

representatives of civic, educational and professional organizations concerned with or engaged in the production or presentation of the performing, visual or creative arts and shall provide balanced geographic representation.

(d) Members of the Maryland State Arts Council shall serve without compensation, but each member shall be reimbursed for his necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties in accordance with the Standard Travel Regulations.

(e) The Council shall select annually from its membership a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary-treasurer.

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Meetings of the Council shall be called by the chairman or the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development]. The Council shall meet at least [four] 4 times annually.

[15-106.] 6-506.

(a) The Council shall have the power and authority necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon it by this subtitle and subject to the approval of the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], including but not limited to the following:

(1) Continuing all programs and activities and assuming all assets, liabilities, contracts, leases and other such obligations of the body formerly known as the Governor's Council on the Arts in Maryland.

(2) Adopting reasonable rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this subtitle.

(3) Entering into contracts and agreements.

(4) Engaging services.

(5) Requesting and obtaining from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency of the State, such assistance and data as will enable it properly to carry out its powers and duties hereunder.

(6) Accepting any federal funds granted by act of Congress or by executive order for any and all of the purposes of this subtitle.

(7) Accepting any gifts, donations or bequests for any or all of the purposes of this subtitle.