

Georgia Association of  
Woodturners Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes Aug 20, 2015

The meeting was brought to order by President, Steve Pritchard. Board members present were Kim Muthersbough, Mike Peace, Bob Black, Jim Hardy, Steve Mellott, Mark Sillay, Ron Britton and Harvey Meyer.

Secretary, Bob Black had emailed the minutes of the July board meeting to all board members prior to this month's meeting. Mike Peace made a motion to accept the minutes. Mark Sillay seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer Harvey Meyer presented the treasurer's report. There was no discussion. Steve Pritchard made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Kim Muthersbough seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Steve Mellott, symposium chairman provided the following:

### **GAW Symposium – August 20 Update**

#### Attendance

- Will probably be more than 200 but fewer than last year.
- Less than ½ of last year's participants are attending.
- GAW still has good representation (app 40).
- Have 2 more mass emails scheduled before September 18.

I have sent out communications to 25 different companies and individuals soliciting donations for the silent and live auctions.

With help from Jim and Harvey, I have been developing the materials for the registration packets.

Since the last meeting, I have been able to solicit several volunteers to help with the symposium: Danny McCravy, Charlie Levan, Jack Morse, Jane McCravy, Linda Britt, Katie Meyer, Bob Black and Bob Lough.

I am working with a spouse in Alabama to coordinate activities for the spouses.

Peg Schmid will be hosting a "Women in Turning" meeting on Saturday at 5:00.

I still need to find someone to help collect the smaller tools that the demonstrators have requested.

Confirmed I should schedule the Convention Center for 2017.

## Symposium Demonstrator Fees

We have two symposium demonstrators coming from overseas and they are traveling to other demonstrations while in the US. We have had a travel allowance of \$1000 up to now. The increased cost of airfares was discussed as the actual cost for some of the demonstrators was expected to exceed the \$1000 allowance. Mark Sillay made a motion to increase the allowance to \$1200 per person. Ron Britton seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote

## Nominations

Steve Pritchard announced that a nominating committee would be appointed. He expected the slate of officers for 2016 would be announced at the October meeting and a vote would be taken at the November meeting. Several board members have served for two years and must be replaced in accordance with our bylaws. Steve asked for volunteers to serve in 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 PM.

**Regular Meeting at Georgia Tech:** Steve Pritchard called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. We had one visitor. We had one new member.

Steve Mellott, Symposium Chair updated the membership on the state of the symposium.

Robert from Hardwoods, Inc. announced the Woodtoberfest on Oct 24, 2015 from 8:00 to 3:00 PM with a free lunch from 11:00 to 1:00. Tables for selling tools are available for \$10.

Steve Pritchard asked for members to contact him with suggestions for a local charity for the Return to the Community program during the 2016 National Symposium to be held in Atlanta. AAW is looking for a small charity that a gift of \$10,000 to \$15,000 would make a significant difference. They favor the themes of hunger or children

The instant gallery was presented.

John Jordan presented the program on how to carve and texture turned pieces.

58 People attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Black, Secretary