

# barry's blog

News, Advice and Opinion for the Arts Administrator

*Barry's Blog* is a weekly newsletter and blog of news, advice and opinion for the arts administrator. The blog is hosted by WESTAF and authored by Barry Hessenius, former executive director of the California Arts Council and current executive director of Alonzo King's LINES Ballet | San Francisco Dance Center. The blog was created to encourage dialogue and discussion about the larger issues facing the arts community and to bring more voices to the table.

On September 13, *Barry's Blog* will launch the *HESSENIUS GROUP*, a monthly take-off on the "McLaughlin Group" on PBS. Fourteen leaders in the Arts have graciously consented to participate in this experiment to discuss and debate key policy issues and developments in the arts-and-culture sector. Five to six members of the Group will participate in each month's blog discussion. They will be joined by accomplished practitioners and new voices in the field.

The *HESSENIUS GROUP* will convene online, on *Barry's Blog*, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 9:00 A.M. Pacific Time. Participants will start by posting their initial responses to questions posed by Hessenius on pre-determined key issues. Then, over the next three days, the panelists will respond to follow-up questions and each other's postings. Starting on the Wednesday of each week, each of the current group's panelists will have the option to invite one other person to co-blog with them in order to expand the dialogue to include new and diverse voices. Readers of the blog will be able to post their own comments at any time.

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