



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 19 March 2024, via Zoom

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kjell Alkire, Sophia Chai, Steve Dietz, Rob Hardy, Kara Maloney, Elisha Marin, Jon Swanson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Yelba Olson

STAFF PRESENT: Anastasia Shartin, Karen Miller

3:01pm Dir. Alkire, Board President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Dir. Dietz moved and Dir. Maloney seconded approval of the minutes from the 16 January 2024 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Dir. Dietz moved and Dir. Marin seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- Not available.

Executive Director's Report

- See attached.

Monitoring Report

- Dir. Hardy attended the capstone event of advancing artist grantee Kent McInnis. His report will become part of the permanent record for that grant.

Open/Continuous Grants

Since the last Board Meeting, ED Shartin authorized the following.

- \$300 Arts Management Training Grant to **Ye Olde Opera House**, Houston County, for *ETC Ion XE Console Training*.

New Business

- Executive Committee
 - Nominations now open for FY2025 officers - president, vice president, and treasurer. Action is scheduled for the May meeting.
 - As Dir. and treasurer Helle resigned from the board effective March 15, 2024, **Dir. Alkire moved that, for the remainder of FY2024, Dir. Maloney step from vice president to treasurer and that Dir. Marin serve as vice president. Dir. Maloney and Dir. Marin accepted the appointments. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Board Committees

In accordance with SEMAC Bylaws, two new board committees are established.

 - Grants Committee. Directors Chai, Maloney, and Marin volunteer to serve.
 - Finance Committee. In addition to Treasurer Maloney, a check for existing rules regarding membership will be made before volunteers are solicited.

- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Going forward, an emphasis will be placed on in person or hybrid meetings. **Dir. Maloney moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to transition back to 10:00 a.m. board meetings. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dir. Maloney was excused from the meeting prior to approval of grants.

- Approval of Emerging Artist Grants

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
30.00	John Sievers	Olmsted	\$3,000	
28.75	Martha Larson	Rice	\$3,000	
28.40	Jamie Schwaba	Winona	\$3,000	
27.60	Stephanie Cox	Rice	\$3,000	
27.20	Lindsay Krage	Winona	\$3,000	
27.00	Jeff McDowell	Goodhue	\$3,000	
26.40	Arlo Cristofaro	Rice	\$3,000	
26.00	Jacque VanRavenhorst	Houston	\$3,000	

- **Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to John Sievers. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Martha Larson. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Jamie Schwaba. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Stephanie Cox. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Dir. Swanson moved and Dir. Marin seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Lindsay Krage. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Jeff McDowell. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Arlo Cristofaro. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Swanson moved and Dir. Marin seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Jacque VanRavenhorst. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of Advancing Artist Grants

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
30.00	Judy Onofrio	Olmsted	\$5,000	Swanson
29.80	Catherine Glynn	Fillmore	\$5,000	
28.80	Maggie Panetta	Olmsted	\$5,000	
28.60	David Kassler	Olmsted	\$5,000	
28.40	Dawn Zero Erickson	Goodhue	\$5,000	
28.25	Daniel Kallman	Rice	\$5,000	
28.00	Catherine Friend	Goodhue	\$5,000	
28.00	Elisha Marin	Freeborn	\$5,000	Marin
28.00	Nicole Havekost	Olmsted	\$5,000	
27.60	Gao Hong	Rice	\$5,000	
27.60	Marie Maher	Olmsted	\$5,000	
27.60	Oliver Books	Olmsted	\$5,000	
27.40	Mary Beth Magyar	Olmsted	\$5,000	

- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Chai seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Judy Onofrio. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Chai seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Catherine Glynn. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Swanson moved and Dir. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Maggie Panetta. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to David Kassler. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Dawn Zero Erickson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Daniel Kallman. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Catherine Friend. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Swanson moved and Dir. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Elisha Marin. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Dir. Chai moved and Dir. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Nicole Havekost. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Gao Hong. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Chai seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Marie Maher. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Oliver Books. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Dir. Chai moved and Dir. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Mary Beth Magyar. Motion passed unanimously.**

Since the last Board meeting, SEMAC awarded grants to 21 applicants representing seven counties for a total of \$89,000 in funding. This includes nine Advancing Artist Grants for \$65,000 and seven Emerging Artist grants for \$24,000.

County	Grants	Total Awards
Dodge	0	
Fillmore	1	\$5,000
Freeborn	1	\$5,000
Goodhue	3	\$13,000
Houston	1	\$3,000
Mower	0	
Olmsted	8	\$38,000
Rice	5	\$19,000
Steele	0	
Wabasha	0	
Winona	2	\$6,000
	21	\$86,000

- Board Candidate Andi Lynn Arnold
Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Hardy seconded the appointment of Andi Lynn Arnold as the Steele County representative to the SEMAC Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.
- Panel Candidate Kaitlyn Hawkins
Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Alkire seconded the appointment of Kaitlyn Hawkins as a dance panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.
- Panel Candidate Vivian Lark
Dir. Swanson moved and Dir. Alkire seconded the appointment of Vivian Lark as a music panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.
- Panel Candidate Amy Wightkin
Dir. Swanson moved and Dir. Marin seconded the appointment of Amy Wightkin as a panel generalist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.

Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Chai seconded the motion to adjourn.

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.



Board President's Report
March 2024

Spring brings new growth. For our organization, this season is bringing a new address with a new office, in addition to significantly higher numbers of applicants and an increased number of workshops to assist organizations and individuals to take advantage of our grant programs.

I am so grateful for the marketing and messaging that Jacqueline VanRavenhorst has published recently. Jacque is working to expand SEMAC's content library in order to more effectively and efficiently share our work across communication channels. Please be encouraged to [use this form](#) to contribute any photos, videos or observations from any SEMAC Capstone events you've attended. We appreciate the increased traffic in our digital tools and look forward to supporting the terrific cultural experiences in our eleven counties.

Let us all be intentional to connect with local schools regarding our School Residency Grants. Faculty and administrators typically submit these applications in the summer following the July 1 deadline. Respectfully, many faculty are not paid for the month on either side of our deadline. Let's be sure to get a jump on the energy and ideas from this year to launch residency opportunities for next year! Our simple program description is available at semac.org/grants/grant-categories. As always, Karen is a wealth of wisdom, supporting all of these programs.

Our capacities to sustain our work remain considerable. As we continue to reflect on how we evaluate our programs, I am so encouraged by all the terrific work in our region. While the number of applications to our programs has increased, we have not expanded our staffing capacity. I have asked our staff to carefully measure their time, mindful of the more recent growth in interest and applications. With Anastasia's thoughtful leadership, we are making great progress in program assessment, community engagement and organizational capacity.

I am available to the board, staff and review panel. Please do not hesitate to contact me to explore how we can work together to "encourage, promote, and assist regional arts development".

Many thanks for all you do!
Cheers,
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