



SCFD BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLANNING SESSION  
 Thursday, November 20, 2014  
 8:30am  
 Swallow Hill Music Association

**Planning session goals**

- Share a high level review of the Work Group process
- Confirm reauthorization tasks for 2015
- Move forward with the Reauthorization Task Force

*Attendees*

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Board members present- Dan Hopkins (Chair), Kathy Kucsan (Vice Chair), Peggy Lehmann (Secretary), Lynn Jeffers, Bob Grant, Damon O. Barry, Shepard Nevel, Rob Johnson, Kathryn Spuhler and Elaine D. Torres

Board member not present - Hal Logan (Treasurer)

SCFD Staff- Peg Long (Executive Director), Jessica Kato (Program Manager), Nancy McCamey (Senior Program Manager), Erica Barclay (Program Associate) and Sheila Mieger (Office Systems Administrator)

Facilitator- Karla Raines, Corona Insights

*Minutes*

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At 8:35 am Chair Dan Hopkins welcomed everyone and introductions were made. A quorum was present.

*Highlights from the Work Group Process*

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- Kathy Kucsan presented reflections on the process to date
- Peg Long presented stats highlighting the breakdown of work group volunteers and participants
- Karla Raines facilitated discussion to address clarifying questions from the Board
- Board members shared their impressions and noted implications for the work ahead

*SCFD Reauthorization Plan for 2015*

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Staff reviewed tasks and schedule for 2015 with emphasis on January - June.

2015	Activity
1/15	Task Force meeting
1/22	SCFD Board meeting - Identify process for going to legislature. Staff will present to the board policies that do not require changes in the statute.

2/19	Task Force meeting
2/26	SCFD Board meeting - Identify process for going to legislature if wasn't done in January. Board will consider policy decisions that do not require changes in the statute.
3/19	Task Force meeting
3/26	SCFD Board meeting - Board will consider policy decisions that do not require changes in the statute.
4/23	SCFD Board planning session joint session with Task Force; SCFD board meeting - Board will make decisions regarding changes to the statute
5/28	SCFD Board meeting - Very latest Board will make final decisions regarding changes to the statute
6/25	SCFD Board meeting

### ***Appoint the Reauthorization Task Force***

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Dan Hopkins announced the task force members, highlighted the roles and responsibilities of the group and addressed questions from the Board. Bob Grant mentioned that although all the counties are not represented equally many of the organizations serve all seven counties.

People being asked to serve are: Kristy Basseuner, Susan Beyda, Susan Connelly, Karen Douglass, Tony Garcia, James Harrington, Andrea Malcomb, Dave Montez, Shepard Nevel, Michelle Nierling, Dan Ritchie, Lisa Rigsby Peterson, Deven Schaff, Rhetta Shead, George Sparks, Gary Steuer, Elaine D. Torres and Steve Wilson  
 Alternates: Shannon Block, Tom Botelho, Kathy Brantigan, Debbie Ellerman and Michael Stricker

Damon Barry motioned to approve the 2015 Task Force including alternate members. Lynn Jeffers seconded. The motion to accept the list passed.

### ***Public Comment***

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Jane Potts (Cast3) – she acknowledged Tier IIIs that have received national awards. She asked the Task Force to not close the "SCFD" door to small organizations when considering the eligibility options.

Sara Carpenter (Children's Museum of Denver) – spoke to the importance of attendance in the weighting of the Tier II formula. She also asked the Task Force to keep in mind there is an opportunity for organizations to enter Tier II but that there is no way for Tier IIs to enter Tier I.

Jim Schoettler (Children's Museum of Denver) – also spoke to the importance of attendance in the weighting of the Tier II formula. He feels there is no better show of public support than attendance. If the formula were to be changed to count income only, there could be similar problems as those noted with counting attendance.

Michael Henry (Lighthouse Writers Workshop) – gave a brief history of his organization followed by an offer to help the Task Force establish a definition of literary arts as it relates to SCFD funded disciplines.

Kevin Medina (Butterfly Pavilion) – asked the Task Force to consider the impact changes to the current Tier II formula would have on current organizations. The Butterfly Pavilion has invested a lot into visitor experience and animal care as proven by their recent AZA accreditation. If one of the proposed Work Group options were to be implemented it would impact their funding greatly.

Valerie Clausen (Denver Philharmonic Orchestra) – spoke to the value of community orchestras and their ability to be nimble in programming and outreach to the public.

Mike Yankovich (Children's Museum of Denver) – said he served on the Tier II work group. The organizations representing Tier IIs on the Task Force are not the organizations that would be affected by the proposed changes to the formula. He is sure those that have been chosen to serve on the Task Force will keep in mind all the organizations when considering possible changes.

Andrea Fulton (Denver Art Museum) – asked everyone to continue to keep an eye on the benefits of SCFD to the citizens.

Dan Hopkins thanked everyone who has participated so far and to those that will be serving on the Task Force.

Damon Barry – asked Task Force members to keep in mind underserved/underrepresented citizens and how any changes made to the statute could affect these populations. All people need to be exposed to the arts.

James Harrington (SCFD Board Advisory Committee) – stated he initially thought the Task Force work would be straight forward and simple. After listening to the conversation today he feels it will be challenging but good.

Tariana Navas-Nieves (Arts and Venues Denver) – said her hope for the Task Force members is they remember to compromise to find ways to meet in the middle. She hopes there is a spirit of collaboration.

Joedy Arnold (Environmental Learning for Kids) – stated her organization is one of those that serve underrepresented audiences. She made an observation that sciences are underrepresented in the SCFD family.

### *Next Steps and Closing Comments*

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Karla laid out the next steps:

- Task Force meets and develops options for the Board
- Board considers policy changes

- Board identifies process for going to legislature
- Board considers options and makes decisions on changes to the statute.

Final comments were made and each Board member gave his/her reflection on the meeting.

11:05am Meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary