

**Magalie Ocean, AAPCI Board of Trustees**, is the Executive Program Consultant of MSDB Cultural Society. Ms. Ocean brings a broad range of experiential and academic expertise to the Commission. She has extensive experience in directing and coordinating community based non-profit organizations and supervising daily facility operations. Ms. Ocean began her career working with the developmentally disabled as a direct care worker. She created a community-based non-profit cultural organization serving artists and children; supervised the publication of a book of poetry, art therapy-based workshops for children and artists to develop emotional, artistic and spiritual growth. Ms. Ocean organized an accessible gallery space and cultural enrichment program for children; designed and presented workshops on cultural sensitivity. Ms. Ocean has successfully mediated conflicts between staff and management, improving internal communication and cooperation.

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