



Sacramento Fine Arts Center
5330-B Gibbons Drive
Carmichael, CA 95608

WASH Board Meeting Minutes
Special Board Meeting
August 9, 2021
12:45 p.m.
via Zoom

Attending:

Ralph Wilson
Diane Pargament
Tana Smith
Sally Bostley
Nancy Wedick
Edward Bostley
Cindy Farmer
Gary Mele
Sandie Mele

Absent:

AlysLynn Lemke

President Ralph Wilson called the special meeting of the WASH Board to order at 12:46 p.m. He stated there would be two main questions for the Board to consider at the meeting: 1. Discussion of the Proposal to Live Stream General Membership Meetings. 2. Should we hold a second Saturday reception for the upcoming WASH Open Show?

Ralph addressed the first question: At the last Board meeting a straw poll showed four of nine Board members were either hesitant or would not attend in-person meetings. Ralph then proposed livestreaming the meetings. Tana expressed concern that none of the demonstrators for this fall and next year have the ability to do online demos. Ralph discussed the proposal for livestreaming that he sent out, what equipment and personnel we would need, and stating he likely underestimated the cost at \$1650. SFAC Board voted to share the cost of equipment but not personnel costs. Ralph discussed that SFAC pays close to minimum wage whereas a tech employee would be paid substantially more. SFAC voted to share equipment costs between SFAC, WASH and NCA based on \$1650. NCA will discuss the proposal on Thursday.

Ralph asked for the Board's thoughts. Nancy said the suggestion was to split the cost into thirds. Livestreaming would be a solution for people who cannot come to the meetings. She reminded us that we pay models and demonstrators so why would the

cost for a person to run the video equipment be an issue? An alternative would be that each group could find and pay their own AV tech. Ralph suggested we do not want to get into the payroll business, that state law makes it difficult to pay someone once in awhile due to tests whether a person is an employee. Some suggestions to resolve this included use of payroll services or use a high school student. Cindy suggested contacting youth organizations and media classes or to offer an internship. Further discussion followed on problems of how to pay such a person including a young man named "Eli" who might be able handle the technical side of the meetings. Ralph will follow up with this young man.

Ralph proposed that we settle on the first part of the question involving equipment and put a limit on how much we would spend. He suggested WASH go in at one-third of no more than \$2500 with NCA and SFAC. Discussion followed. Sally moved that we go in for one-third of no more than \$2500 for the equipment costs with SFAC, Nancy seconded, and the motion carried. Ralph will follow up regarding the person needed to run the tech equipment.

The second question: Regarding the Second Saturday Reception, Ralph said he had talked with Barbara Little and she is willing to help get people together to do a reception. NCA and SFAC have been doing food. Nancy said that Helen Plenert has a show in the entry and that she has sent out postcards for Second Saturday. Further, it is not just a function of WASH but of the art center as a whole. Second Saturday should not be job of the show chair. Nancy would volunteer to help set it up. There are no restrictions on food; we would just have to wear masks. Ralph agreed it is not just for us and does not just affect us.

Discussion followed on pros and cons. Ralph asked the Board for opinions. Board members agreed that AlysLynn should not have to plan Second Saturday receptions. They also agreed that we should have the reception. Nancy and Tana will head up the reception and coordinate with Barbara Little. The event will be scaled down and refreshments will likely be coffee and cookies.

Ralph adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Pargament