

October 23, 2020

TO: Jan Newcomb, NCAPER

FROM: Mollie Quinlan-Hayes

RE: OAX Report

CC: Meghan O'Toole, NCAPER

Jan, here is my status report on the ***Arts Organizations at a Crossroads*** project.

There have been a number of resources emerging in the last few weeks related to the issues which OAX addresses. A compilation of these has been provided to you and Meghan for the NCAPER website, and the link will be provided to all Steering Committee members so that they may promote and link to the resource page.

The Field Scan survey has not yet generated the number of responses we seek, although the 18 responses to date are engaged and all ask to be kept abreast of the project. Personalized final requests were sent today to all non-respondents.

I have completed the field scan interviews. A compilation of the interviews and significant findings will be complete and available in the Google Drive by October 26.

The article has been submitted to AFTA and is at the designer; I will review the final piece with editor Linda Lombardi the week of October 26; publication is scheduled for mid-December.

Jim Grace and Luke Blackadar of the Arts and Business Council of Greater Boston continue to be very active and interested in working with NCAPER on this issue. Luke participated in the recent national virtual conference of VLAs, and a working group of four VLA leaders has volunteered to lead the effort to collect/consolidate info and resources for organizations facing these legal and financial decisions. I would like to encourage a formal conversation between the working group and NCAPER to determine how to work together, and am happy to coordinate a meeting.

I am scheduling a meeting with Tom Clareson to discuss archiving/preservation options. I also want to identify potential homes/hosts for organizations needing to suspend operations/hibernate for a period of time. The consulting group SeaChange has done some planning and advocacy work in this area which I will explore further.

I'm happy to answer any questions or provide further information.

Thank you.