

SOUTHWEST ARTS CONFERENCE

LOCAL ARTS AGENCIES PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING

Thursday, August 13, 2009 • Carefree Resort and Villas

Join your peers to discuss the needs of those entities designated as Local Arts Agencies in Arizona. This meeting will be the basis of establishing a formal network of Locals in the state, working to create strategies for networking, funding and advocacy among local arts agencies. Local Arts Agencies are private community organizations, which provide services to artists or arts organizations and/or present arts programming to the public. This meeting is open to staff, volunteers and board members of Arizona Local Arts Agencies.

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AGENDA:

I. Welcome

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II. Introductions

Take 15 minutes and meet someone you don't know and ask and answer the following questions to each other:

- *Name, Title, Organization*
- *What challenges are facing your community this year?*
- *What successes have you had this year?*
- *Whose role is it to advocate for the arts in your community?*

III. Report Out

Over the next hour, participants will introduce their new colleague.

IV. Updates

- *Advocacy Update, Brenda Sperduti, Executive Director, Arizona Citizens for the Arts*
- *Nebraska!, Marty Skomal, Director of Programs, Nebraska Arts Council*
- *Arizona Commission on the Arts, Mitch Menchaca*

V. Next Steps and Questions

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Arizona Commission on the Arts**

An Arizona where people broaden, deepen and diversity their engagement with the arts, as creators, audiences and supporters, in ways that are satisfying and integral to their lives.

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