



Community Development Coordinators Peer Session
September 23, 2022

Notes

The theme of the Community Development Coordinators Peer Session was strengthening connections and reinforcing the bridge between coordinators old and new.

A special emphasis was placed on getting to know each other: strengths, weaknesses, challenges, what topic(s) your NASAA peers can turn to you for help on. This will be shared via the CDN Google Drive as an ongoing resource for peer group members.

The group also discussed where they would like to go as a group moving forward, broken into three areas: what they would like to accomplish as a group, topics they would like to learn more about, and meeting moving forward (keeping connected).

Accomplish as a Group

- Meet regionally, either online or regional meetups
- Shared leadership beyond the cochairs
- Increased shared support through listserv and direct calls

Topics to Learn More about

- Artist models (live/work spaces)
- Cultural districts and Main Street programs
- Design Alabama
- For-profit organizations and gig workers: support and partnership potential
- Partnerships: tourism, film, etc. ... how do we get a seat at the table?
- Regional arts organizations
- Springboard for the Arts
- Sunsetting organizations
- Support systems for hobbyists and amateur art makers
- Workforce development
- Workforce retirement and succession planning

Meeting Moving Forward (Keeping Connected)

- Monthly calls (helps members feel less siloed)
 - A combination of open calls and topical calls that highlight local organizations
 - National partners only featured twice a year (two calls)



- Listserv
 - Commitment to continued and increased engagement

- In-person meetings
 - Traditionally met at Americans for the Arts conferences, but this likely needs to change.
 - ❖ Meet as preconference/postconference at NASAA Assemblies
 - Easier to secure travel money
 - Meet every other year in person, virtual retreat on off years
 - Other options for smaller in-person meetings
 - Creative placemaking regional gatherings?
 - During regional arts conferences (WESTAF, etc.); may need NASAA's assistance to help arrange space on their agendas