



# MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

## March 13, 2019 (Approved 061319)

Glen Echo Park | 7300 MacArthur Blvd | Glen Echo, MD

The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), held its meeting on March 13, 2019, at Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo, Maryland. Council Chair, Jack Rasmussen called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Timothy App, Carole Alexander, Lily Bengfort, Barbara Bershon, Carla Du Pree, Joan Lyon, Julie Madden, Shelley Morhaim, Jack Rasmussen,

**Absent:** Zoe Charlton, Jackie Copeland, Anthony Cornwell, Senator Richard Madaleno, BG Muhn, Gary Vikan, Anne West, Delegate Alonzo Washington

The Council and staff participated in strategic planning exercises and discussion facilitated by Lynette Turner and Michele Walter of AMS Consultants.

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

### Approval of Minutes

The January 2019 meeting minutes were approved with corrections noted:

- Correction needed on Senator Richard Madaleno and Delegate Alonzo Washington name listing

### Welcome from the Chair

- Thank you to Glen Echo for hosting us today
- We are excited about all the new activity and initiatives
- It was a great experience to interact with CAAM today
- We would like to create the opportunity to participate with CAAM more often
- Special thanks to the staff for their continued hard work and dedication

### Event Outreach Report

- The Council shared their event attendance and experiences
- The public is always excited to see MSAC at events
- Please make sure to let staff know that you are representing MSAC, when attending events
- Jack thanked everyone for the great amount of attendance and participation



### **s & Terms**

led an overview of current Council committee assignments and Councilor terms  
are interested in a particular committee, please let us know  
no time to start thinking about the Nominating Committee

- ✓ Please let Jack know if you wish to serve
- ✓ The Nominating Committee meets in April
- ✓ We are required to present a Slate of Officers at the Annual meeting in June
- Shelley Morhaim and Gary Vikan will be rotating off of the Council this year
- We are still awaiting replacement for Senator Madaleno's seat
- Sumita Kim (Montgomery Co) and Benny Russell (Hartford Co) will be joining the Council effective July 1

### **Financial Report**

- A budget overview was provided to the Council
  - The budget was approved as presented

### **Year End Funding Recommendations**

- The year-end recommendations were approved with the following exception:
  - The Council would like to see an expense outline for the Poet Laureate funding before approving

### **Maryland Citizens for the Arts Update**

- Nicholas Cohen provided an update to the Council
- Thank you all for attending Maryland Arts Day
  - This was our largest attended Arts Day, thus far
  - The plan is for it to grow larger every year
- Session has been going very well
  - There is still work to be done
  - It is important to stay engaged with your lawmakers
  - This year looks good
  - Revenue projections are a little less than anticipated, but we should still do okay
- Capital Arts Grants Bill
  - \$12 million per year for five years for all MSAC GFO recipients
  - We will see if the bill gets approval
- The June Summit is quickly approaching
  - We have received over 200 proposals
  - MCA is hard at work to get scholarships for independent artists
  - Scholarships will cover conference registration along with offer a small stipend
  - UMBC has offered to assist with campus housing
- Thank you all for your continued efforts on behalf of the Arts in Maryland
- Jack made a special thanks to Nicholas and MCA for all of their hard work

### **Executive Director Report**

- BSO & BWI Update
  - Ken has met with Peter (BSO) in regards to the new bill
  - The BSO has a board meeting today at 4pm
  - The meeting will determine how they proceed, if the bill passes or not passes
  - The musicians would like for the BSO to continue operation as they have been



oes not take a stance on organizational bills, but have been in the background  
ing the process

w bill may or may not impact MSAC funding

are currently a lot of plays on money

- There are no guarantees, and we just wont know until April 8
- The BSO musicians have stated that there has been a cut in funding since 2008
- Ken & Steven met with the BWI committee to discuss a possible Made in Maryland store
  - There has been a three phase concept to implementation:
    - ✓ Phase 1            Holiday marketplace
    - ✓ Phase 2            MSAC curated monthly marketplace
    - ✓ Phase 3            Permanent store front
  - The First Lady is very excited about this initiative
- Council Panel Participation
  - Lily suggested changing language regarding privilege
  - We will review again before it is released next year
  - We will edit the language on the next go round
- Facility Update
  - The process is moving along, however the selected site is not public information
  - We will keep everyone posted and will be able to share more details in the near future
- Staffing Update
  - Currently we have six positons in recruitment
  - We are working with Commerce to get the positions filled as quickly as possible
- Policy Update
  - The presented updates were previously submitted and approved by the Executive/PP&E Committees, under the condition that there is adequate staffing and funding available
  - We will schedule an in person meeting for further discussion regarding all concerns brought to the table today
  - The policy review meeting will be open and posted for all those outside of MSAC who wish to attend

### **Business Adjourned**

- The next meeting will be held on June 12, 2019