

MONTANA PERFORMING *ARTS* **consortium**

MPAC Fall Board Meeting
October 15, 2023
Dark Horse Hall, Great Falls, MT

Present: President Tom Webster, Vice-President Jill Wagner, Treasurer Connie Jenkins, Secretary Misty Annala, Executive Director Emily Wolfram, Board Member Jim Peaco, Board Member Hannah Hudgins, Newly Elected Artist Representative Rob Kohler

Tom Webster called the meeting to order 11:30 a.m.

- Minutes of the summer board meeting and Sept 11 board meeting submitted by secretary, Misty Annala
 - Hannah moved to approve the minutes. Jill seconded; motion carried.
- Emily presented financial reports from the conference and current fiscal year.
 - MPAC received a \$4,000 Tour West discretionary funds grant from WESTAF
 - Emily noted that conference bar service from Mighty Mo was too expensive.
 - Jill moved to accept the financial reports, Connie seconded, motion carried.
- Elections
 - Jim Peaco was re-elected to a 3-year board term by member vote.
 - Rob Kohler was elected to a 1-year artist representative term by artist vote.
 - John Zirkle has expressed a need to vacate his position. The nominating committee will contact John and reach out to Gary Fjelstad from Kootenai Heritage Council to fill the vacated spot through the rest of the term (2026). The board will vote on the change at the summer board meeting, or earlier by Zoom meeting if possible.
- Presenter Development Grant
 - Misty reported that some of the presenters had requested a simpler application process for the MPAC presenter development grant. The board asked Emily to revisit the application, ensuring that she gets the information she needs, but streamlining as much as possible for the presenters. Jill also pointed out that we may need to consider allowing presenters to apply if their artist fee budget exceeds the cutoff, but they can justify that their budget is spread over several small communities.

- Conference Report
 - Tom presented the artist report.
 - There was a consensus that they would prefer that the conference stay in Great Falls.
 - They pointed out that load-in information could have been clearer.
 - Having tech information from all the venues would be very helpful.
 - Conference Evaluations
 - Emily will report this information at the summer board meeting.
 - Silent Auction Results
 - Jill reported that the silent auction raised \$710.
 - 2024 Conference Plans
 - Date: October 11-13, 2024
 - Location: Great Falls, Mansfield Center
 - Emily reported that she will plan to utilize some offerings next year from the Great Falls Visitors Bureau.
 - Thank You cards – Emily asked board members to sign thank you cards for each of the conference sponsors.
- Summer Board Retreat
 - Dates were tentatively set for June 7-8.
 - Location was tentatively set for Helena.
 - Connect with Montana Arts Council
 - Explore venues and arts organizations in Helena.
- By-Laws
 - Board members will need to look at feedback that Emily has gathered to our proposed changes. Those will need to be read and studied before the summer board meeting. Emily will send reminders now and once again before the meeting.
- Montana Nonprofit Association
 - Emily reported that the MNA Conference Sessions will be available for viewing through the end of the year. This will help us meet our board development goals. They are available on the WHOVA app or online. Misty will forward the information to other board members.
- FLSA Laws
 - We discussed bringing Emily’s salary into compliance with the current laws.
 - The board asked Emily to prepare a salary proposal that we can vote on by the summer board meeting.
- Conference Bonus
 - Jill moved to approve a \$1,000 bonus for Emily for completing a successful conference. Rob seconded; motion carried.
- Rob moved to adjourn the meeting, Hannah seconded; motion carried.