
Manitoba Arts Council

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Mandate:

The Manitoba Arts Council is a governance board that promotes the study, enjoyment, production and performance of works in the arts through grants, scholarships or loans.

Authority:

The Arts Council Act

Responsibilities:

The members oversee the activities of the Council, which are to establish policies, plans, priorities and procedures; to govern its activities in promoting and supporting the arts; to meet regularly to make, approve, or ratify awards to arts groups and individuals; to establish policies and procedures to manage the fiscal and operational affairs of the organization; and to act as advocates on behalf of the Council and of the arts in Manitoba. Each member is required to serve on one committee. Standing committees include: Arts Education; Visual Arts and Writing and Publishing; Performing Arts; Investment; Finance/Audit; and Personnel.

Membership:

The Council consists of 9 appointed members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC). The Chair and Vice-Chair are appointed by the LGIC.

Length of Terms:

Terms of office are fixed by LGIC and continue until a successor is appointed. Three years is the recommended length for a term and members may be reappointed.

Desirable Expertise:

- Education or experience in an arts related field, business administration, public policy, volunteer management, marketing, business development, program development, adult education or human resource management is an asset.
- Senior experience at the Board or management level with a non-profit professional arts or community organization.
- Professional artists (defined as having practiced as an artist for 5 years) cannot be currently affiliated with a particular organization or institution.
- Experience in one of the following functions:
 - Program planning;
 - Program implementation and evaluation; Financial planning;
 - Human resource management;
 - Community relations/communications skills.
- Knowledge of issues and needs in the professional arts.
- Knowledge of management and policy development is an asset.
- Strong service orientation with the ability to participate in a group process and/or serve as committee chairs.
- Members should reflect the community and the Province of Manitoba.
- Gender balance is essential.

Time Commitment:

A schedule of meetings is established prior to each fiscal year.

- 5 Full Council meetings: 4 hours, generally evenings, days vary
- 9 Executive meetings: 3 - 4 hours, generally Monday evenings
- 4 Finance Committee meetings: Meeting days vary.
- 6 Standing Committees meetings: 3 - 4 hours, days vary

Remuneration:

Chair: \$79 per half day; \$138 per full day

Vice-Chair: \$68 per half day; \$119 per full day

Members: \$45 per half day; \$ 79 per full day

All members also receive reasonable travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in the business of the Council while away from their ordinary places of residence.