

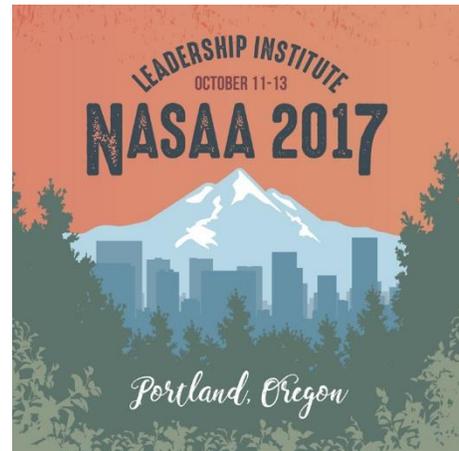
Report to Councils September 2017

Looking for the latest scoop on arts funding, state legislation and the creative economy? Look no further than NASAA, and this edition of Report to Councils. Share it at your next meeting! Contact NASAA Communications Manager [Sue Struve](#) to ensure you're on our e-mail list.

NASAA 2017 Leadership Institute and YOU!

The [NASAA 2017 Leadership Institute](#), taking place **October 11-13 in Portland, Oregon**, is THE place to meet with your fellow council members across the nation to exchange experiences, gain expertise and build your network. You'll be especially interested in sessions on:

- **Crisis Leadership:** A special peer session just for chairs and council members prepares you for the unexpected.
- **Building Public Will for the Arts:** Expert facilitators share research on how the public sees the arts, then offer ways to make the arts more visible and valued.
- **Off-site Learning Expeditions:** Trek to your choice of sessions at nearby cultural venues to explore the power of community media, the agility of quasi-governmental agencies or the creative-maker movement.



And of course you'll be treated to iconic Portland sites and artists, too—not to mention tax-free shopping, so bring your holiday list! [Register](#) a group from your agency for a team discount, and [reserve your room](#) at the Benson Hotel by **September 18** for the best rate. We'd love to have you join us!



Quotable

“ I first experienced NASAA when I attended the Assembly 2014 conference in New Orleans. The high quality and professionalism of the organization was so impressive! I gain so much knowledge by connecting with other chairs and council members across the country; the chance to be in the room with so many of my peers and discuss current issues is irreplaceable. I'm reminded that Virginia is part of a bigger picture—and it's NASAA that brings us together. ”

— Shelley Kruger Weisberg, Chair, Virginia Commission for the Arts

2017 Roundup Highlights State Arts Bills

What arts legislation has been proposed in other states? What issues are trending, and what might that mean for state arts agencies? Find out in our [2017 State Legislative Roundup](#). Based on an analysis of 400 arts related bills, the roundup foregrounds legislation with the greatest relevance to state arts agencies. Topics include the creative economy, arts education, public art and state arts agency structure and governance.

State Arts Funding Preview for 2018

Learn how state arts agency funding is faring in NASAA's [State Arts Agency Legislative Appropriations Preview, Fiscal Year 2018](#). This report offers insight into the arts funding climate, projected appropriations and per capita rankings for all 56 U.S. states and jurisdictions. The report estimates that aggregate FY2018 state arts appropriations will rise 4.8% over FY2017.

NASAA Meets with Governors' Advisors

This summer, state economic development advisors and state work-force liaisons met with NASAA and the National Governors Association (NGA) to discover how the arts and culture sector can stimulate economic growth. The NGA convened meetings in Annapolis, Maryland, and Portland, Oregon, to brief these state officials about cultural industry development, arts apprenticeships, entrepreneurship support and work-force readiness programs.

At the meetings, NASAA showcased the [Creative Work Force State Profiles](#), based on data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the National Endowment for the Arts, which reveal key employment and compensation statistics for every state. The Maryland State Arts Council and the Oregon Arts Commission shared sample economic and work-force initiatives through the arts.

NASAA is excited to continue our long partnership with the NGA with "Engaging the Arts to Strengthen Economic Development in Rural Communities," coming in 2018.

Thank You—Together We Make a Difference

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Get Up to Date on Federal Arts Policy



Congress was on summer recess when this edition of Report to Councils went to press. When Congress returns, stay current on federal legislation affecting the arts via NASAA's [Federal Updates](#).



Mike Bartlett, a policy analyst in the NGA's Economic Opportunity Division, with NASAA CEO Pam Breaux in Portland