Fillmore County
 - Taylor Parker, Olmsted County
 - Jacob Schlichter, Freeborn County
 - Brandon Zastrow, Winona County
- \$5,000 Pandemic Relief for Arts Organizations to each of the following groups:
 - Austin Area Commission for the Arts, Mower County
 - Chamber Music Live, Houston County
 - Lanesboro Barn Dance, Houston County
 - Mantorville Theatre Company, Dodge County
 - Matchbox Children’s Theatre, Mower County
 - Resounding Voices, Olmsted County
 - Rochester Male Chorus, Olmsted County
 - Sing Out Loud, Olmsted County

New Business

- Review of General Operating Support Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Recused</u>
Austin Symphony Orchestra	Mower	Administrative Expenses	
Chamber Music Live	Houston	Staffing & Salaries	
Children's Dance Theatre	Olmsted	Staffing & Salaries	
Freeborn County Arts Initiative	Freeborn	Maintenance & Facilities	Marin
Frozen River Film Festival	Winona	Staffing & Salaries	Gundersheimer
I Cantanti Chamber Choirs	Rice	Facilities & Staffing	
Lake City Area Arts	Wabasha	Administrative Expenses	Alkire
Mantorville Art Guild	Dodge	Maintenance & Facilities	
Mid West Music Fest	Winona	Administrative Expenses	Gundersheimer
River Arts Alliance	Winona	Staffing & Salaries	Gundersheimer
Rochester Music Guild	Olmsted	Administrative Expenses	Livingood
Sing Out Loud	Olmsted	Staffing & Salaries	
Southeast MN Bluegrass Assn	Houston	Administrative Expenses	
Southeastern MN Suzuki Assn	Olmsted	Facilities & Staffing	
Ye Olde Opera House	Houston	Administrative Expenses	

- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Austin Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Chamber Music Live. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Children's Dance Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Freeborn County Arts Initiative. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Frozen River Film Festival. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to I Cantanti Chamber Choirs. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Lake City Area Arts. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Mantorville Art Guild. Motion passed**
Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Sanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Mid West Music Fest. Motion passed with one abstention.

- **Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to River Arts Alliance. Motion passed with one abstention.**
 - **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Rochester Music Guild. Motion passed with one abstention.**
 - **Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Sing Out Loud. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Southeastern Minnesota Bluegrass Association. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Southeaster Minnesota Suzuki Association. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Ye Olde Opera House. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Approval of Legacy Grants

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
28.43	Vintage Band Festival	Rice	\$10,000	
28.29	Mid West Music Fest	Winona	\$10,000	Gundersheimer
27.71	Great River Shakespeare Festival	Winona	\$10,000	Gundersheimer
27.63	Rochester Art Center	Olmsted	\$10,000	Alkire
27.63	Rochester Music Guild	Olmsted	\$10,000	Livingood
27.63	Rochester Symphony	Olmsted	\$10,000	
27.50	Rochester Civic Music	Olmsted	\$10,000	
27.50	Rochesterfest	Olmsted	\$5,000	
27.50	Shorewood Senior Campus	Olmsted	\$5,000	
27.33	Paradise Center for the Arts	Rice	\$10,000	
27.14	Austin Area Commission for the Arts	Mower	\$10,000	Helle
26.57	Summerset Community Theatre	Mower	\$10,000	Helle
26.29	Faribault Parks & Recreation	Rice	\$5,000	
25.88	Friends of Peterson	Fillmore	\$10,000	
25.71	Rochester Civic Theatre Company	Olmsted	\$10,000	
25.57	Red Wing Art Association	Goodhue	\$10,000	
25.38	Sing Out Loud	Olmsted	\$10,000	
24.75	Northfield Arts Guild	Rice	\$9,925	
24.75	Theatre du Mississippi	Winona	\$10,000	Gundersheimer
24.43	Austin Culture & Arts Commission	Mower	\$10,000	Helle
24.38	Music Lessons for All	Olmsted	\$8,160	

- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Vintage Band Festival. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Mid West Music Fest. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Great River Shakespeare Festival. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Art Center. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Music Guild. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Civic Music. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochesterfest. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Shorewood Senior Campus. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Paradise Center for the Arts. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Austin Area Commission for the Arts. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Summerset Community Theatre. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Faribault Parks & Recreation. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Friends of Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Civic Theatre Company. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Red Wing Art Association. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Sing Out Loud. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$9,925 to Northfield Arts Guild. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Theatre du Mississippi. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Austin Culture & Arts Commission. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$8,160 to Music Lessons for All. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Programming Grants for Arts Organizations

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
27.14	Bluff Country Studio Art Tour	Winona	\$5,000	Gundersheimer, Maloney, Swanson
26.88	Art on the Ave	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.88	Rochester Male Chorus	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.57	Rochester Repertory Theatre	Olmsted	\$5,000	Livingood
26.50	Chamber Music Live	Houston	\$5,000	
26.50	Children's Dance Theatre	Olmsted	\$5,000	
24.88	Rochester Chamber Music Society	Olmsted	\$5,000	
24.38	Rochester Vidhyalaya	Olmsted	\$5,000	
24.38	Southeastern Minnesota Poets	Olmsted	\$3,750	
23.50	The Merlin Players	Steele	\$4,000	
23.29	That Theatre Company	Olmsted	\$5,000	
23.14	Austin Community Band	Mower	\$5,000	

- **Mr. Livingood moved and Ms. Helle seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Bluff Country Studio Art Tour. Motion passed with three abstentions.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Art on the Ave. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochester Male Chorus. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Maloney moved and Ms. Helle seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochester Repertory Theatre. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Chamber Music Live. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Children's Dance Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochester Chamber Music Society. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochester Vidhyalaya. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$3,750 to Southeastern Minnesota Poets. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$4,000 to The Merlin Players. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to That Theatre Company. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Austin Community Band. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Approval of Small Towns/Rural Areas Grants

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
28.13	Southeast MN Bluegrass Association	Houston	\$5,000	
25.63	Chatfield Brass Band	Fillmore	\$4,660	
23.38	Lake City Area Arts	Wabasha	\$3,660	Alkire
23.00	Lanesboro Barn Dance	Houston	\$4,690	

- **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Southeast Minnesota Bluegrass Association. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$4,660 to Chatfield Brass Band. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$3,660 to Lake City Area Arts. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$4,690 to Lanesboro Barn Dance. Motion passed unanimously.**

For the October grant round SEMAC awarded grants to 55 applicants representing eleven counties for a total of \$469,920 in funding. This includes 21 Legacy Grants for \$193,085, twelve Programming Grants for \$57,750, four Small Towns/Rural Areas grants for \$17,010, fifteen General Operating Support grants for \$150,000 (over two fiscal years), two Arts Management Training grants for \$1,575, seven Pandemic Relief for Working Artists grants for \$10,500, and eight Pandemic Relief for Arts Organizations grants for \$40,000.

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Dodge	2	\$15,000
Fillmore	3	\$16,160
Freeborn	2	\$11,500
Goodhue	1	\$10,000
Houston	8	\$53,690
Mower	8	\$56,500
Olmsted	28	\$177,985
Rice	5	\$44,925
Steele	1	\$4,000
Wabasha	2	\$13,660
Winona	8	\$66,500
	67	\$469,920

- Panel Candidates
 - **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the appointment of Jennie Autoñoë as a dance panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the appointment of Martha Chancellor as a music panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the appointment of Jaime Schwaba as a dance panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to adjourn.**

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 10:20am.



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

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

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	

Score	Applicant	County	Title	Request	Recused
27.80	Bob Armstrong	Winona	<i>Intro to Puppetry; building rod puppets</i>	\$5,000	
27.60	Lane Powell	Fillmore	<i>UPWARD & 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 & 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.

County	Grants	Total Awarded
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

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

- **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.



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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson

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.

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

County	Grants	Total Awarded
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
	41	\$266,320

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

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



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.