

**Annual Meeting  
AGENDA**

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Troy Roark, President

**Business Meeting**

Annual Report

Acknowledgment of Retiring Board Members

Introduction of Nominees

Election of Board Members

Election of Officers

Closing Remarks by the President

**Adjournment**

**Candidates for Board of Directors for 2016 - 2017**

**Officers**

Troy Roark, President

Stephen Shields\*, Administrative Vice President

Courtney Wick\*, Development Vice President

Linda Claussen\*, Secretary

Randy Eccles, Treasurer

Craig McFarland, Past President

**Directors**

Kari Bedford

Christie Lazarides

Katherine Eastvold

Theresa O'Hare

Louise Hale

Lynn Shanklin

Laura Vaught

*\* indicates new officer*

**NOMINEES FOR 2016 - 2017 BOARD:**

Three-year Term

Misty Hagstrom

Bill McKenzie

Rachel Rambach



**ANNUAL REPORT**

**FISCAL YEAR 2015**

(October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015)

## FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

### Income

Contributions.....	52,566
State/Federal Government Support...	36,100
Local Government Support.....	29,200
Program Fees/Admissions.....	20,679
Interest.....	462
Unrealized Gain on Accounts.....	(413)
Other Earned Income .....	150
In-kind Contributions .....	1,888
Total Income.....	<b>140,632</b>

### Expenses (\* A percentage of salaries included)

#### Programs & Services

Grants Awarded.....	15,986
Educational and Arts Programs*.....	123,054
Total Programs & Services.....	<b>139,040</b>

#### Support Services

Management & General*.....	11,803
Fundraising*.....	9,094
Total Support Services.....	<b>20,897</b>
Total Expenses.....	<b>159,937</b>

### FY 2014

Beginning Assets.....	67,403	48,275
Ending Assets.....	49,094	67,403

## Board of Directors for 2015 - 2016

Troy Roark, President  
 Craig Williams II, Administrative Vice President  
 Christie Lazarides, Development Vice President  
 Lynn Whalen, Secretary  
 Randy Eccles, Treasurer  
 Craig McFarland, Past President

Kari Bedford	Louise Hale
Linda Claussen	Murph Mathoit
Laura Kay Coffey (res 4/15)	Theresa O'Hare
Katherine Eastvold	Stephen Shields
Rex L. Gradeless	Lynn Shanklin
Courtney Wick	

### SAAC Staff

Mark Pence, Interim Executive Director (through 12/31/14)  
 Jon Austin, Executive Director  
 Sheila Walk, Program Assistant

## HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS: May 2015 – April 2016

The Springfield Area Arts Council's (SAAC) Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers succeeded in enriching the community through the arts with programming and events during the year. Through funds awarded by the Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA), SAAC hired a high school summer intern from Menard County who was seeking a career in film making and the arts.

**Advocacy:** SAAC continued its partnerships with the IACA, Arts Alliance Illinois, and the Local Arts Network. In September 2015, Executive Director Jon Austin attended the biannual One State Together in the Arts conference in Evanston. SAAC staff also joined the protest regarding the closure of the Illinois State Museum by attending rallies, distributing posters, offering awareness, and participating in the final evening vigil. The SAAC continued to position itself to share information and opportunities with the artists and organizations in our service area by participating in meetings, workshops, and forums with advocacy organizations. In addition, SAAC in partnership with Arts Alliance Illinois hosted the downstate forum to provide feedback on the new arts learning standards that were presented to the Illinois State Board of Education.

**Penny Wollan-Kriel Arts in Education Program:** SAAC connected artists with Sangamon and Menard county students throughout the school year. In FY15, almost 6,000 students, teachers, and parents benefited. Funding for this program during 2015-16 school year came from the Susan Cook House Educational Trust.

**Grant Programs:** Through the *Community Arts Access* Program and in partnership with IACA, SAAC provided thirteen area arts and social service organizations with \$8,450 for projects or programs. In partnership with the City of Springfield, the *City Arts Program* provided a total of \$7,750, funding one arts residency and ten space rental assistance grants.

**Arts Events and Development Activities:** *First Night® Springfield*, our 29th annual event on December 31, began Downtown at 5 PM following afternoon children's performances and hands-on art activities—all offered at no cost. Fireworks were launched at 8 PM, and the evening schedule of 28 performing artists and groups on 7 stages concluded at 11 PM. In April, a Trivia Night fund-raiser offered a fun-filled and educational evening. The Adult Prom fund-raiser, held in May, proved successful and will be repeated May 21, 2016. *Six Strings/Six Weeks*, a guitar workshop for adult students with Amy Benton, continued in 2016. For over twenty years, *Artist on the Plaza* and *Uptown Friday Night* remained key programs which employ approximately 59 performing arts and music groups. For the eleventh year, SAAC, in conjunction with the IACA, hosted both the regional and state *Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contests*. In May 2015, Program Assistant Sheila Walk represented both the SAAC and the IACA by attending the national contest in Washington, DC, where she cheered on Illinois state contest winner Springfield Southeast High School student Annabelle Emuze and met with representatives from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation, and other state contest coordinators. In addition, SAAC Board members, staff, and friends staffed a beer tent at the 1st Bacon Throwdown street festival in July that was hosted by Downtown Springfield, Inc.