

Georgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes

March 2016

The scheduled board meeting for the Georgia Association of Woodturners met with quorum in place and was called to order by President Peggy Schmidt. Attendees for the meeting included:

Peg Schmid	President	Steve Mellott	Vice President
Steve Pritchard	Past President	Dan Douthart	Treasurer
Charlie Levan	At Large	John Rudert	At Large
Harry Saunders	Scholarships	Kim Muthersbough	Secretary

Secretary's Report

Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report from last month by John Rudert and it was seconded by Steve Pritchard. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report from last month and file it for audit by John Rudert and it was seconded by Steve Mellott. Passed Unanimously.

General Business

Taxes have been filed.

Insurance has been paid.

Peg will solicit volunteers (non-Board members) to audit the Treasurer's Report.

AAW Symposium Report – 60-70 volunteers. Need Raffle and Greeter committee leads. Discussed ways to direct attendees around America's Mart.

Scholarship Rules – Discussion regarding amending the rules pertaining to scholarships to reduce the potential for abuse.

The definition of Family membership is separate from the scholarship rules. Steve P. and Harry will write up family membership wording to be along the lines of "member, spouse, significant other, and children under 18 in the same residence". This change will be discussed further at future board meeting.

Discussion of scholarship policy change. John Rudert made a motion to make change to the scholarship rules (operational rules) to be a scholarship per membership, either single or family, every 2 years. Seconded by Charlie Levan. Passed Unanimously. Steve Pritchard will update the website to reflect the changes in the scholarship rules.

Budget – Steve Mellott brought a proposed budget that was reviewed. John R moved to accept the budget as proposed. Passed Unanimously.

Square readers - Steve Pritchard did not bring.

Woodworking Show – Charlie Levan will solicit volunteers at meeting – again. Will sell AAW raffle tickets at the show – have spoken to show to get ticket sale permission. Will hand out AAW Symposium brochures and GAW membership flyers. Set-up covered. Peggy made tabletop shields & will provide grinder.

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AAW Symposium Promotion – Discussion about potentially offering a prize of AAW Symposium registration in order to promote symposium attendance. Alternate suggestion of gift certificate. Receipt for registration presented, then check for \$100 delivered to winner. One prize for each of April and May raffles, funded out of the General Fund. Motion to approve and fund the gift certificate raffle made by Peggy Schmid and seconded by Steve Mellott. Passed Unanimously.

Membership – 106 paid members – 21 on the books not yet paid

GA National Fair – Motion to continue participation in the Georgia National Fair made by John Rudert and seconded by Steve Mellott. Passed Unanimously.

Turning Southern Style 2017 – Reviewed demonstrator proposal for symposium. Discussion about a female featured demonstrator. Steve Pritchard proposed Marilyn Cambell from Canada or possibly Dixie Biggs. Group was encouraged to research and propose additional female candidates for featured demonstrator. Discussed trying to get demonstrator commitment and meet what Tennessee did for demonstrators this year. Would involve commitment for an additional rotation per featured demonstrator, and mean more \$ per demonstrator. The thought was keeping our symposium competitive. Not sure there's a need or issue with what we've done in the past. Will check with NC and FL to see what their rates to demonstrators have been. A comment on historical Symposium scheduling was that we have kept enough slots open for multiple local turners to have the opportunity to present and add a regional symposium to their resume. Adding a rotation per featured demonstrator could significantly reduce those opportunities.

The convention center has announced that it will be increasing its rates. Steve has RFP's out to 3 other locations.

No decisions made -more discussion to come.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Pritchard and seconded by John Rudert. Passed Unanimously.

2016 Demonstration Schedule

April - Frank Bowers (subbing for Frank Penta)
May - Michael Gibson (GA)
June - Michael Hosaluk (Canada)
July - Dennis Paullus (TN)
August - Peg Schmid (GA)
Sept - TBD
Oct - TBD
Nov - Nick Cook (GA) Dec – Holiday Social Party

Meeting:

Barbara Dill presented turning on multiple axes. There were 35 attendees.