

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS BOARD MEETING

January 16, 2014, 5:00 PM: Wingnuts Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by Steve Pritchard. In attendance were Steve Pritchard, Ron Britton, Kevin Wood, Harvey Meyer, Mike Peace, Bob Black, Doug McCulloch, Jim Hardy, and Mark Sillay.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Sillay with second by Mike Peace to approve the board meeting minutes of December 19, 2013. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Harvey Meyer, treasurer, submitted his report to the Board. A motion was made by Mark Sillay with second by Kevin Wood to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Approved.

Ga Tech Scholarship: It had been previously decided as a goodwill gesture to present a \$500 scholarship to Ga. Tech in return for the use of the meeting building. The scholarship will be awarded to students selected by the Ga. Tech staff to take hands-on training by a GAW member. The Tech staff requested the scholarship be awarded to several people and presented a list of four names. After discussion a motion was made to award each of the four a \$150 scholarship thus increasing the total to \$600. Scholarship certificates are to be presented to each student, they will select an instructor and at the time of the instruction hand over the certificate to the instructor. The instructor will present the certificate to the treasurer for payment. A motion was made by Harvey Meyer, second by Mike Peace, to modify the previous action to increase the scholarship to four students at \$150 each. Approved.

501-C-3: There was a general discussion on the status of obtaining 501-c-3 status for GAW. Forms waiting approval by IRS. This will require annual filing.

Corporate Filing with State of GA: Filing for continuing corporate status with the State of Georgia was discussed and the due date is May 15, 2014...

AAW Chapter Insurance: Insurance was brought up and discussed. Last year GAW had both the \$90 per year Group General Liability and the \$425 per year Private General Policy Plan. There was discussion about coverage for board members which would be Directors and Officers Liability Plan. Mike Peace suggested that we determine if we need the dual coverage. Tabled.

Outside Board Meeting: Steve Pritchard recommended we have an outside board meeting. The purpose would be to discuss chapter goals and activities for the short and medium term. It was decided to meet at George's on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2014. Approved.

Additional Board Positions: Steve Pritchard proposed that the present committee chair positions of Program and Symposium be made Board positions. This requires a change in the bylaws and such change requires approval of the membership. A motion was made by Mark Sillay and seconded by Harvey Meyer that the bylaws be changed to include Program Chairmen and Symposium Chairman as board members. Approved. To be announced at the general meeting later in the evening.

Change Bylaws Regarding Scholarship Amount: Steve Pritchard proposed that the amount of scholarships which is currently \$750 be deleted from the bylaws and be placed in the Scholarship Policies page. The intent is to give the board flexibility in adjusting the scholarship amount if in the future there happened to be a shortfall or excess in funds available for scholarships. It will be made clear to the general membership that there is no intent to reduce the present \$750 amount at present. A motion to remove any reference to the chapter scholarship amount from the bylaws and place the same in the Scholarship Policies page was made by Kevin Wood and seconded by Doug McCulloch. Approved. This will require approval by the general membership and will be announced at the meeting later in the evening.

Audio and Video Equipment: Steve Pritchard proposed that we consider the sad state of the chapter's audio and video equipment. The board was in general agreement that upgrades were needed. Mark Sillay suggested that we contact Matt Spaugh for recommendations. No action taken.

Equipment/Hardware to Support Demonstrations: Steve Pritchard proposed that we determine what items are needed to support demonstrators such as chucks, spur centers etc. The ensuing discussion was far ranging. It became apparent that the matter needed more study and that this would require more time than was available during the board meeting. Steve Pritchard appointed Ron Britton and Harvey Meyer, Joint Program Chairmen to determine what was needed and present a recommendation to the board next month.

Symposium: Jim Hardy, Symposium Chair announced that he had gotten sufficient volunteers to fill all symposium committees.

Gift Card Purchase for Raffle: Harvey Meyer announced he had purchased \$20 gift cards from Peachtree Woodworking and Woodcraft and had some on hand from Highland. After discussion the board approved continuing with three \$20 gift cards for each raffle.

Adjournment: Adjournment was approved.