

Jonathan Katz, Chief Executive Officer

Jonathan Katz has served as CEO of NASAA since 1985. Prior to that, he was awarded tenure as professor of public policy and administration at the University of Illinois at Springfield, where he directed the graduate program in arts administration beginning in 1978 and established the Sangamon Institute in Arts Administration. Before then, Katz was executive director of the Kansas Arts Commission, one of the first state arts agencies to focus its resources on the development of a local arts agency network. He has taught communication, literature and creative writing at universities in Indiana, Ohio and Kansas.

Katz has consulted extensively in cultural policy planning, organizational development, and leadership and management training, and has authored numerous articles, plans and consultant reports. His presentations on the policies, issues and trends that affect participation in cultural activities are a frequent feature at national and state conferences, and at state arts agency planning sessions. Recently appointed to the U.S. National Commission on UNESCO, he advises the board of the International Federation of Arts Councils and Cultural Agencies (IFACCA) and has conducted planning and professional development sessions for cultural agencies in five cities in Mexico for the U.S. government.

For NASAA, Katz has co-authored *Advancing America's Creativity: An Agenda for Leadership in Support of the Arts and Cultural Activities*, the *State Arts Agency Strategic Planning Toolkit* and *Facing Controversy: Arts Issues and Crisis Communications*; written the *Report of the Task Force on Cultural Pluralism*; edited the *Arts and Education Handbook: A Guide to Productive Collaborations*; and co-edited *Serving the Arts in Rural Areas: Successful Programs and Potential New Strategies*. His doctoral dissertation proposes a national agenda for literary activities in the United States.