

WASH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2020

1:30 PM

(Virtual Meeting Via Zoom)

Attendance:

Ralph Wilson, President
Nancy Wedick, SacArts Liaison
Thomas Adams, Program Chair
Sally Bostley, Membership Chair
Ed Bostley, Treasurer
AlysLynn Lemke, Show Chair
Gary Mele, Webmaster
Sandie Mele, Newsletter Editor
Rhonda Canby, Secretary
Jan Curry, Scholarship

Absent:

Kaye Lochridge, Scholarship
Joanie Tarver, Workshop Chair
Helen Plenert, Social Media

Call to Order

Ralph called the virtual meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. He has set up the organization's email so he can monitor it via his personal email account; the next president should be able to do the same.

Minutes

Rhonda provided minutes of the April board meeting by email, made a requested correction, and re-sent them. Tom moved that the minutes be adopted without further correction. Nancy seconded and there was a unanimous vote of approval.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, 2020, the total income for the month is \$1,053.20. This includes \$225.00 for nine member renewals and \$828.20 for 62 entries in the Spring Member Show.

The total expense for the month is \$575.00 for the spring show awards.

The income is in excess of the expense by \$478.20. With the carryover from March of \$23,932.43, the balance to date is \$24,410.93.

The bank records the WASH balance as \$25,103.02 but is unaware of eight outstanding checks for a total of \$692.39 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 was no financial activity for the student art scholarship program during April. The balance remains at \$933.32.

Liaison

Nancy reported that the Fine Arts Center asked every board member to donate this week for the Sacramento Big Day of Giving. SFAC wants to combine insurance for all groups under one umbrella; Ralph will determine our expiration date, but asked that the SFAC coordinator call him to discuss details. Sacramento County and the Parks and Recreation District (SFAC's landlord) told SFAC that the gallery could re-open on May 22, assuming no objection from the state, so the recently-hung WASH show should be able to be seen until some time in June. Once details are finalized, AlysLynn will prepare an announcement for members. SFAC asked whether workshops or demonstrations would be part of the 2021 American Watercolor Society Show; WASH will respond as the time draws nearer, but Sally noted that there was a silent auction of member paintings during the last show.

Membership

There is one new member and there have been several changes to addresses and phone numbers. Sally provided an updated list.

Scholarship

There were five applications. A recent Folsom High School graduate, Shania Zhou, was named the winner of the \$1,000 WASH scholarship. She will be attending the Ringling School of Design in Florida next year. We will introduce her to members in an interview during the June Zoom meeting.

Newsletter

The newsletter is posted online at the Fine Arts website. Gary will provide a link to it from the WASH website. The next deadline is June 3.

Workshops

All workshops were cancelled for 2020 and two are scheduled for 2021. There was nothing further to report or discuss.

Program

Thomas reported that the May meeting (next week) will feature Michael Friedland. The June meeting will feature Michael Mikolon. Friedland will submit a PDF introduction with some of his work so that members can see it before the meeting. He will be scheduled for up to 60 of the 75 minutes allotted for the meeting. There will be announcements and a Painting of the Month contest. Pay for demonstrators has been \$250; that will continue for virtual meetings. There are demonstrators scheduled for later in the year, but September remains open because of the ongoing uncertainty about coronavirus restrictions. There was a brief discussion of live-streaming as an option once the lockdown ends.

Painting of the Month

There were 17 submissions last month. AlysLynn prepared photographs of each of them and will do the same this month. Voting will be based on the photos posted on the website; voting will be closed by the time of the meeting, but winners will not be announced until the meeting. Peter Rodgers will provide coordination and commentary.

Shows

There will be a decision from SFAC soon about how long the WASH member show will be hung. AlysLynn will ask everyone to wait to pick up their paintings until after the show comes down, if they can. Dick Blick helped a lot with gifts and awards for the honorable mention winners and were acknowledged for their generosity.

Website

Pictures and video from the member show have been posted on the website.

New Business

A painting challenge was proposed by AlysLynn. She offered several ideas. There is a FaceBook painting challenge page that could serve as an example because of the ease of posting there, but WASH wants to do something just for our members. AlysLynn, Sandie and Nancy will discuss details and AlysLynn will send Ralph a proposal by Sunday so it can be presented the next day at the May member meeting; the goal is to launch on June 1.

There has been a WASH board member show in the SFAC foyer the past few summers. The limited cost is covered by the organization. Sally moved that there be a similar show in July; AlysLynn seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval. Thomas will coordinate it.

There was a discussion about having non-members join our virtual meetings. Everyone is welcome. The Zoom invitation may be shared freely.

NCA as an organization gave SFAC \$250 as part of the Big Day of Giving fund drive. Sally moved that WASH also donate \$250. Nancy seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous and Ed will make sure the money is transferred.

Next Meetings

The next member meeting will be held (virtually by Zoom) on May 11 at 1:30 p.m. The next board meeting (also by Zoom) will be on June 1 at 1:30 p.m.; among other things, we will discuss whether to have the June member meeting in the evening.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Canby
Secretary