



**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
*Tuesday, 15 October 2024, via Zoom*

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DIRECTORS PRESENT: Andi Arnold, Tony Boldt, Steve Dietz, Rob Hardy, Elisha Marin, Jon Swanson, Amy Wightkin

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kjell Alkire, Sophia Chai, Kara Maloney

STAFF PRESENT: Anastasia Shartin, Karen Miller, Jacque VanRavenhorst

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1:32pm Dir. Marin, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order and started introductions for the benefit of two new directors.

*Approval of the Agenda*

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

*Approval of the Minutes*

**Dir. Arnold moved and Dir. Hardy seconded approval of the minutes from the 17 September 2024 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

*Communications Manager Report*

- See attached report of social media activity for the period July 1 through October 1

*Treasurer's Report*

**Dir. Dietz moved and Dir. Swanson seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report through September 2024. Motion passed unanimously.**

*Executive Director's Report*

- See attached.

*Monitoring Report*

- Panelist Kali Morrison attended the capstone event of advancing artist grantee Nikki Havekost. Her report will become part of the permanent record for that grant.

*New Business*

- Grants Committee Update
  - Questions about originality
  - What do we consider excessive entry fees
  - Restrict religious socialization versus promotion of religious beliefs

- Proposed grants calendar
- General Operating Support will be next focus
- Board Candidate Laurel Stinson (résumé attached)  
**Dir. Arnold moved and Dir. Boldt seconded the appointment of Laurel Stinson as the Goodhue County representative to the SEMAC Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Panel Candidate Samantha Whipple (résumé attached)
- **Dir. Arnold moved and Dir. Dietz seconded the appointment of Samantha Whipple as a Theatre Panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Panel Candidate Samantha Reiter-Johnson (résumé attached)  
**Dir. Dietz moved and Dir. Hardy seconded the appointment of Samantha Reiter-Johnson as a Visual Arts Panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Dir. Swanson moved and Dir. Arnold seconded the motion to adjourn.**

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

# Executive Director Report for Board Meeting October 15, 2024

## Grantmaking:

- Continued to review eligibility requirements, guidelines, and disallowed expenses with Karen
- September 17 – Offered Organizational Grant Writing Workshop, in person, 10 attended
- September 23 – Offered Org Grant Writing Workshop, via Zoom, 20 registered, 8 attended
- October 7 – Grants Committee meeting
- Organizational Grants October deadline – 74 applications received; all 11 counties represented

## MSAB/McKnight/MCA/FACM:

- 264 Economic Impact Surveys collected to date by Johanna Frisch and Taliesen Nyala, including 85 from BIPOC events (goal of 400 total by the end of the year, including 80 BIPOC)
- September 27 – FRACM Policy Manual Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- October 2-4 –FRACM in-person retreat at ARC Retreat Community, Stanchfield, MN
- October 10 – presented on SEMAC at MSAB meeting (Zoom)

## Networking (September 14 – October 11, 2024):

- September 14 – Red Wing, **Goodhue County** – He Mni Can Wacipi Education session at Red Wing High School, Minnesota Children’s Book Festival at Anderson Center, and Hispanic Heritage Festival presented by Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County
- September 15 – Lanesboro, **Fillmore County** – History Alive’s “Time for Women, 150 Years of Leadership”
- September 19 – Rochester, **Olmsted County** – DMC’s Annual Meeting at which Sophia Chai spoke
- September 20 – Rochester, **Olmsted County** – met with Andi Sutton, ED, Southeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, University of Minnesota Extension
- September 20 – Rochester, **Olmsted County** – Griot Arts open mic poetry event
- September 22 – Rochester, **Olmsted County** – Absolute Theatre’s “Calendar Girls” at the Chateau Theatre
- September 30 – Owatonna, **Steele County** – met with Andi Arnold and community leader/arts advocate/former teacher Beverly Cashman
- October 4 – Rochester, **Olmsted County** – Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association gala
- October 8 – Red Wing, **Goodhue County** – met with Laurel Stinson, Residency and Advancement Director, Anderson Center (potential Goodhue County Board representative)
- October 11 – Winona, **Winona County** – Sandbar Storytelling Festival

## Communications:

- October e-newsletter sent to 1,221 recipients
- E-mail re Needs Assessment Survey sent to 1,210 contacts (90 surveys completed as of 10/8)

## Other:

- Met weekly with John Skillings, financial trainer with Propel for Non-profits
- September 18 – IDI Stage Appropriate Training for Panel and Board by Aamera Siddiqui and Suzy Messerole of Exposed Brick Theatre
- September 18 – Attended CA for the Arts webinar, Advocacy and Public Policy for Arts and Health Initiatives
- September 26 – with Kara Maloney, conducted in-person interviews with several candidates for Outreach and Accessibility Manager position
- September 26 – attended Honoring Dakota Project’s online community conversation with teens
- October 8 – 14 – calls with references for new hire candidates