



Chairs & Council Members Peer Session

November 1, 2018
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Introductions**
Moderators: Barbara Bershon, Maryland State Arts Council;
Shelley Cole Morhaim, Maryland State Arts Council
- 3:30 – 3:40 p.m. Welcome from Mary Anne Carter, Acting Chair, National Endowment for the Arts**
Moderator: Ben Brown, Chairman, NASAA
- 3:40 – 4:00 p.m. Federal Advocacy Update and Q&A**
Join NASAA's lobbyist for an update on the latest happenings in Congress as we head into the 2018 elections.
Moderator: Isaac Brown, NASAA Legislative Counsel
- 4:00 – 4:40 p.m. Roundtable Discussions**
- Rural Economic Development:** How can our agencies help rural communities harness the arts and cultural sector to support economic development?
- Arts and Entertainment Districts:** What is the impact of arts and entertainment districts on our communities? Is it different working with cultural districts in urban versus rural areas?
- Arts and Health:** Many health issues affect American communities, including the opioid crisis, aging related matters, care for our veterans and mental health disorders. What role can our agencies play in helping to address health and wellness related concerns that affect our communities?

Arts and Social Justice: Some issues that need Americans' attention can be challenging, or even divisive, for our communities to understand and discuss. What is the role of the arts—and of our agencies—in bringing awareness to problems such as immigration, juvenile justice, or the unequal rates of incarceration of people of color?

Statewide Arts Advocacy Groups: Is your advocacy group outstanding? On the fritz? In hibernation? Join this discussion of the challenges and opportunities facing our agencies as we work with advocacy groups in our states.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Too often, the individuals and organizations applying to our agencies for support don't fully reflect the diverse demographics of our states. What are state arts agencies doing to diversify our applicant pools? What more can we be doing?

Arts Preparedness/Crisis Readiness: It can be challenging to prepare for crises that haven't happened yet, but efforts we put into preparing our organizations for unexpected problems contribute to our long-term sustainability. Join Susie Surkamer from South Arts for a conversation about readiness for arts organizations.

"Wild Card" Table TBD

4:40 – 4:55 p.m. Roundtable Report Outs: Highlights and Helpful Takeaways

4:55 – 5:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Thanks

Contact the Chair and Council Member Peer Session coordinators with questions or feedback:

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