



## AMC Chorister Newsletter - June 5, 2023

Dear C. C.,

Some important things for you:

- AMC Annual Member Meeting slides, including updates
- A sample letter to your legislator about arts funding



### AMC Member Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Member Meeting of AMC, Inc. was held on May 22 at Ascension Lutheran Church, with over 20 choristers, section leaders, and Scott in attendance.

[Click here to see the updated meeting slides](#), including Scott's recommendations for 2023-24 programs.

[Click here to see the one-page summary](#) of AMC's activities and accomplishments over the last two seasons sent to the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture.

### Contact Your Legislator About Support for the Arts in Arizona

As reported at the Annual Members' Meeting, Fiscal Year 2024 funding for the Arizona Commission for the Arts, one of AMC's grant providers, was not the \$20 million proposed by the governor in January, but \$5 million, the same as the prior fiscal year. With an increase in the number of grant applications and the impact of inflation, this amounts to a net DECREASE in the impact of funding from the state budget year-over-year.

At the same time, over **\$2 billion** was handed out to individual legislators for pet projects - earmarks, pork, or whatever you want to call it. How much was given to each legislator and what it's being used for has not been disclosed by the legislature (nor is it likely to be).

Sheryl Guernsey asked for a draft letter choristers can use to contact their legislators (one senator, two representatives) to express concern over this and

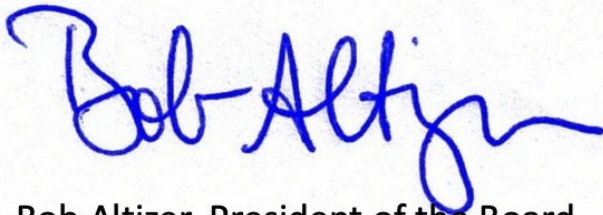
to support the Arts Commission.

[Click here to see a sample letter in MS Word format](#) you can use as-is, or as the basis for your own letter. Also included in the file are links to finding your district's legislators, and to the proposed and final Fiscal Year 2024 budgets.

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**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS IN MAKING AMC AN  
OUTSTANDING MUSICAL ORGANIZATION!**

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Altizer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Altizer, President of the Board

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