

WESTAF 2023 State Arts Agency Executive Directors Forum

Location: Alyeska Resort, Girdwood, Alaska

Dates: Monday June 26 - Tuesday June 27, 2023

Zoom links for Virtual Attendees are located in the agendas.

Event Goals:

- Authentic Experience of Place
- Activate WESTAF Networks

DAY ONE AGENDA

Monday, June 26, 2023 <i>2:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AKDT</i> <i>Locations: Columbia AB Alyeska Resort and Alaska Native Heritage Center</i>	
1:00 p.m.	State Arts Agency Executive Directors Forum Registration
2:45 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Teniqua Broughton, WESTAF Board Chair● Christian Gaines, WESTAF Executive Director● David Holland, WESTAF Deputy Director● Andrea Noble-Pelant, Alaska State Council on the Arts Executive Director
3:15 p.m.	Networks are Communities: Overcoming Geographical and Cultural Barriers to Provide Agency Resources in Frontier, Remote, and Rural Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Zoom● Description: The panel will explore the complexities and sensitivities that statewide organizations face in supporting frontier, remote, and rural communities. Panelists will examine definitions of frontier, remote, and rural from the standpoint of federal and state policy and their own lived experience. They will also share stories of their lived experiences of grappling with the barriers encountered in attempting to better serve these communities.● Presenters:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Megan Cacciola, VP of Programs & Grants, The Alaska Community Foundation (Moderator)○ Michelle LaFlamme-Childs, New Mexico Arts Executive Director○ Alice Bioff, Alaska State Council on the Arts Board Member○ Tony Manfredi, Nevada Arts Council Executive Director
5:00 p.m.	Transportation to Opening Reception at Alaska Native Heritage Center
6:00 p.m.	Opening Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Description: The State Arts Agency Executive Director and the

	Leadership Resource Team are invited to join us for the ED Forum Opening Reception, and continue the conversation on how to support frontier, remote, and rural communities. Heavy h'oeuvres provided.
8:00 p.m.	Adjourn and return to Alyeska Resort

DAY TWO AGENDA

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 <i>9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. AKDT</i> <i>Location: Columbia AB Alyeska Resort</i>	
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast start time
9:00 a.m.	<p><u>Breakfast and Conversation with Alliances, Advocacy, and Public Policy and Social Responsibility and Inclusion teams</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Description: During this working breakfast WESTAF's Staff will share with the State Arts Agency Executive Directors the work they are doing in the Western region through advocacy and accessibility networks, grant programs, and outreach. ● Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cynthia Chen, Manager of Advocacy and Public Policy ○ Cameron Green, Executive Manager ○ Moana HoChing, Consultant ○ David Holland, Deputy Director ○ Ashanti McGee, Grants and Accessibility Manager ○ Anika Tené, Director of Social Responsibility and Inclusion
10:20 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	<p>State Arts Agency Executive Directors Roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Description: This is your opportunity to share and explore the challenges and opportunities your agency faces in your state with your fellow state arts agency executive directors. Engage in meaningful conversations and receive feedback from your peers in a conversation facilitated by an SAA ED. By the end of the session, we hope to know more about each other and know what topics or issues we would like to engage in with each other for future gatherings. ● Facilitator: Victoria Bourns, Utah Division of Arts and Museums Director
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<p>Coming Together: Strengthening Western State Creative Districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zoom

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Description: This session will provide an overview of established and developing state arts agency Creative District programs in the West, identify key challenges and opportunities and begin to set a vision for regional collaboration to strengthen Creative Districts in the West. ● Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christine Costello, Colorado Creative Industries Interim Executive Director (Co-Facilitator) ○ David Holland, WESTAF Deputy Director (Co-Facilitator) ○ Jonathan Moscone, California Arts Council Executive Director ○ Brian Rogers, Oregon Arts Commission/Oregon Cultural Trust Executive Director ○ Michael Faison, Idaho Commission on the Arts
3:00 p.m.	Free Time
3:30 p.m.	<p>Munartet Project Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zoom ● Description: Munartet (Mun-āk-tet) is an Alutiiq (all-lu-tic) word, which means "artists," and this project aspires to bring out the artist within each teacher to teach in and through the arts and cultures in Kodiak. Specific strategies support pre-service and early career professional development in arts discipline-based, arts integration and culturally responsive arts teaching methodologies for a cohort of pre-service and new teachers. This panel will explore the collaboration between the Kodiak Island Borough School District, Kodiak College - University of Alaska, Anchorage, the Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository, and the Kodiak Arts Council. Munartet provides teacher development in arts integration and culturally responsive art teaching methodologies with engagement from administrators, artists, cultural bearers, Elders, and mentor teachers. The panel will focus on relationships between state and local government agencies and boards, and public and private partnerships; use of arts and cultural practice as a teaching methodology within the space of public education; best practices for cultural responsiveness; and the collective impact of individuals and organizations working together over time. ● Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laura Forbes, Alaska State Council on the Arts, Arts Education Program Director (Moderator) ○ Helena Jacobs (Anchorage: Munartet Project Manager) ○ Peggy Azuyak (Kodiak: Kodiak Island Borough School District, Director of Rural Schools/District Arts Administrator) ○ JoAnne Knight (Kodiak: Kodiak Island Borough School District, Arts & Culture Coordinator) ○ Kitty Deal (Kodiak: Kodiak College, Professor of Education and Coordinator for teacher education programs)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April Laktonen Counciller (Kodiak: Alutiiq Museum and Archeological Repository, Executive Director) ○ Leda Ferranti (Kodiak: Alutiiq Museum and Archeological Repository, Education Manager) ○ Katie Oliver (Kodiak: Kodiak Arts Council, Executive Director)
5:00 p.m.	Free Time
6:00 p.m.	WESTAF Community Dinner

Resources:

- [Western State Creative District Consortium concept paper](#)
- [NASAA State Cultural Districts Policy Brief](#)
- [NASAA State Cultural Districts Strategy Sampler](#)
- [Munartet Project](#)

Creative/Cultural District programs in the West:

- [California Cultural Districts Program](#)
- [Colorado Creative Districts Program](#)
- [Colorado DIY creative district incubator program, Call Yourself Creative](#)
- [New Mexico Arts and Cultural Districts Program](#)
- [Washington Creative Districts Program](#)