



Nikki Szajer named MRAC Operations Manager

As The Mimbres Region Arts Council embarks on our 30th anniversary season, the Board of Directors and staff are pleased to welcome Nikki Szajer as the organization's new Operations Manager. Nikki has been with MRAC since August 2008, serving as MRAC's bookkeeper and assisting with events. In her new role, Nikki will be able to further utilize her business acumen and professional experience. Nikki has a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) from the Illinois Institute of Technology-Stuart Graduate School of Business as well as a Bachelor of Science in Architecture with a minor in art history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prior to moving to Silver City, she was employed by KLLM Architects in Chicago as their Director of Residential Architecture. Her non-profit experience includes the Goethe School Neighborhood Community Group and the East St. Louis Action Research Project.

The duties of MRAC's Operations Manager include: ensuring that MRAC's day-to-day activities run smoothly by managing and coordinating its operations, managing office staff, and collaborating with the organization's leadership to ensure MRAC fulfills its mission and purpose in the communities we serve. Nikki shared the following thoughts, "I am truly honored and excited to be coming into this position during MRAC's 30th anniversary season. I look forward to being a part of this milestone year and MRAC's future."

According to Carol Kane, MRAC Board Chair, "Nikki is a good choice for this important role because she is intelligent, competent, and poised in, what is often, an active and busy environment." MRAC's Director, Faye McCalmont, adds "I look forward to collaborating with Nikki and feel confident that she is a great addition to our team." Nikki is currently working with Sheila Swisher who will be leaving her long-time position at MRAC on June 30 to pursue new career options in Las Cruces. The MRAC family wishes both Nikki and Sheila well in their new endeavors.