

# MONTANA PERFORMING *Arts* **Consortium**

MPAC Winter Board Meeting  
January 29, 2023  
Grand Union, Fort Benton, MT

Present: President – Tom Webster, Vice-President – Jill Wagner, Treasurer – Connie Jenkins, Secretary – Misty Annala, Artist Rep – Alyssa Roggow, Executive Director – Emily Wolfram, guest – Hannah Hudgins

Tom Webster called the meeting to order 12:00 p.m.

- Minutes of last meeting submitted by secretary, Misty Annala
  - Jill moved to approve the minutes. Connie seconded; motion carried.
- Emily presented a financial report
  - Emily noted that we have received our SSO grant funding, so she will be able to move forward with issuing presenter development checks.
  - A separate conference budget was presented and discussed
    - We agreed to an Administrative Assistant fee of \$15/hour for future conferences
    - We discussed procedure for dealing with late cancelations and clarified cutoff dates for refunds.
- Elections
  - We clarified that officers will be elected at the summer board meeting.
  - Jill moved to approve John Zirkle and Connie Jenkins for an additional 3-year board term. Alyssa seconded; motion carried
  - Tom moved to nominate Hannah Hudgins (managing director of the Mother Lode Theatre, Butte MT) to the board of directors. Misty seconded; motion carried.
- Alyssa presented an artist's report
  - A new representative was selected at the artist meeting:
    - Nick Spear, Whitefish MT, 858-336-7946, [nickspear14@gmail.com](mailto:nickspear14@gmail.com)
  - Canadian artist expressed a need for clarification of funding differences.

- Friday schedule needs to be tweaked for artists. We discussed having a roll call of the presenters. The artist meeting could be moved to the beginning of the conference.
- Artists were generally open to the proposed date change for the conference.
- We discussed the idea of having larger budget presenters lead the block during the booking process to facilitate covering the costs of getting artists to the area.
- Jill reported on the Silent Auction results. The auction raised \$660.
- By-laws: We discussed reviewing and updating the by-laws
  - Emily will send information to board members, and we will work on updating the documents at the summer board meeting.
  - Tom will appoint 3 people to a nominating committee at the summer board meeting.
- Conference Date Change: The survey results from the conference showed that most presenters and artists were in favor of having the conference moved to the fall.
  - Connie moved that we set the dates for October 13-15, 2023, in Great Falls for the next conference. Hannah seconded; motion carried.
  - We discussed two locations: University of Providence and the Mansfield Center. We will plan to use the Mansfield Center.
- I Want to Showcase Application Partnership
  - Emily submitted a request to sign up for this service to increase our access to artists and simplify the artist application process for showcasing.
  - Tom made a motion to approve the subscription. Alyssa seconded; motion carried.
- Summer Board Meeting
  - We selected June 10-11, 2023, as the date for our summer board retreat.
  - Emily will investigate having the retreat at the Ranches at Belt Creek, at the invitation of MPAC members Jim and Amy Olson of Belt Theatre.
- Conference Stipend
  - Tom made a motion to pay Emily a \$500 stipend for completing a successful conference. Jill seconded; motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm

Minutes submitted by Misty Annala, secretary