



MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 17 August 2021, Online

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kjel Alkire, Diane Crane, Laura Helle, Lee Gundersheimer, Levi Livingood, Kara Maloney, Elisha Marin, Jon Swanson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Drew Medin

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Pearson, Karen Miller

9:03am Ms. Helle, Board President, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Crane seconded approval of this meeting's agenda, as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded approval of the minutes from the 18 May 2021 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report for Year End FY 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Alkire seconded creating a \$5,000 pandemic relief grant for organizations, restricted to overhead such as staffing and utilities. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

- Ms. Helle reported that in July, board representatives from each RAC attended an MSAB virtual meeting.
- Legacy Amendment
- Ms. Helle advocated more diversity on the state level.

Executive Director's Report

- Welcome to the new executive committee (see agenda item under old business).
- The legislature decided to release the FY2021 hold back dollars to the regional arts councils. SEMAC received \$121,362 in July.

- The applicant for the vacant board position in Rice County may be a better fit for the review panel. Ms. Pearson continues to recruit for the open board positions.
- MSAB awarded several grants to individuals and arts organizations in our region, impacting the amount awarded this year, as many chose not to apply to SEMAC.
 - Creative Support for Individuals funded 53 SEMAC artists for a total of \$211,300.
 - Creative Support for Arts Organizations funded 39 organizations in our region for a total of \$542,288.
 - MSAB Cares Act funded 9 organizations for \$50,000 and Operating Support to 17 organizations in the region.
- The savings account balance includes funds from the FY20 Legacy carry forward. These funds must be spent by June 30, 2022.
- Pandemic relief grants to individuals continue to be funded with carry forward dollars from FY2020 legacy fund. Contract was amended to allow this usage.

Old Business

- Nominal Stipends for Directors
 - **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to institute stipends of \$50 per meeting attended plus mileage for in-person meetings, effective November 1, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to increase stipends for panelists to \$50 per meeting attended plus mileage for in-person meetings, effective immediately. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.**
- Board Officers

Due to cancellation of the June meeting, an email nomination and voting process was held for FY2022 Board Officers. The results were as follows.

 - **Ms. Helle to serve as Board President for FY2022. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Ms. Maloney to serve as Board Vice President for FY2022. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Mr. Medin to continue as Board Treasurer and Check Signatory for FY2022. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded appointing Levi Livingood as Board Reviewer (of General Operating Support Applications) for FY2022. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

- Review of General Operating Support Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble	Goodhue	\$5,000	
Matchbox Children's Theatre	Mower	\$5,000	
Rochester Chamber Music Society	Olmsted	\$5,000	
Rochester Male Chorus	Olmsted	\$5,000	
Owatonna Arts Council	Steele	\$5,000	
Winona Symphony Orchestra	Winona	\$5,000	Gundersheimer

- **Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Marin seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Matchbox Children’s Theatre. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Rochester Chamber Music Society. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Alkire moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Rochester Male Chorus. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Owatonna Arts Council. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 per year for FY2022 and FY2023 to Winona Symphony Orchestra. Motion passed with one abstention.**

- **Approval of Individual Artist Grants**

<u>Score</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recused</u>
27.25	Gina Favano	Winona	\$5,000	Gundersheimer
27.25	Matthew Wehling	Rice	\$5,000	
27.13	Kathleen Covalt	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.88	Robert Gardner	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.75	Matthew Wagner	Winona	\$3,000	Gundersheimer
26.29	Karl Unnasch	Fillmore	\$5,000	
26.25	Chris Allen	Olmsted	\$5,000	
26.00	John Wells	Goodhue	\$5,000	
25.63	Anna Loney	Fillmore	\$5,000	Maloney
24.88	Melissa Egger	Olmsted	\$3,000	
24.67	Geralyn Thelen	Rice	\$5,000	
22.57	Scott Roberts	Rice	\$5,000	
22.38	Michael Terrill	Olmsted	\$5,000	
22.25	Teaki Garcia	Olmsted	\$3,000	
18.25	Scott Leddy	Winona	\$3,000	Gundersheimer
17.00	Sylvia Hernandez Rodriguez	Mower	\$3,000	Helle

- **Ms. Crane moved and Mr. Swanson seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Gina Favano. Motion passed with one abstention.**
- **Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Matthew Wehling. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Kathleen Covalt. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Robert Gardner. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Matthew Wagner. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Helle seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Karl Unnasch. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Chris Allen. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to John Wells. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Helle seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Anna Loney. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Maloney moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Melissa Egglar. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to GERALYN Thelen. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Scott Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Ms. Maloney seconded the motion to award \$5,000 to Michael Terrill. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Alkire moved and Mr. Gundersheimer seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Teaki Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Livingood moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Scott Leddy. Motion passed with one abstention.
- Mr. Gundersheimer moved and Mr. Alkire seconded the motion to award \$3,000 to Sylvia Hernandez-Rodriguez. Motion passed with one abstention.

For the July grant round SEMAC awarded grants to 22 applicants representing seven counties for a total of \$70,000 in funding. This includes six General Operating Support grants for \$30,000, five Emerging Artist grants for \$15,000, and eleven Advancing Artist grants for \$55,000.

County	Grants	Total Awarded
Dodge	0	0
Fillmore	2	\$10,000
Freeborn	0	0
Goodhue	2	\$10,000
Houston	0	0
Mower	2	\$8,000
Olmsted	8	\$36,000
Rice	3	\$15,000
Steele	1	\$5,000
Wabasha	0	0
Winona	4	\$16,000
	22	\$100,000

Mr. Marin moved and Mr. Livingood seconded the motion to adjourn.

The Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 10:23am.