

# GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2011

The Board meeting was called to order by President Steve Pritchard. Present were: Steve Pritchard, Jane Bridges, Phil Hargrove, Denis Delehanty, Ron Britton, Frank Bowers, Jim Hardy, Harry Saunders, and Harvey Meyer.

The April minutes were presented by Jane Bridges, and accepted (Phil made motion and Steve seconded) as amended to show correct AAW's award name as Quiet Stalwart.

Since the McCravy's were not present, a discussion of the GAW Picnic at their house in August was postponed.

Information about the opening reception on September 1<sup>st</sup> for the turning exhibit at the Douglasville Cultural Arts Center has been listed in the newsletter. Steve mentioned that they would like to have a lathe on site for the reception.

Steve presented the written policy for reimbursement of expenses incurred while on official GAW business. The policy was discussed and accepted with modifications (Jane made the motion and Jim seconded).

The treasurer's report was presented and accepted for filing (Phil made the motion and Steve seconded). The present checking account balance is \$ 24,153.53 (\$18,572.30 in the scholarship fund).

Board members were asked to submit individual profiles for an article for the newsletter. So far, only Denis has submitted the information.

Steve reported several deaths and accidents occurring lately by woodturners. In light of this, Steve is going to make an announcement at the meeting about the turning speed guidelines. Harvey then proposed that we have a "Safety Czar" who would give safety tips/reminders at our meetings. It was decided to ask Mark Sillay if he would take on this responsibility; if not, Harvey has volunteered to do this. Jim brought up the idea of our having a safety shield for our monthly demos. It was decided that Lexan would be the preferred composition to use, but no vote was taken as to whether or not to obtain one.

A lot of discussion was held about the present limit on the number of attendees per class for our scholarship awards. The pros and cons, and the initial reason for the requirement were discussed. We also got feedback from Jim Hutchinson and Wes Jones about this requirement. Frank made the motion to eliminate the restriction of 2 student per class and Jim seconded the motion. Next we need a vote of the club members to be able to change the by-laws.

Harvey reported for the Symposium committee that the brochures have been mailed and emails sent to all the turning club presidents in the Southeastern United States. So far we have only received 12 registrations. Harvey mentioned that the registrar of the Southern States symposium mentioned that their symposium registration was also slow.

Ron mentioned that on October 15<sup>th</sup> we would have another beginner's hands-on workshop at Hardwoods, Inc. (originally Atlanta Hardwoods).

The meeting was adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Bridges, Secretary

