



Maryland State Arts Council Program Policy Evaluation Committee

MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2022

It shall be the duty of the Program Policy Evaluation Committee to review and assess, as necessary, on-going programs maintained by the Council; to study new program initiatives for Council consideration; to direct the Council's on-going planning process with respect to policies, programs, and Council operations; to make recommendations for Council action on these matters when appropriate; and to undertake such other duties as the Council may from time to time direct. The committee shall consist of no fewer than three members

In attendance: Jackie Copeland, Julie Madden, Shelley Morhaim, Chris Sloan, Jack Rasmussen, Molline Jackson, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Laura Weiss, Emily Sollenberger, Chad Buterbaugh, Keyonna Penick

Shelley Morhaim called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm.

Jackie Copeland made a motion to to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2022 and June 23, 2022 meetings. Julie Madden seconded. All were in favour. The motion passed.

Cherry Adler Award (Weiss & Sollenberger)

- Cherry (Charlotte) Adler was an esteemed member of the Maryland State Arts Council and its chairperson for two years. She was also the founder and Executive Director of Library Theatre. Cherry passed away in 1998 while a MSAC board member.
- Following her passing in 1998, donations were used to create the Cherry Adler Award, which would be presented to a children's theatre organization (privately funded); currently \$3,000 awarded every 3 years. Her family continue to donate.
- Selection process has varied over the years; last iteration ties had Children's Events GFO panel decide; No longer have a "Children's Events" discipline
- "Theatre" will be in an On Year for the FY24 GFO cycle
- GFO process and scoring to determine who will be awarded the additional funding



- Added to the FY24 GFO Guidelines: *“For FY24, Children's Theater organizations in the Theater category will be considered for the Cherry Adler Award, a monetary award given every three years in honor of a former MSAC councilor and funded through private donations. Additional information about the award will be shared with eligible organizations ahead of panel review of GFO applications.”*

Grants for Artists Funding (Buterbaugh)

- Original proposal \$12K. Proposed policy \$6K after department input.
- twice as many grants can be awarded.

Julie made a motion approve the proposed policy of \$6K. Chris and jackie seconded. All in favor.

Adjourned approximately 1:17 pm.