



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 10 June 2025, via Zoom

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tony Boldt, Sophia Chai, Rob Hardy, Elisha Marin, Laurel Stinson, Amy Wightkin, Melissa Wray

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kjel Alkire, Steve Dietz

STAFF PRESENT: Anastasia Shartin, Karen Miller

1:36pm Dir. Hardy, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Dir. Stinson moved and Dir. Boldt seconded approval of the minutes from the 13 May 2025 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- Details of the July 8 In-Person Meeting were outlined by ED Shartin
- Authorization of Board and Panel Stipends
Dir. Stinson moved and Dir. Wray seconded approval of continuing the SEMAC Stipend structure through June 2027. Motion passed unanimously.
- Call for directors to review General Operating Support applications
- Election of Officers
 - **Dir. Chai moved and Dir. Hardy seconded the motion to elect Laurel Stinson as Board Treasurer for FY2026. Motion passed with one abstention.**
 - **Dir. Chai moved and Dir. Wray seconded the motion to elect Amy Wightkin as Board Vice President for FY2026. Motion passed with one abstention.**
 - **Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Chai seconded the motion to elect Rob Hardy as Board President for FY2026. Motion passed with one abstention.**
 - **Dir. Stinson moved and Dir. Marin seconded the motion to retain Sophia Chai as check signatory for FY2026. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report

Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Chai seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report through the end of April 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

- See attached.

New Business

- **Panel Candidate Andy Kranz**
Dir. Wightkin moved and Dir. Chai seconded the appointment of Andy Kranz as a panel generalist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Panel Candidate Spencer Johannes**
Dir. Marin moved and Dir. Chai seconded the appointment of Spencer Johannes as a visual arts panelist on the SEMAC Arts Advisory Panel. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

Executive Director Report for Board Meeting June 10, 2025

Grantmaking:

- Finalized grant program details and calendar for FY2026
- Grant writing workshops co-presented with Sharon Mansur – June 2 at Lake City Area Arts (**Wabasha County**) and June 5 at Austin ArtWorks (**Mower County**)

MSAB/McKnight/MCA/FRCMN:

- May 30 – FRCMN Executive Committee Meeting
- June 2 – Submitted final Biennial Plan with updated budget approved via e-mail by 8/10 Board members
- June 3 – FRCMN/MSAB Liaison Committee
- June 6 – FRCMN meeting

Regional Networking (May 10 – June 6, 2025):

- May 15, Red Wing, **Goodhue County** – Our Relative Haha Wakpa event at Anderson Center at Tower View, organized by artist Margaret Pearce with Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Anderson Center, and Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance
- May 16 – Andi Sutton, ED, Southeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnership
- May 27, Red Wing, **Goodhue County** – met with Nicky Buck, Kim Lampe, and Jasmine Fiddler from Honoring Dakota Project

Communications:

- Weekly check-ins with Sharon and Jacque
- June e-newsletter sent to 1,260 recipients (56% opens)
- Finalized and produced new print pieces – poster, rack card, flyer, service handout
- Updated Grants information and other menu items on website
- Prepared for Jacque's maternity leave June 7 – August 11, returning part-time July 7 and with some work on the e-newsletter at the end of June

Other:

- Met weekly with John Skillings, financial trainer with Propel Non-profits
- May 19 – 21 – personal leave
- June 2 – SEMAC Executive Committee Meeting
- June 4 – Springboard for the Arts webinar on Emergency Relief Fund