

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

OF THE

NEW MEXICO ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ARTS EDUCATION

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Mission: The New Mexico Advisory Council on Arts Education (NMACAE) advises policymakers and promotes best practices and standards of excellence in the New Mexico arts education community at the state and local levels through advocacy, leadership, and research.

Vision: The NMACAE is a consortium of leaders (arts educators, museum educators, arts administrators, and professional artists who represent the Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, and Media Arts) instructing at all educational levels. The vision is to provide expertise about standards of excellence in the field of arts education for the New Mexico Secretary of Education, the Public Education Department (PED), the New Mexico Arts agency, school districts, museums, associations, teacher preparation programs and other arts organizations by advocating for high-quality, comprehensive, balanced and sequential, standards-based arts education programs for all students in New Mexico taught by highly qualified arts teachers.

Core Values:

- We value a quality arts education and believe that it is essential. It promotes global understandings, including diversity and equity, and enables students to more fully communicate their cultural heritages and personal experiences of expression, imagination, and creation.
- We contribute to a professional arts education community with our personal contribution of time and talent through leadership, networking and collaboration; advocacy, partnerships and recognition; research, learning, and resources for the public, stakeholders, and policymakers.
- We support and disseminate contemporary and exemplary best practices in pre-service preparation, ongoing professional development, pedagogy (teaching, content, process, and methodology), and inquiry (research, assessment, and evaluation) in the field of arts education.
- We advocate for ethical and rigorous standards of excellence for high quality, comprehensive, balanced and sequential, standards-based arts learning by qualified arts educators who are certified in their respective content (Dance, Theatre, Music, Visual Art, and Media Arts).
- We value the contributions of non-certified arts specialists and teaching artists to enhance classroom instruction by certified arts educators.

- We are committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in Arts Education. We are actively working towards understanding and implementing DEIA on the council and within our respective communities. Please see posted DEIA statement for more details.

ARTICLE I

This organization is known as the New Mexico Advisory Council on Arts Education.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The New Mexico Advisory Council on Arts Education was established to advise the New Mexico Public Education Department and the New Mexico Secretary of Education in partnership with New Mexico Arts, the state arts agency, in 2001.

Section 2. The purpose of the New Mexico Advisory Council on Arts Education is to advise the Public Education Department, the New Mexico Secretary of Education and New Mexico Arts on matters involving programming, policy, long and short range plans, and standards or criteria for initiating and evaluating arts education programs.

Section 3. The council will promote partnerships among various groups, institutions and organizations capable of assisting local districts in carrying out their responsibility of implementing quality arts education.

Section 4. The council members will, whenever possible, serve in a liaison capacity between their constituents and various aspects of arts education at the national, state, and local level.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The membership of the New Mexico Advisory Council on Arts Education will be appointed by the Council.

Section 2. Appointees will represent:

- A. Teachers, Principals, Superintendents and other public, private, and tribal school employees.
- B. Teachers and administrators from state, tribal, public and private institutions of higher education.
- C. Representatives of professional and community organizations that support and encourage arts education.
- D. Artists from throughout the State of New Mexico interested in arts education.

E. Ex-officio representatives (non-voting) from the New Mexico Public Education Department and New Mexico Arts.

Section 3. The terms of membership will be three years, beginning July 1 and ending on June 30. Council members may serve consecutive terms.

Section 4. To assure continuity within the Council, one-third of the Council's membership will be appointed each year, except for the first year.

Section 5. The Council will accept proxies, if a member has an unavoidable conflict and cannot be in attendance for a meeting. In the event that a committee member does not send a proxy or attend at least half of the scheduled meetings annually, it will be assumed that the member has resigned his/her appointment. The Chair and Chair-elect will make another appointment for the duration of that member's unexpired term.

Section 6. In the event a Council member's appointment is vacated before its expiration, another appointment will be made for the duration of that member's unexpired term.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The officers of the New Mexico Advisory Council on Arts Education will be a Chair and Chair-elect, Secretary, and Past-Chair. (A staff member of the Public Education Department will be appointed to service as the Council's liaison for purposes of communication.)

Section 2. The Chair and Chair-elect will perform the following duties:

- A. Assist in the establishment of an agenda for, convene, and preside over all scheduled Council meetings;
- B. Maintain contact with the Public Education Department;
- C. Monitor and enforce the Guiding Principles of the Council;
- D. Represent the Council at appropriate functions or between meetings; and
- E. Create standing or ad hoc committees according to need.

Section 3. The Chair-elect will serve in the absence of the Chair.

Section 4. The Past-Chair will serve as an advisor to the Chair and Chair-elect.

Section 5. The Chair, Chair-elect, and Past Chair will fulfill the duties of their offices for not more than a two-year consecutive term through the course of appointment to the Council. (A Chair or Chair-elect's term may be extended until a successor has been selected and installed.)

- Section 6. At least one month before the last regularly scheduled spring meeting, the Chair shall appoint a committee of three (3) to nominate one person for the election to the Office of Chair-elect. Nominations may be taken from that floor prior to the formation of a nomination committee. (No nominations will be made without the prior approval of the nominee.)
- Section 7. The Chair-elect will be elected in even numbered years at the last regularly scheduled spring meeting by a majority vote of those present. The Chair-elect will assume the duties of the Chair at the first regularly scheduled fall meeting one year after his/her election.
- Section 8. The Secretary will be responsible for taking role and minutes for each meeting and distributing group correspondence. The Secretary will also keep an updated membership roster of the Council.

ARTICLE V

- Section 1. The Council will meet according to regularly scheduled meetings established at its last regularly scheduled spring meeting. The Council will commit to at least three (3) meetings a year.
- Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Chair and Chair-elect.
- Section 3. A quorum will constitute a majority of the appointed members.

ARTICLE VI

These guidelines may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council membership provided all Council members have the opportunity to review the proposed amendments at least two weeks prior to the regular meeting at which the amendments will be introduced.

ARTICLE VII

The Council shall follow all procedural duties using a manual of parliamentary procedures as guidance in conformity with these guiding principles and any special rules of order the Council may adopt.

ARTICLE VIII

The council shall approve the yearly budget presented by the finance committee at the last regularly scheduled spring meeting by a majority vote of those present. Budget amendments can be made by majority vote by email during the year.