



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

County	Grants	Total Awarded
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.

**unexcused absence noted*



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 15 November 2022, Online

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kjellgren Alkire, Drew Medin, Yelba Olson*

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

9:03am Ms. Maloney, Board Vice President, turned the meeting over to Carl Swanson of Cast Consulting. Mr. Swanson updated the board on progress towards hiring a new executive director, including a timeline from launch to hire. As Mr. Alkire and Ms. Helle have each expressed interest in the position, they are excluded from all discussions on this topic.

9:15am Ms. Helle joined the meeting and then called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Maloney moved and Ms. Crane seconded approval of the minutes from the 16 August 2022 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report for the First Quarter of FY 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- Ms. Helle noted that this is a very exciting time for SEMAC, a time for assessing progress and contemplating growth for the future.

Executive Director's Report

- Paradise Center for the Arts in Faribault and Northfield Arts Guild continue to offer artist focused workshops. SEMAC underwrites these and approves the content of each of these. The most recent workshop was in Lanesboro.

- Have received several applications for the position of social media/communications coordinator. Will follow up on one that has potential this week.
- The November 10 MSAB board meeting continued to focus on their potential grant programs for FY2024 with the discussion centered around general operating support, DEI, etc. There is yet to be an agreement on how to approach funding in the future.
- The FRACM is working on having a virtual RAC staff/board retreat. Details are still being worked out. Will share more as it comes along.
- Continue to work with Carl Swanson to make sure all process documentation is in place, etc.

Open/Continuous Grants

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

- \$1,165 School Residency Grant to Plainview-Elgin-Millville Community Schools, Wabasha County, for a Dance Intensive.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1, 2022), the following organizations have received Year 2 funds for their previously-approved General Operating Support Grants.

- Austin Symphony Orchestra
- Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble
- Bridge Chamber Music Festival
- Chamber Music Live
- Frozen River Film Festival
- Gallery 24 Artists Collaborative
- History Alive Lanesboro
- I Cantanti Chamber Choirs
- Lake City Area Arts
- Mantorville Art Guild
- Mantorville Theatre Company
- Matchbox Children’s Theatre
- Mid West Music Fest
- Owatonna Arts Council
- River Arts Alliance
- Rochester Chamber Music Society
- Rochester Male Chorus
- Rochester Repertory Theatre Company
- Sing Out Loud
- Southeast MN Bluegrass Association
- Southeastern MN Suzuki Association
- Winona Symphony Orchestra
- Ye Olde Opera House
- Zumbrota Area Arts Council

New Business

- Approval of Grants

Small Towns/Rural Areas Grants

Score	Applicant	County	Request	Recused
28.63	Southeast Minnesota Bluegrass Association	Houston	\$5,000	
27.00	Spring Grove Schools	Houston	\$5,000	
25.44	Chatfield Brass Band	Fillmore	\$4,690	
25.33	Kasson-Mantorville Public Schools	Dodge	\$5,000	
24.89	Lanesboro Barn Dance	Houston	\$4,520	
24.80	Mantorville Theatre Company	Dodge	\$5,000	
22.38	Zumbrota Area Arts Council	Goodhue	\$5,000	

- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Southeast Minnesota Bluegrass Association. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Spring Grove Schools. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to award \$4,690 to Chatfield Brass Band. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Kasson-Mantorville Public Schools. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$4,520 to Lanesboro Barn Dance. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Mantorville Theatre Company. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Zumbrota Area Arts Council. Motion passed unanimously.**

Programming Grants for Arts Organizations

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
27.88	Rochester International Film Group	Olmsted	\$5,000	
27.71	Northfield Troubadours	Rice	\$4,700	
27.33	Bluff Country Studio Art Tour	Winona	\$5,000	Maloney, Swanson
27.20	Rochester Male Chorus	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.89	Calliope Theatre Company	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.88	Art on the Ave	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.75	Children's Dance Theatre	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.57	Austin Symphony Orchestra	Mower	\$5,000	
26.25	Rochester Chamber Music Society	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.11	Sing Out Loud	Olmsted	\$5,000	
25.80	Southeast Minnesota Federation Music Club	Olmsted	\$5,000	
25.50	Rochester Civic Theatre Company	Olmsted	\$5,000	
25.50	Rochester Community Band	Olmsted	\$5,000	
25.50	Theatre du Mississippi	Winona	\$5,000	
24.17	Austin Community Band	Mower	\$5,000	Helle
23.63	Matchbox Children's Theatre	Mower	\$5,000	

- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochester International film Group. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$4,700 to Northfield Troubadours. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Bluff Country Studio Art Tour. Motion passed with two abstentions.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochester Male Chorus. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Calliope Theatre Company. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Art on the Ave. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Children’s Dance Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Austin Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochester Chamber Music Society. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Sing Out Loud. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Southeastern Minnesota Federation Music Club. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochester Civic Theatre Company. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rochester Community Band. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Theatre du Mississippi. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Austin Community Band. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Matchbox Children’s Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.

Legacy Grants for Nonprofits

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
27.86	Northfield Healthy Community Initiative	Rice	\$5,000	
27.44	Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center	Fillmore	\$5,000	
26.78	Byron Community Education	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.33	Shorewood Senior Campus	Olmsted	\$5,000	
24.56	Carleton College	Rice	\$5,000	
20.33	Winona ORC Industries	Winona	\$5,000	

- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Northfield Healthy Community Initiative. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Byron Community Education. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Shorewood Senior Campus. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Carleton College. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Winona ORC Industries. Motion passed unanimously.**

Legacy Grants for Arts Organizations

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
28.40	Great River Shakespeare Festival	Winona	\$10,000	
28.00	Vintage Band Festival	Rice	\$10,000	
27.86	Red Wing Art Association	Goodhue	\$10,000	
27.86	Paradise Center for the Arts	Rice	\$10,000	Roberts
27.71	Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra	Rice	\$10,000	
27.56	Rochester Music Department	Olmsted	\$10,000	
27.40	Summerset Community Theatre	Mower	\$10,000	
27.25	Northfield Arts Guild	Rice	\$9,775	Roberts
27.00	Rochester Art Center	Olmsted	\$10,000	
26.22	Austin Culture & Arts Commission	Mower	\$10,000	Helle
26.22	Minnesota Conservatory for the Arts	Winona	\$10,000	
26.11	Austin Area Commission for the Arts	Mower	\$10,000	Helle
25.50	Choral Arts Ensemble	Olmsted	\$10,000	
25.13	Rochester Music Guild	Olmsted	\$10,000	
25.10	Absolute Theatre	Olmsted	\$10,000	
24.80	Mid West Music Fest	Winona	\$10,000	Swanson
24.33	Friends of Peterson	Fillmore	\$10,000	
23.89	Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation	Goodhue	\$10,000	
23.44	Rochester Dance Company	Olmsted	\$10,000	
23.44	Music Lessons for All	Olmsted	\$7,335	

- **Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Great River Shakespeare Festival. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Vintage Band Festival. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Red Wing Art Association. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Paradise Center for the Arts. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to City of Rochester Music Department. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Summerset Community Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Ms. Maloney moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$9,775 to Northfield Arts Guild. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Art Center. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to City of Austin Culture & Arts Commission Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Saint Mary’s University Minnesota Conservatory for the Arts. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Austin Area Commission for the Arts. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Choral Arts Ensemble. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Music Guild. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Absolute Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Mid West Music Fest. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Friends of Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Dance Company. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$7,335 to Music Lessons for All. Motion passed unanimously.

Since the last Board meeting, SEMAC awarded grants to fifty applicants representing nine counties for a total of \$347,410 in funding. This includes 26 Legacy grants for \$227,335, sixteen Programming grants for \$84,700, seven Small Towns/Rural Areas grants for \$34,210, and one School Residency grant for \$1,165..

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Dodge	2	\$10,000
Fillmore	3	\$19,690
Freeborn	0	
Goodhue	3	\$25,000
Houston	3	\$14,520
Mower	6	\$45,000
Olmsted	19	\$127,335
Rice	7	\$54,475

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Steele	0	
Wabasha	1	\$1,165
Winona	6	\$45,000
	50	\$347,185

- **Panel Candidate James Douglass (résumé on file)**
Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the appointment of James Douglass as a theatre panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Panel Candidate Benjamin Downs (résumé on file)**
Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Crane seconded the appointment of Benjamin Downs as a music panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Panel Candidate Eileen Moeller (résumé on file)**
Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the appointment of Eileen Moeller as a theatre panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Panel Candidate Cynthia Neth (résumé on file)**
Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the appointment of Cynthia Neth as a panel generalist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

**unexcused absence noted*



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 21 March 2023, Online

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Yelba Olson

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

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

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded approval of this meeting's agenda, adding social media manager and biennial plan discussions, plus moving ED search committee report to after the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded approval of the minutes from the 15 November 2022 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report for the Second Quarter of FY 2023. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded approval of the recent Audit. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Helle moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to have monthly financials presented to the board in early April. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Report

- Ms. Helle acknowledged the transition time for everyone. She expressed appreciation to the search committee for their extra time expended on behalf of the board.

Executive Director's Report

- The Paradise Center for the Arts (Faribault) and the Northfield Arts Guild offered an artist focused workshop “Making a Living as an Artist” on February 16th in Red Wing. These are underwritten by SEMAC with advance approval of the content of each of these. The final workshop of the fiscal year will be on May 18 at the Paradise Center for the Arts in Faribault. It will focus on grant writing for artists.
- SEMAC has a social media manager. Her name is Emily Wessing. Her contract runs through June 30, 2023, and will be renegotiable at that time. Her current ‘day job’ is marketing manager/executive assistant for another nonprofit in Rochester. She cleared the SEMAC contract with her employer to make sure that there would be no conflict of interest. She looks forward to speaking with the board to discuss your interests, etc. If it works with her schedule, I will request her attendance at the April meeting. In the meantime, please reach out to me if you have any questions or specific requests for her.
- SEMAC received 42 eligible applications for the final round of FY23. The arts advisory panel is just beginning their review and the board will approve grants for this group during the April board meeting.
- Board reviewers are needed for General Operating and School Residency grants.

Open/Continuous Grants

The Board Review Committee authorized the following School Residency Grants since the last Board Meeting

- \$3,000 to Gage Elementary School for *Mosaics by Many Hands*
- \$3,000 to Fillmore Central High School for *Big Band Bash at Fillmore Central*
- \$2,810 to Triton High School for *Sarah Curtiss Guest Flute Residency*
- \$3,000 to Rochester Alternative Learning Center for *Improvisation with Created Instruments and Piano*

Since the last board meeting, the following organizations have received Year 2 funds for their previously-approved General Operating Support Grants.

- Albert Lea Community Band
- Ameriikan Poijat Finnish Brass Band
- Children’s Dance Theatre
- Rochester Music Guild
- Sweet Adelines Zumbro Valley Chorus

Old Business

- Social Media Manager. SEMAC has contracted with Emily Wessing to devote ten+ hours per week to reviewing, managing and producing social media postings. See Executive Director’s Report for further details.

New Business

- General Operating Support
Although FY2024-25 applications will not be accepted until July, both Mr. Alkire and Mr. Medin agreed to be available to review and approve applications.

- Approval of Advancing Artist Grants

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
27.58	Kathleen Peterson	Winona	\$5,000	
27.17	Lane Powell	Fillmore	\$5,000	
26.75	David Kassler	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.50	Harrison McCormick	Winona	\$5,000	
26.33	Robert Armstrong	Winona	\$5,000	Swanson
26.00	Gina Favano	Winona	\$5,000	
25.45	Susan Mundy	Wabasha	\$5,000	
25.27	Hannah Christianson	Olmsted	\$5,000	
24.92	Mary Denzer	Houston	\$5,000	Crane & Maloney
24.70	Kent McInnis Jr	Rice	\$5,000	
24.15	Joe McShan	Olmsted	\$5,000	
23.50	Heidi Bacon	Goodhue	\$5,000	
22.57	Greg LeGette	Olmsted	\$5,000	
22.42	Michael Seiler	Fillmore	\$5,000	Maloney
22.17	Alexander Ortberg	Olmsted	\$5,000	Medin
21.73	Barbara Jeffers	Fillmore	\$5,000	
21.36	Paul Brokken	Fillmore	\$5,000	
19.64	Jacob Schlichter	Freeborn	\$5,000	Helle

- **Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Kathleen Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Medin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Lane Powell. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to David Kassler. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Harrison McCormick. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Robert Armstrong. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Gina Favano. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Susan Mundy. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Hannah Christianson. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Mary Denzer. Motion passed with two abstentions.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Kent McInnis Jr. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Joe McShan. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Heidi Bacon. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Greg LeGette. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Michael Seiler. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Alexander Ortberg. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Medin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Barbara Jeffers. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Medin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Paul Brokken. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Medin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Jacob Schlichter. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Approval of Emerging Artist Grants

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
27.19	Samantha Reiter	Olmsted	\$3,000	Alkire
26.81	Kristen Young	Winona	\$3,000	
26.75	Magdalena Panetta	Olmsted	\$3,000	Alkire
26.40	Carrie Arnold	Olmsted	\$3,000	
26.25	Lydia Hansen*	Olmsted	\$3,000	
24.75	Delia Bell	Fillmore	\$3,000	Maloney
24.53	Jamie Schwaba	Winona	\$3,000	
24.27	Kathryn Wood	Steele	\$3,000	
24.25	Amy Radford	Olmsted	\$3,000	
24.19	Kait Glaswell	Olmsted	\$3,000	
23.88	Ryan Palmer	Fillmore	\$3,000	Maloney
23.75	Willow Becher	Olmsted	\$3,000	
22.56	Sydney Swanson	Olmsted	\$3,000	Medin
20.81	Danielle Barck	Dodge	\$3,000	Alkire

- Mr. Medin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Samantha Reiter. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Kristen Young. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Medin seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Magdalena Panetta. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Carrie Arnold. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Medin seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Lydia Hansen. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Delia Bell. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Jamie Schwaba. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Crane moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Kathryn Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Mr. Medin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Amy Radford. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Kait Glaswell. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Ryan Palmer. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Willow Becher. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Sydney Swanson. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Medin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Danielle Barck. Motion passed with one abstention.**

Since the last Board meeting, SEMAC awarded grants to 36 applicants representing ten counties for a total of \$143,810 in funding. This includes four School Residency grants for \$11,810, eighteen Advancing Artist grants for \$90,000, and fourteen Emerging Artist grants for \$42,000.

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Dodge	2	\$5,810
Fillmore	7	\$29,000
Freeborn	1	\$5,000
Goodhue	1	\$5,000
Houston	1	\$5,000
Mower	0	0
Olmsted	15	\$55,000
Rice	1	\$5,000
Steele	1	\$3,000
Wabasha	1	\$5,000
Winona	6	\$26,000
	36	\$143,810

- **Biennial Plan Discussion. The plan for FY2024-2025 will be submitted to MSAB before the April 3 deadline. Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to approve the Biennial Plan. Motion passed unanimously.**

The full Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

After the departure of Ms. Helle and Mr. Alkire, Ms. Maloney, acting as ED Search Committee Chair, led discussion of the applicant pool and a timeline for interviewing candidates.



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 18 April 2023, SEMAC Office and Zoom

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Drew Medin, Yelba Olson

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

9:07am Ms. Helle, Board President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Marin seconded approval of the minutes from the 21 March 2023 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Medin seconded approval of the Treasurer’s Report for the Third Quarter of FY 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

President’s Report

- Ms. Helle reported on the grant-funded project of Austin Area Arts to establish and maintain a diverse pool of emerging artists for the Austin ArtWorks Festival.

Executive Director’s Report

- The biennial plan was submitted on March 31, 2023. Plans will be reviewed for completeness (Minnesota Rules 1900) at the end of April. The plans will then be formally finalized on May 26, 2023. The MSAB will issue fiscal agent agreements in June and funds will be issued starting the third week in July, followed by another payment of 1/3 legacy money in August and a final payment of 1/3 legacy money in September.
- The Paradise Center for the Arts (Faribault) and the Northfield Arts Guild will offer the final workshop of the fiscal year on May 18 at the Paradise Center for the Arts in Faribault. It will focus on grant writing for artists.

- Emily Wessing, our social media contractor, has been working on a newsletter. Our goal is to have the draft completed by the end of this week. She is in the process of contacting board members regarding potential content.
- Mr. Alkire volunteered to review General Operating and School Residency grants for the upcoming fiscal year. An additional person would be extremely helpful as SEMAC transitions to a new director.
- Two agenda items involve potential changes for FY24: reinstating the matching fund requirement for organizations and the return to the policy of only funding individual artists once every third year. Decisions must be finalized at the May board meeting so that regional artists and organizations can be notified and the changes posted prior to June 1, when the initial application for FY24 opens.

New Business

- Discussion about reinstating matching funds for organizations and eligibility restrictions for individual artists.
 - **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to continue suspension of the match requirement through FY2024. Motion passed with one objection.**
 - **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to table discussion of restrictions on individual artists until the May meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Approval - Small Towns/Rural Areas Grants

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
25.25	Peterson Committee for the Arts	Fillmore	\$5,000	
24.83	Kenyon-Wanamingo Community Education	Goodhue	\$5,000	
24.25	Rushford Area Society of the Arts	Fillmore	\$5,000	
23.63	Mantorville Theatre Company	Dodge	\$5,000	

- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Peterson Committee for the Arts. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Kenyon-Wanamingo Community Education. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marine moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Rushford Area Society of the Arts. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Mantorville Theatre Company. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Approval - Programming Grants for Arts Organizations

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
26.63	Eyota Days Committee	Olmsted	\$3,960	
26.50	South Central MN Studio ARTour	Rice	\$5,000	Marin
23.50	Widespot Performing Arts Center	Wabasha	\$5,000	
23.33	Lanesboro Community Theatre	Fillmore	\$4,800	Maloney

- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$3,960 to Eyota Days Committee. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Ms. Maloney moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to South Central Minnesota Studio ARTour. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Widespot Performing Arts Center. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$4,800 to Lanesboro Community Theatre. Motion passed with one abstention.**

- **Approval - Legacy Grants for Non-Arts Groups**

Score	Applicant	County	Request	Recused
28.50	Saint Olaf College	Rice	\$5,000	
27.33	Faribault Public Schools Community Education	Rice	\$5,000	
27.29	Northfield Union of Youth	Rice	\$5,000	
26.43	Northfield Community Education	Rice	\$5,000	Marin
26.29	Northfield Senior Citizens	Rice	\$2,675	
25.86	Parenting Resource Center	Mower	\$2,180	Helle
25.75	Red Wing Downtown Main Street	Goodhue	\$5,000	
25.00	Faribault Parks & Recreation	Rice	\$5,000	
24.75	Celebration of a City (Rochesterfest)	Olmsted	\$5,000	
24.43	Lanesboro Businesses Promotion Group	Fillmore	\$4,980	Maloney
24.14	Project FINE	Winona	\$4,940	Swanson
24.14	Winona Parks & Recreation	Winona	\$5,000	
24.13	Mantorville Economic Development Authority	Dodge	\$5,000	
22.25	Save the Northfield Depot	Rice	\$5,000	

- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Saint Olaf College. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Faribault Community Education. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Northfield Union of Youth. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Maloney moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Northfield Community Education. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$2,675 to Northfield Senior Citizens (Fifty North). Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$2,180 to Parenting Resource Center (Welcome Center). Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Red Wing Downtown Mainstreet. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Faribault Parks & Recreation. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Celebration of a City (Rochesterfest). Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$4,980 to Lanesboro Businesses Promotion Group. Motion passed with one abstention.**

- **Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$4,940 to Project FINE. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Winona Parks & Recreation. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Mantorville Economic Development Authority. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Save the Northfield Depot. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Approval - Legacy Grants for Arts Organizations**

Score	Applicant	County	Request	Recused
28.67	Southeastern MN Youth Orchestras	Olmsted	\$10,000	Helle
28.40	Winona Symphony Orchestra	Winona	\$10,000	
27.83	Anderson Center at Tower View	Goodhue	\$10,000	
27.83	Mantorville Art Guild	Dodge	\$10,000	
27.71	Rochester Civic Theatre	Olmsted	\$10,000	
27.71	Sing Out Loud	Olmsted	\$10,000	
27.57	Frozen River Film Festival	Winona	\$10,000	
27.57	Rochester Ensemble of Dance	Olmsted	\$10,000	
27.33	Minnesota Marine Art Museum	Winona	\$10,000	Swanson
27.29	Rochester Repertory Theatre	Olmsted	\$10,000	
27.17	Southeast MN Bluegrass Association	Houston	\$10,000	
26.57	River Arts Alliance	Winona	\$10,000	
26.43	Greater Rochester Arts/Cultural Trust	Olmsted	\$10,000	
26.43	Mainspring	Houston	\$10,000	Crane
26.33	Sandbar Storytelling Festival	Winona	\$10,000	
26.14	Rochester Male Chorus	Olmsted	\$10,000	
24.83	Theatre du Mississippi	Winona	\$10,000	
24.67	Lanesboro Arts Center	Fillmore	\$10,000	Maloney
22.33	Austin Symphony Orchestra	Mower	\$10,000	Helle
22.33	Gallery 24 Artists Collaborative	Olmsted	\$9,299	

- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Winona Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney 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 Mantorville Art Guild. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Civic Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Sing Out Loud. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Frozen River Film Festival. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Ensemble of Dance. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Minnesota Marine Art Museum. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Crane seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Repertory Theatre Company. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Southeast Minnesota Bluegrass Association. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to River Arts Alliance. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Trust. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Mainspring. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Swanson moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Sandbar Storytelling Festival. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Rochester Male Chorus. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Theatre du Mississippi. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Lanesboro Arts Center. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$10,000 to Austin Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$9,299 to Gallery 24 Artists Collaborative. Motion passed unanimously.**

Since the last Board meeting, SEMAC awarded grants to 42 applicants representing nine counties for a total of \$302,834 in funding. This includes 34 Legacy grants for \$264,074, four Programming grants for \$18,760, and four Small Towns/Rural Areas grants for \$20,000.

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Dodge	3	\$20,000
Fillmore	5	\$29,780
Freeborn	0	0
Goodhue	3	\$20,000
Houston	2	\$20,000
Mower	2	\$12,180
Olmsted	10	\$88,259
Rice	8	\$37,675
Steele	0	0

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Wabasha	1	\$5,000
Winona	8	\$69,940
	42	\$302,834

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

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 10:16am.



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 16 May 2023, Online

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Drew Medin, Yelba Olson, Scott Roberts

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Crane moved and Ms. Maloney seconded approval of the minutes from the 18 April 2022 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

As the quarterly report was given in April, Ms. Pearson updated the board on expenditures over the last month as well as overhead projections through the end of the fiscal year. The first installment of MSAB funding is expected the second week of July.

President's Report

- This is Ms. Crane's last meeting. We appreciate her service.
- Thank you to the board members who are handling the search for a new executive director.

Executive Director's Report

- Biennial plan has been submitted and approved. MSAB will make final approval at the June meeting and fiscal agent agreements will be distributed in June.
- Final budget figures will be available once the legislative session wraps up.

Old Business

- Eligibility Restrictions for Individual Artists

Board consensus was reached to lift restrictions on grants, specifically no waiting between applications or ineligibility due to other funders except MSAB. Former recipients must also be in good standing before applying.

New Business

- Nominations for FY2024 Executive Committee
Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to postpone discussion of forming the FY2024 executive committee until the June meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Nominations may be emailed to Ms. Helle or Ms. Pearson for a slate of candidates in preparation for June.

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

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 9:55am.



MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, 20 June 2023, SEMAC Office & Zoom

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Drew Medin, Yelba Olson

STAFF PRESENT: Anastasia Shartin, Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Roberts seconded approval of the minutes from the 16 May 2023 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Medin has submitted his resignation from the board and as check signatory, effective July 1. **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Report

- Ms. Helle thanked everyone for their support throughout the hiring process and expressed her excitement about what lies ahead for SEMAC.
- She invited Ms. Shartin to introduce herself, who in turn asked each board member to express their vision for the future of SEMAC.

Executive Director's Report

- Today is Ms. Shartin's ninth day on the job, having already attended her first FRACM meeting and her first SEMAC-funded event.
- Her primary objective for the next three to four months is to visit every county in the region to meet people who have received support from SEMAC as well as others who may not be aware of SEMAC. She also hopes to identify potential panelists and board members.

- Ms. Shartin will send out a link to a Google form for the board to set a schedule to host visits over the next few months. This will include a request for contacts in counties for which we do not currently have board representation.
- Thanks to Ms. Pearson for preparing the materials to help with the transition, and for her patience in teaching how the systems work.

New Business

- Insurance Discussion
Dialogue about health insurance coverage will continue at the next board meeting.
- Calendar for FY2024
 - **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to hold monthly board meetings. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to commence board meetings at 10:00am for the next three months. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to invest in better technology for hybrid meetings. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Election of Officers
 - **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to elect Kjellgren Alkire as Board President for FY2024. Motion passed with one abstention.**
 - **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to retain Kara Maloney as Board Vice President for FY2024. Motion passed with one abstention.**
 - **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to elect Laura Helle as Board Treasurer for FY2024. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Mr. Marin moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to designate Laura Helle and Kjellgren Alkire as check signatories for FY2024. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 10:17am.

On the occasion of Ms. Pearson's retirement, a few statistics to highlight her accomplishments as executive director.

- Grants Awarded = 2,189
- Amount Awarded = \$10,425,744
- Before the pandemic, conducted 4-5 workshops per year.
- In FY2010, secured an increase in McKnight funding from \$50,000 to \$90,000 per year
- Contracted with Foundant GLM so that in July 2015 SEMAC moved to online applications.