



# Maryland State Arts Council Council Meeting

MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2023  
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Councilors Present: Timothy App, John Schratwieser, Bonnie Fogel, Lily Bengfort, Shelley Morhaim, Chris Sloan, Julie Madden, Renee Yarbough-Williams (Delegate Cheryl Pasteur), David Fakunle, Molly Jackson.

Staff Present: Steven Skerritt-Davis, Rosa Chang, Ryan Patterson, Ryan Koons, Tammy Oppel, Derrick Quevedo, Liesel Fenner, Chad Buterbaugh, Amelia Evans, David Mitchell, Catherine Teixeira, Elizabeth Morales, Emily Sollenberger, Kirk Snow, Secretary Tom Riford

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

John thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Renee appearing on behalf of new council member Delegate Cheryl Pasteur.

Bonnie made a motion to approve January 12, 2023 council meeting minutes, and Timothy seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

## Executive Director's Report (Skerritt-Davis)

- Steven expressed his gratitude for Timothy and Bonnie during their transition off of the council.
- Round of applause for Timothy, Bonnie, and Sumita Kim, who stepped down
- Jackie's in our hearts and prayers
- Staffing updates - Arts Capital Program Manager and Deputy Director positions in final stages
- Arts Relief Update - Awarded to date: \$24.1M (803 grants); paid to date: \$13.2M; shared Arts Relief Tracker
- Strategic Planning Update - RFP solicitation; next step proposal review and selection
- New Panelist Payment Structure Implementation - New Compensation Model: tiered, dependent on the number of applications for review; better align with actual time commitment of each program; increases accessibility for potential panelists



- Transition updates - Secretary Kevin Anderson confirmed and sworn in; attended and spoke at Maryland Arts Day in February; attending upcoming staff meeting; scheduling attendance at future Council meeting.
- Appointments - Bonnie and Timothy were appointed during an interim period and as a result will be replaced with newly appointed council members at the end of the current legislative session; updates will be provided once more information is available
- Grants for Artists Launch and Grants Volume - almost 1,200 applications were submitted by February 1 first-round deadline from artists representing all 24 jurisdictions; monthly programs saw increases in applications for February review; fielding feedback requests; managing awards and processing payments
- Poetry Out Loud - contracting with Dewmore Baltimore for competitions; regional competitions held in Centreville and Ellicott City; 9 finalists; state competition March 18 at Reginald F. Lewis Museum in Baltimore city; 2023 Maryland State finalists shared
- Odds & Ends - shared grantee updates; budget hearings being held -SB167 MSAC funding formula on the agenda; developing more inclusive selection process for Poet Laureate; looking for a central location for an in-person June meeting with an art experience; POCA update; Special requests grants reopened

#### Fiscal Report (Bengfort & Roper)

- FY23 Revenue budget shared - total funds: \$68.9M includes state general funds, special funds, and federal funds
- The budget update report shared prior to the meeting reviewed

#### Executive Committee Report (Schratwieser)

- Recapped ED report

#### Governance Report (Madden, Skerritt-Davis, Penick)

- Governance toolkit overview - a framework for councilors to use to be more present and raise the visibility of MSAC
- Review Councilor Reporting Form
- Mentoring program - foster significant relationships among fellow council members which contribute to councilor impact

#### Maryland Citizens for the Arts Update (Nicholas Cohen)

- Shared legislative updates and how councilors can advocate for legislature geared toward MSAC
- Preparing for Maryland Arts Day in June

#### Program Policy and Evaluation Committee Report (Morhaim)



### Creativity Grants

- Applicant eligibility - limiting resubmission of applications for the same project; project eligibility - limiting applications from collaborative groups to one per project; applications scoring - sending all applications to a panel for review (no staff scoring)
- Clarification not for vote: eligible expenses - clarifying that business expenses are not eligible

Chris made a motion to approve the recommendations for Secretary approval, Timothy seconded, all in favor motion approved.

### Touring Grant

- Matching requirement - remove match permanently
- Clarification not for vote: use of funds - clarifying types of programs or events eligible to increase artist employment opportunities

John made a motion to approve the recommendation for Secretary's approval, seconded by Chris, and the motion was approved.

### County Arts Development

- Matching requirement - remove match permanently

Julie made a motion to approve the recommendation for Secretary's approval, seconded by Shelley, and the motion was approved.

### Nominating Committee Election (Penick)

- Reviewed MSAC by-laws
- Current members of nominating committee: Carole Alexander, Shelley Morhaim, and Zoe Charlton
- Nominated member: Julie Madden
- Nominating committee's tentative timeline shared

Lily made a motion to approve the slate of nominees for full council approval, and Chris seconded, all in favor. Motion approved.

### Equity & Justice Sharing (Madden)

- Councilors shared about current training and webinars

### New Business

- Thank you from Jackie to Carole and the Sunshine Fund

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.