



Watercolor Artists Of Sacramento Horizons

WASH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2019

11:30 AM

In SFAC Gallery 3

After a two-month summer break, the WASH Board resumed with the regular meeting schedule of 2019. The meeting was called to order on at 11:30 AM by Ralph Wilson, President.

Attendance

Present:

Sandra Mele, Scholarship Chair
Thomas Adams, Newsletter Chair
Ralph Wilson, President
Bill Lum, Program Committee Co-Chair
Kari Bauer, Workshop Committee Co-Chair
Gail Jones, Past President
Nancy Wedick, SFAC Liaison
AlysLynn Lemke, Show Committee Chair
Helen Lewis, Secretary
Ed Bostley, Treasurer
Gary Mele, WASH Webmaster
Diana Johnson

Absent:

Carole Girard, Show Committee Member
Joanie Tarver, Workshop Committee Member
Diane Tharp, Program Committee Co-Chair
Jo Kopp, Past President
Arleen Schaller, Membership Chair
Sue Davis, Workshop Committee Co-Chair

Minutes

Prior to the meeting Board members were given a chance to review the draft of the minutes of the special meeting held in August as prepared by AlysLynn Lemke, Show Committee Chair and

Acting Secretary. The minutes were approved as prepared and presented. Such minutes are included in the Appendix of this meeting's minutes.

President's Thoughts

Ralph Wilson, President, welcomed everyone back from the summer break.

Reports and Related Business

Treasurer's Report

Ed Bostley, Treasurer, prepared a report on the finances of the WASH and read it to the Board as follows:

As of August 31, 2019, the total income for the month is \$1,195.15. This includes \$1,095.15 reimbursed from SmarterEntry for 67 entries in the Fall Open Show, and \$100.00 donated by Jan Miskulin for the Schmid Award.

The total expense for the month is \$4,787.57. This includes \$289.57 for the Fall Show catalogue, \$160.00 for the show awards judge, \$50.00 the show expenses, \$350.00 for the October Program Demonstrator, \$580.00 for the October workshop studio rental, and \$3,358.00 for the October workshop instructor's fee and expenses.

Expenses are in excess of income by \$3,592.42. With the carryover from July of \$23,486.60, the balance to date is \$19,894.18 which is the carryover to September.

The bank records the WASH balance as \$24,739.90 but is unaware of six checks for a total of \$4,845.72 which have yet to clear the bank. When this sum is subtracted from the bank statement, both the bank and WASH balances reconcile each other exactly.

There were no income/expense transactions during August for the Student Art Scholarship Program. The current balance remains at \$456.09 which is the carry over to September.

The total income accumulated since January through August 31 is \$21,530.82. Membership fees, workshop fees and show income reflect the major contributors toward the total income to date. This amount is ahead of the total end-of-year income in 2018.

The total expense since the beginning of the year is \$17,776.06. Program demonstrator fees, student scholarship award, and workshop instructor fees and expenses reflect the major contributors toward the total expense to date. This amount is also ahead of the total end-of-year expense in 2018. This provides a profit as of August 31, 2019, of \$3,754.76.

Liaison Report

Nancy Wedick, SFAC Liaison, gave an update on the recent developments at SFAC. The most significant update is that SFAC will soon announce its new public name, The Art Center, along

with the unveiling of a new logo. However, the legal and formal name will remain to be the same.

Membership

Arleen Schaller, Membership Chair, was not present during the meeting. No official report on membership was made on her behalf.

Newsletter

Thomas Adams, Newsletter Chair, announced that October 3rd is the due date for materials for the November/December Issue Newsletter.

Workshops

Kari Bauer, Workshop Co-Chair, announced the forthcoming Bev Joswiak workshop in October which the committee has been working on.

AV Set-Up is one of the technical procedures that need to be done every meeting. So far the following members are trained to do the job: Gail Jones, Jo Kopp, Kari Bauer, Bill Lum, and Gary Mele. Members who are partially trained are: Ralph Wilson, Sue Davis, Joanie Tarver, Lisa Flannery, and Margaret Shedd. There need to be more members trained to do the job.

Program

Bill Lum, Program Co-Chair, presented the consolidated schedule for the rest of 2019 as follows:

September 9, 2019 1:30 PM, Sonja Hamilton
Critique Session

October 14, 2019 7:00 PM, Bev Joswiak
Demonstration

November 11, 2019 1:30 PM, Yuko Carson
Chinese Brush Painting

December 9, 2019 5:30-8:00 PM
SFAC All Club Holiday Potluck (Hosted by WASH)

Show Committee

The WASH Open Show was currently on display during the meeting. Ralph Wilson, President, commended AlysLynn Lemke, Show Chair, and the committee for a successful show so far. AlysLynn Lemke, Show Chair, talked about details of the upcoming reception and some of her observations related to the show - some of which might lead to some changes in the future. Although the Board did not have a particular recommendation at this time, there was a general consensus that one thing to consider in selecting a Juror is the anonymity of the artists to the Juror to avoid the appearance of favoritism. Some suggestions were made such as recruiting someone further away from the area but that means that the WASH would be willing to

increase honorarium/fee for Jurors. This will have to be discussed in more detail in the future. AlysLynn Lemke, Show Chair, announced that the bookmark that lists the 2020 schedule is now at the Art Center.

Scholarship

Sandra Mele, Scholarship Chair, reported that good donations have been brought in for the scholarship fund raffle.

Webmaster

Gary Mele, the new Webmaster, was present. For the information of the Board, his contact information is as follows: garymele@surewest.net; 916 549-7412.

Old Business

New Member Event

Details of the event, as spearheaded by Sandie Mele, were discussed. Ralph Wilson, President, encouraged members of the Board to attend to meet and establish connection with new members. The event would start at 2:30 on Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Art Center.

Video Lending Library

Charlotte Richmond, Librarian, was not at the meeting but Ralph Wilson reminded the Board to return and/or remind members to return borrowed video materials.

Liability and Board Insurance

Ralph Wilson, President was able to get a reasonable quote from Chubb Insurance Company. Details of the insurance coverage and annual premiums were discussed. Ralph Wilson proposed that WASH will go forward with it. Nancy Wedick, SFAC Liaison, moved that WASH would go ahead with the Chubb Insurance Company according to the quote presented with the total annual premium of \$1215. The motion was seconded by Thomas Adams, Newsletter Chair. Ralph Wilson, President, called for a vote and the motion was carried.

WASH Graphic Standard

Gail Jones, Past President, presented an updated version of the Graphic Standard (GS) for WASH Logo. Helen Lewis, Secretary, moved to accept the GS as presented, seconded by Nancy Wedick, SFAC Liaison. A vote was called and the motion carried.

All-Club Christmas Potluck

Several members have already volunteered to work with the committee: Liz d'Amelio; Cindy Spita; Tina Cannup; Teresa Steinback-Garcia; Barbara Little. However, Barbara Little had an accident and therefore more volunteers are needed. It was suggested that a sign-up sheet will be circulated during the General Meeting. The committee has a budget of \$400 for the event.

New Business

WASH Artist Critique Groups

Ralph Wilson, President, briefly talked about this topic to the Board during the meeting but a presentation is expected during the next meeting in October. Members of these “groups” will brainstorm and develop a set of guidelines for this well intended endeavor.

Social Media

AlysLynn Lemke, Show Committee Chair, said that Andrea Higginbotham will be managing the WASH Instagram Account. She also said that she (AlysLynn) is now added as one of the managers of WASH Facebook account. Ralph Wilson, President, advised that we need to make sure that these platforms are used only for the intended purposes.

2020 Board

In view of the coming year, Ralph Wilson, President, asked each Board Member who was at the meeting of their intention or lack thereof to serve in the Board next year. These were the responses:

Ralph Wilson: Yes. President 2020

Helen Lewis: No

AlysLynn Lemke: Yes. Would like a co-Chair.

Gail Jones: No

Kari Bauer: No. Will continue to help collect money for the Ted Nuttal Workshop.

Gary Mele: Yes. Webmaster 2020

Bill Lum: No

Sandy Mele: Yes, but another role for 2020.

Thomas Adams: Might work with Show Committee

Ralph Wilson, President, said that Joanie Tarver, Workshop Committee Member, is committed to work as Workshop Committee Chair in 2020. Typical of every year, several positions will be open and will need to be filled for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM.

Submitted by Helen Lewis, Secretary

Appendix Special Meeting Minutes

WASH Board Minutes August, 12, 2019

Ralph Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. No corrections to the **minutes** of the June meeting were noted, so they stand as read. (Thanks to Sue Davis for the minutes.) **Present:** Ralph Wilson, Bill Lum, AlysLynn Lemke, Ed Bostley, Thomas Adams, Sue Davis, and Nancy Wedick. AlysLynn volunteered to take the minutes in the absence of the secretary.

Ed Bostley gave the **treasurer's report**, noting that WASH is in healthy financial shape.

Nancy Wedick gave a brief report of **The Art Center board meeting**. She will wait until the Sept meeting to give the bulk of her report. She noted that the Sac Metro Arts Dept is cutting dramatically the \$5,000 per year that they usually give to The Art Center. A new logo and website design are coming.

Thomas Adams noted that **newsletter** items are due Oct 3. The **WASH Board show** in the foyer gallery in July went well, with three paintings sold!

Sue Davis reported that the **Bev Wozniak workshop** in October is full, with participants paid. **Ted Nuttall** requests 16 only in his workshop in 2020, now full + waiting list; payment will be requested soon.

Bill Lum reported no changes in the **Program Committee** plan for the demos for the year. In September, Sonja Hamilton will give a critique session of members' paintings brought that night. Ralph will send an e-blast to members to remind them to bring a painting for critique.

AlysLynn reported that the **WASH Open Show** is on track. She indicated adequate staffing. The new online registration and volunteer registration programs are working well. She doesn't plan to chair the Show Committee in 2020. AlysLynn showed the board a copy of the **WASH 2020 bookmark** for review. It will be printed soon.

AV set-up. Gail reported via e-mail that she and Gary Mele will do AV set up for the Sept meeting. She is training two others in early September.

New Member Tea date is changed to Friday, Sept 13, from 2 to 4 in The Art Center "studio." Ralph will coordinate with Sandie Mele, chair of the event.

Ralph presented Jo's proposal for **General Liability (GL) and Directors' and Officers' (D&O) Insurance**. We have a quote from NIAC for \$650 GL, \$600 D&O. However, the agent assigned us from HUB Int'l isn't knowledgeable. Ralph will work with Chris Hebard of Hebard Insurance Solutions, Loomis, to get further quotes. A straw poll of board members present indicated a strong interest in going forward with both types of insurance. Decision will hopefully be made at the Sept. meeting.

Ralph presented an idea from former WASH president Patti Larsen to facilitate **critique/support groups** in various areas of the Sacramento region. At the Sept members meeting, Patti will coordinate about three two-minute statements from people who are in some kind of group. We will circulate clipboards on which people can indicate their interest, desired frequency, location, etc. Then we'll go from there. Ralph plans to develop a one-page statement of guidelines for groups.

Ralph mentioned the need to form a **Nominations Committee**. Possible names suggested were Jo Kopp, Rebecca Jagers, Theresa, Arleen, and Sally Bostley. Ralph will work to recruit this committee and will serve on it.

No motions were made or voted on at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
AlysLynn Lemke, acting Secretary.