



# Maryland State Arts Council Governance Committee

MEETING MINUTES  
October 24, 2022  
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The Governance Committee shall enhance the engagement and participation of Council members, and to ensure the effective operation of the lay leadership structure.

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In attendance: Bonnie Fogel, Jackie Copeland, Julie Madden, Sumita Kim, Timothy App, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Laura Weiss, Keyonna Penick

Julie called the meeting to order at approximately 1:07pm.

Jackie made a motion to approve February 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Timothy seconded. Sumita abstained. All approved. The minutes were approved.

## Review Councilor Roles and Responsibilities (Skerritt-Davis)

- Attend at least 50% of full council meetings - only requirement by law
- Attend and actively engage in full Council meetings, retreats, and committee meetings, ensuring that MSAC's approaches to supporting all art forms and all regions of the State remain thoughtful and targeted (*Provide Support, Build Capacity*)
- Observe MSAC panelist orientations and grant panel meetings, providing feedback to staff about policy and procedure as necessary and/or requested (*Provide Support, Build Capacity*)
- Represent the Council, supporting and advocating for its work publicly and privately (*Leverage Connections, Bolster Maryland Arts*)
  - Attend exhibits, performances, and events of grantee organizations
  - Become an active member/participant of your county arts agency and/or attend your county arts agency's meetings and events
  - Become a member of a professional organization (Maryland Citizens for the Arts, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, etc.)
- Represent your county/region at Maryland Arts Day (*Bolster Maryland Arts*)
- Encourage artists and organizations to connect with and apply to MSAC



*(Increase Participation)*

- Engage in personal equity and justice work
- Explore a personal creative practice

Accountability Measures

- Collect councilor engagement through monthly survey
- Create grid that records various ways of engagement based on roles and responsibilities
- Review of the grid by the ED and Chair to guide conversations with councilors exhibiting low engagement
- Complete and submit activity form for events attended
- Reminders during every council meeting of the value and importance of councilors presence being felt in the community
- Provide councilors with talking points for that include motivating and encouraging language

Councilors questioned whether joining certain arts organizations could lead to conflicts of interest. Councilors also expressed concerns about fees associated with membership. The executive director agreed to clarify with the Attorney General.

Councilor Engagement Ideas

- Regional council meetings
  - June meeting, in person

Staff/Council retreat

- Day long retreat, bringing people together
- Organize Fall 2023 retreat around strategic planning presentation.

Ideas:

- Entertainment - grantee (dance company, string quartet, etc.)
- Free flow of ideas/feedback, good for getting to know each other

New Councilor Mentorship (Madden)

Bonnie has found it invaluable and says it absolutely works. Councilors suggested reaching out to newest council members to gauge interest in the mentorship program.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:02 pm.