



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 16 August 2022, Online

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Levi Livingood, Yelba Olson

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

9:02am Ms. Pearson introduced Carl Swanson of Cast Consulting. Mr. Swanson outlined the goals for the upcoming Board retreat, and will meet individually with each director to aid in preparation for the retreat.

9:11am 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, moving Mr. Roberts' proposal to an email discussion after the meeting ends. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

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

President's Report

- The MSAB/Fracm Leadership Institute was held over a two-day period in Mankato. Highlights included building relationships, the importance of Legacy funding, and equity grant review panels.

Executive Director's Report

- MLT has been contracted to upgrade and migrate the website to Word Press CMS, optimized for standard, tablet & smart phone screens, including SSL security and ADA compliance controls.

- The Paradise Center for the Arts and the Northfield Arts Guild will offer four artist focused workshops on September 1, November 10, February 16, and May 18,. SEMAC sponsors and underwrites the cost of presenters and publicity. Flyer displayed and distributed by email after the meeting.
- MCA is seeking new board members. If interested but you did not receive Sarah Fossen’s email, it can be forwarded it to you.
- End of year reports for the MSAB and McKnight are now underway. Also the MSAB reconciliation will be wrapped up this month.
- Smith Schafer has begun the FY22 audit. The goal is to have it completed and available to you at the November board meeting.
- The August 11 MSAB board meeting focused on their potential grant programs for FY2024. Most discussion centered around general operating support. At the moment there isn’t agreement on exactly how this should look in the future.
- The August 12 FRACM board meeting reviewed the Leadership Institute in Mankato and the frequency of holding it on a biennial basis.

Old Business

- There are plans to make a presentation at the September 13 meeting of the Dodge County Commission. Ms. Helle and Mr. Livingood invite another director to attend with them.
- Discussion ensued about continuing the discussion in Freeborn and/or Wabasha County later in the fall or early winter with elected officials as well as stakeholder organizations in their respective counties.

New Business

- Approval of Grants – Emerging Artists

| <u>Score</u> | <u>Applicant</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Request</u> | <u>Recused</u> |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 26.20 | Terri Allred | Olmsted | \$3,000 | Medin |
| 25.25 | Jennie Autonoe | Rice | \$3,000 | |
| 24.00 | Joseph Alexander | Olmsted | \$3,000 | Medin |
| 23.89 | Kaley Cross | Fillmore | \$3,000 | |
| 23.20 | Michael Anderson | Olmsted | \$3,000 | |
| 23.11 | Curtis Butturff | Olmsted | \$3,000 | |
| 21.11 | Spencer Johannes | Olmsted | \$3,000 | |
| 19.70 | Timothy Goodwin | Rice | \$3,000 | |

- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Terri Allred. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Jennie Autonoe. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Joseph Alexander. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Kaley Cross. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Michael Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Curtis Butturf. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Spencer Johannes. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Medin seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Timothy Goodwin. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of Grants - Advancing Artists

| <u>Score</u> | <u>Applicant</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Request</u> | <u>Recused</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 28.50 | Emery Stephens | Rice | \$5,000 | |
| 27.56 | John Paulson | Winona | \$5,000 | |
| 26.50 | Joy Davis Ripley | Winona | \$5,000 | |
| 26.30 | Rachel Brokenicky | Olmsted | \$5,000 | |
| 24.00 | Beth Sievers | Olmsted | \$5,000 | Helle, Medin |
| 23.89 | Sharon Mansur | Winona | \$5,000 | Swanson |
| 23.80 | Cheryl Finnegan | Goodhue | \$5,000 | |

- Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Emery Stephens. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to John Paulson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Joy Davis Ripley. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rachel Brokenicky. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Beth Sievers. Motion passed with two abstentions.
- Mr. Medin moved and Ms. Helle seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Sharon Mansur. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Helle moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Cheryl Finnegan. Motion passed unanimously.

For the July grant round SEMAC awarded grants to fifteen applicants representing eleven counties for a total of \$59,000 in funding. This includes eight grants to emerging artists for \$24,000, and seven grants to advancing artists for \$35,000.

| County | Grants | Total Awarded |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Dodge | | |
| Fillmore | 1 | \$3,000 |
| Freeborn | | |
| Goodhue | 1 | \$5,000 |
| Houston | | |
| Mower | | |
| Olmsted | 7 | \$25,000 |
| Rice | 3 | \$11,000 |

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|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Steele | | |
| Wabasha | | |
| Winona | 3 | \$15,000 |
| | 15 | \$59,000 |

- **Panel Candidate Steve Dietz (résumé attached)**
Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the appointment of Steve Dietz as a panel generalist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to adjourn.

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