Minutes
Missouri Alliance for Arts Education
State Board Meeting
Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City, Missouri
Saturday, June 13, 2015
Prepared by Michael Dove, Secretary

Attending: Mikelle Cortez, Bruce Dickerson, Robert Gifford, Cindy Kahn, Jeff Sanquist, Connie Shoemaker, Denis Swope, Robert Cortez, Julie Hale, Daniel Hellman, Kyna Iman, Ron Jennings, Ben Martin Tom Tobias, Michael Dove, Christy Elsea, Ed Elsea, Clayton Noltkemper, Ann rotrey, Tina Hyde, Ah'Lee Robinson; SMArts student representatives - Nicolas Cortez, Ryan Cortez

Initial Actions
Jeff Sandquist, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He welcomed and introduced the Board and Guests. Updated Board Roster: Please send any ROSTER updates to Jeff Sandquist jsndqst@fidnet.com

The Past
The Minutes of the January 17, 2015 Board Meeting were approved February 25, 2015.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 4/19/15 $68,375.62
Treasurer, Bruce Dickerson, introduced a new budget report format. There was minimal discussion. Connie Shoemaker made the motion to accept the budget as printed. Christy Elsea seconded. There was unanimous approval.

Conflict of Interest Statement: recommendation from Executive Committee
There was discussion over the purpose of the document and current statement in the MAAE Bylaws Bruce Dickerson made the motion to accept the Conflict of Interest Statement. Mikelle Cortez seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

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Organization Reports

Voting Member Organizations
MBA – Denise Swope - Their convention will be June 21-24.

MCDA – Christy Elsea - Their convention will be in July.

MOTHespian – Mikelle Cortez – Their international conference will be in Lincoln, Nebraska, June 21-28.

MAEA – Tina Hyde – reported that they had a great conference in April. They are currently planning for the fall conference.

MDO – Cindy Khan -They will have their workshop June 27th.

Ex-Officio
DESE – Tom Tobias – DESE will be offering Professional Development in the Arts on July 13, 2015; October 15, 2015; January 14, 2016; and March 16, 2016. Topics include: Relating arts instruction to the MO Learning Standards; Anchor standards, enduring understandings, big ideas; Integrating Arts across all subject areas. They will be working with administrators on how to evaluation arts teachers and working on a Model Arts Curriculum for the website.

MAC – Julie Hale - the board meets next week to approve grants. There will be a reduction in grants. Most of the money is spent. They are looking for theater and dance panelist to help approve grant requests. They can be read online and then a conference call for the approvals. It would improve grant writing skills.

Collaborative – Julie Hale - The agenda is still being set. The Fine Arts Coordinators from the big school districts have been attending. The NEA Impact Grant (available twice a year) - Missouri has not applied. MAC is still looking for a fundable area.

SCMTE – Daniel Hellman - The twelve week student teaching requirement is still in effect. Some higher education institutions are going to one year student teaching.

Executive Directors Report – Ben Martin – provided a detailed 8 page report on the Executive Director’s work plan for Fiscal Year 2015. The evaluation of the Executive Director will be postponed until the August Board meeting.
Current Issues

**Research Report** – Dr. Scheuler displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the research report.

Results: The data are restricted to the district level not the student level.

- Did not find evidence that the level of arts education is declining in Missouri.
- The higher the participation in the Arts, the higher the Math and ELA scores. The scores were controlled for free/reduced lunch.
- The higher the participation in the Arts, the higher the attendance rates. The scores were controlled for free/reduced lunch.
- There is no longer a significant difference with disciplinary rates. The main change was an increase in the middle group.
- There is no disparity in access to arts education between high and low poverty districts.
- However, the higher the percentage of African American students in the district, the lower the level of arts education in 2011 but not a difference in 2013.

**Legislative Report** - Kyna Iman

Review the results of FY 2015 Advocacy Agenda—A good year.

- $750,000 put back into arts academies.
- $4.8 Million for MAC - will request $8 Million next year.
- $84 Million for K-12

**State Board of Education Presentation** (Tues. June 16, 9:00 a.m.) – Jeff Sandquist displayed the PowerPoint presentation that will be given to the State Board of Education next week. Discussion occurred on emphasizing the amount of time state testing takes away from teaching and making music a core subject.

**Arts Integration - Education and Current Issues** - Jeff Sandquist mentioned that a group called Arts Feeds (Joplin area) is calling itself arts integration. They are not art specialists or well trained and are not really doing integration. They are really doing art therapy to deal with emotions, etc. Now they are trying to get into the schools. This is creating a problem with the art teachers including redirecting resources. In response, MAAE is creating a committee for Arts Integration. Bob Gifford will serve as chair.

**Advisory Council** – Bob Gifford made a motion to add: James Melton (Coordinator of FA, Columbia), Rebecca Moppin (Principal McMillan Elementary, Mexico), Dr. Larry N. Peeno (Former DESE Fine Arts Coordinator) to the Advisory Council. Denis Swope seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
**Capitol Art Project** - Clayton Noltkemper is the new person in charge. He will start in August to collect the art projects. It has been difficult to get all of the senate districts to participate. He talked about collecting art for the house districts and rotating part of them quarterly. There was discussion about were the art works would be displayed. A written proposal will be presented in the August meeting.

**The Future**

**FAED 15 Evaluation and Planning for FAED 16** – discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Show-Me Arts (March 22)** – Robert Cortez reported that the summit is continuing to grow. The space here at the Capitol will soon be too small. The agenda for the meeting may have been too big. They ran out of time to cover everything in proper depth. He identified a need for more diversity of school districts.

**FY 16 Missouri Arts Educator Mentoring Program** - Jeff Sandquist projected a PowerPoint presentation detailing the program. We are asking the individual arts organizations to identify one person to be the mentoring coordinator.

**Make Music Missouri** – Jeff Sandquist - The goal is to have eight shows ready by the end of June. The shows are 59 minutes long. It takes 2.5 hours to put together. The Francis Family Foundation is currently sponsoring the series. Jeff would like to get another sponsor to help compensate the radio stations for the air time.

**FY 16 E.D. March 23**

**FY 16 Professional Development Workshops** – Jeff Sandquist proposed that we hire someone to coordinate and run the professional development workshops. The Francis Family Foundation may be willing to pay part of the salary. Christy Elsea made a motion to develop a job description for a professional development coordinator and begin the process for hiring. This will be voted on in August. Seconded Mikelle Cortez. The vote was unanimous.

**FY 16 Goals** - Ben reviewed the goals and explained that the last section was deleted because the proposed state constitutional amendment did not pass.

**FY 16 Budget** - We are waiting on the MAC grant to finalize the budget.

Special note: The MAC is writing its next strategic plan. They are asking for input on arts education. They may send an email inviting you to a conference call.
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Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Schedule:  
August 29, 2015  
January 16, 2016  
June 4, 2016