Minutes
Missouri Alliance for Arts Education
State Board Meeting
Governor's Office Building, Jefferson City, Missouri
Thursday, June 13, 2013
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The Chair, Jeff Sandquist, called the meeting to order. He announced the executive board's recommendation that Ben Martin become the new Executive Director of the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education. Pam Schnake made a motion to accept the executive board's recommendation that Ben Martin become the new Executive Director of the MAAE. Connie Shoemaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Alice Bloch made a motion to accept the executive board's recommendation that Kyna Iman be retained as the governmental consultant for the 2014 legislative year and be paid $4,000. Connie Shoemaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Melsha presented the treasurer's report. Connie Shoemaker made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Vicki Bean seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Organization Reports

Orff/Kodaly Michael Dove reported that he met with several Orff & Kodaly chapter presidents at the Missouri Music Educators Association’s annual conference at the Tan Tar A resort in January.

MAC Michael Donovan reported that the MAC budget is as good or better than last year. They will be conducting workshops in Springfield and St. Louis.

MCDA Ben reported that MCDA representative, Brian Reeves (not present), is at the MO Arts Academy in Springfield today with over 100 excited students. This is slightly down from previous years.

MOAJE Jeff Melsha reported that MAAE Chair Jeff Sandquist met with the jazz educators at the MMEA conference and that the All-State Band Director made very public advocacy statement during the concert.

MOTHERSFiants Ben Martin reported a huge growth in theater festival participants this year.
STAM Pam Schnake reported their conference is in September and Executive Director Ben Martin will be there to speak and represent MAAE

MAEA Connie Shoemaker - Executive Director Ben Martin also spoke at their conference and was positively perceived.

MDO Alice Bloch reported they will be providing a common core workshop with help from MAC.

Show-Me Arts Group Khalil Odums reported that the SMART students met at FAED in May and are wanting to get as many schools to start chapters as possible. There were 4 schools represented at the conference this year. Mitchell Brady reported on the FAED at the Capitol. He said the SMART students were put at different tables and enjoyed being treated as delegates advocating for the arts.

Reports on Meetings Attended by Representatives of MAAE

501c3 Workshop Connie Shoemaker reported that we are encouraged to file as a 501c3"h". The rules for 501c3h are clear when it comes to financing advocacy. Kyna Iman said that there are no rules against “educating” legislators about the importance of arts education. "Lobbying” is when you ask members to call legislators and vote on a particular bill.

Kennedy Center Meeting Ben Martin and Jeff Sandquist reported that the workshops were very good, with excellent speakers.

SBOE Report - Ben Martin
-MSIP5 keeps the requirement in the wording but does not require the districts to meet them in order to be accredited.
-Student performance will be part of teacher evaluations but it will be relevant to the content area not math and com-arts testing.
-The next meeting will be about setting PreK requirements.

Francis Family Foundation Ben Martin reported that the Francis Family Foundation is interested in continuing to fund us. They would like for us to learn through the funding process. Therefore if we do not meet all of their assessments it is ok as long as we can talk about what we are learning.

Educator Quality Professional Association Focus Group – Students must show growth through the assessment process.

New Business

Advisory Council Report Vicki Bean outlined a possible structure for an Advisory Board (see separate document). There was good discussion on the types of possible board members and their functions. She asked us to write down one or two names of possible members.

Bylaws Update Chair, Jeff Sandquist set up a committee to evaluate and recommend changes to the bylaws. Members include: Pam Schnake, Brian Reeves, Jeff Sandquist
FY 13 Legislative Report  Kyna Iman presented her Missouri legislative summary (see separate document).

2013 Artscards  Connie Shoemaker handed out examples of the 2013 new art cards.

Capitol Art Hall  Shoemaker reported that Executive Director Ben Martin will be signing the contract to get the art work hung in the Representative and Senate halls leading to the Capitol garage.  This has been an ongoing project, which now appears to be coming to fruition.

FAED 13 - Discussion on the success of the fine arts education day. There was a problem with too many groups per district. The best case would be to have as many districts represented as possible. Directors must be informed that the students need to stay they entire day and perform in the finale.

ELI (Education Leadership Institute)  There is grant money set aside for this but we are waiting on a plan from ELI before investing.

Professional Development workshops  – Ben Martin reported that there were 30+ in attendance at the Springfield workshop and 40+ at the St. Louis workshop. The response from attendees was very positive. There are plans to add a second and third level. The new levels will still be aimed at the common core.

Kyna Iman asked if we had any connections with the Higher Ed faculty. There was discussion on particular institutions that are currently involved.

Executive Directors Report  – Ben Martin
MAC critiqued us in two areas:

1. Lack of diversity on the board
2. No representative from inner city Kansas City.

They would like to see us address these issues in the next 12 months.

Also, all MAAE board members are encouraged to donate to MAAE. The details are on the website. Foundations look at the board’s personal financial participation when approving grants.

Research Projects  – There are currently no research projects. Please email ideas to Chair Jeff Sandquist

Awards Committee Report  – Jeff Sandquist would like someone to head up the awards. Please contact him.

Capwiz Maintenance Contribution  Pam Schnake made a motion to donate $500.00 to Capwiz. Brian Reeves seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Organizational Support Policy Statement - read by Ben Martin

The board was introduced to Janice Rehof. She is a DESE employee representing Fine Arts, PE and Drivers Education.
**Alliance Mentoring Project** Jeff Sandquist led a short discussion using the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education mentoring system as a model. They have received DOE money for the last 6 years. In this system Arts teachers are paid to mentor teachers in other school districts where there is only one: music teacher, art teacher, etc.

**FY 14 Advocacy Agenda** There was discussion on the changes to the Advocacy Agenda. Out-of-State was changed to Non-Resident. A new statement will be added for changing STEM (science, technology, English, math) to STEAM (science, technology, English, arts, math).

**Make Music Missouri** Jeff Sandquist stated that the first "Make Music Missouri" radio show should be broadcast in July.

**FY 14 Budget** The budget format has been drastically changed (see separate document). It is much easier to read and is more detailed in expenditures by event. Alice Bloch made a motion that we accept the budget. Pam Schnake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

**Upcoming Meetings:**
- Saturday, August 24, 2013
- Saturday, January 11, 2014
- FAED March 12, 2014
- Thursday, June 5, 2014