

# Montana Arts Council Committees

*The Council Chair is an ex-officio member of all committees and makes Committee appointments. Committee appointments are reviewed annually at the June meeting.*

## **Executive Committee**

*Staffed by Krys Holmes*

The Executive Committee is set in MCA 22-2-104 and includes the Chair, the Vice-Chair (both named by the Governor), and three additional Council members. The Executive Committee provides oversight of finances and operations. The Committee meets four times per year, and as needed.

Members: Steve Zabel, *Chair*  
Jay Pyette, *Vice-Chair*  
Sarah Calhoun  
Sean Chandler  
Corky Clairmont

## **Strategic Investment Grant Committee**

*Staffed by Brian Moody*

The Strategic Investment Grants Committee (SIG) provides oversight of the SIG grant program. Duties include reviewing applications submitted, developing funding decisions, and guiding program revisions. The Committee meets monthly by conference call to review fewer than ten applications, generally within an hour. Additional calls are scheduled as needed.

Members: Jay Pyette, *Chair*  
Angella Ahn  
Wylie Gustafson  
Julie Mac  
Cat McIntyre  
Bridger Pierce

## **Arts Education Committee**

*Staffed by Monica Grable*

The Arts Education Committee provides guidance in program development, participates in the review process, reaches out to educational entities, and represents MAC at education events. This Committee meets as needed, generally four times per year.

Members: Angella Ahn, *Chair*  
Sean Chandler  
Corky Clairmont  
Linda Netschert  
Bridger Pierce

*\* Indicates appointment term has ended. Members may continue to stay engaged with the committees work as needed.*

## **Governor's Arts Awards**

*Staffed by Kristin Han Burgoyne*

The Governor's Arts Award (GAA) Committee provides oversight to selecting and recognizing GAA honorees. The Committee generally meets up to six times to advise on the process and develop the slate of recommendations presented to the Council. Honorees are announced in even-numbered years.

Members: Wylie Gustafson, *Chair*  
Sarah Calhoun  
Julie Mac  
John Moore  
Troy Collins

## **Poet Laureate**

*Staffed by Eric Heidle*

The Poet Laureate Committee provides oversight in identifying recommendations to the Governor in compliance with MCA 2-15-242. The Committee generally meets up to six times to advise on the process and develop the slate of recommendations for the Council to authorize. The Governor announces the Poet Laureate in August of odd-numbered years.

Members: Sean Chandler, *Chair*  
Sarah Calhoun  
Bridger Pierce  
Angela Russell  
Linda Netschert

## **Folk and Traditional Arts Committee**

*Staffed by Brian Moody*

The Folk and Traditional Arts committee promotes and advocates for Montana's folk and traditional arts traditions. The committee generally meets up to four times a year and currently oversees the Montana Circle of American Masters (MCAM) and Master-Apprenticeship program.

Members: Corky Clairmont, *Chair*  
Sarah Calhoun  
Sean Chandler  
Julie Mac  
Jay Pyette  
Angela Russell

## **Funding Task Force**

*Staffed by Krys Holmes*

The funding task force was created in December 2024 to identify and obtain private funding opportunities for Arts Council programs.

Members: Cat McIntyre  
Bridger Pierce  
Sarah Calhoun  
Steve Zabel

### **Percent for Art Chair**

*Staffed by Kristin Han Burgoyne*

MAC works in coordination with the Department of Administration to implement the Percent for Art Program, which places artwork in public buildings. The appointed committee chair for each project will run the public meetings, monitor the process, and present the selected artwork to the Council for approval. Meetings take place over a conference call and in person. The number of meetings varies by the project, and service can range from 6 months to over a year.

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

Committee disbanded, FY 2024