

Georgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes

May 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
John Rudert	At Large
Harry Saunders	Scholarships
Kim Muthersbough	Secretary

Absent:

Dan Douthart	Treasurer
Charlie Levan	At Large
Harvey Meyer	Programs

Secretary's Report

Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report from last month by John R. and it was seconded by Steve P.. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Since the Treasurer, Dan Douthart, was absent, the review and approval of a Treasurer's report for May was deferred to the June Board meeting.

Business:

AAW Symposium:

Steve P. reviewed status, remaining actions to be done, and timing.

Explained how parking vouchers will work.

School for Visually Impaired Turners:

Steve P. spoke about initiative to launch a school for blind turning in every city where AAW Symposium is held. The Atlanta objective is to turn pens at the Center for the Visually Impaired.

Steve P. and a couple of volunteers can kick it off. Discussion was held about members needed to make it go, building to potentially 2 sessions per week – held during the day. Steve P. wants to solicit volunteers at tonight's meeting. Board saw no problem.

Reference online videos – "Blind Woodturner"

Scholarship Question:

A question came up from a member that will not be able to use a scholarship that he won in the drawing at last year's Turning Southern Style Symposium. He wants to sell that scholarship. The issue is how to handle him selling the scholarship to someone that has already registered and paid for the class for which they would use the scholarship. After discussion among the Board, the decision was made that an e-mail

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is needed from the scholarship recipient that they wish for the scholarship to be transferred to another individual, and identify that individual. If the person receiving the transfer has already registered for an paid for the class, they may need to request a refund and them re-enroll. Any fees involved with that process are not the club's responsibility. Documentation required by the club for reimbursement to the transfer recipient remains the same, and club payment would be made to John C. Campbell as usual.

Question about GAW President and AAW Symposium:

Club policy is to pay up to \$500 for the GAW President to attend the AAW Symposium. Peggy was already planning to attend the symposium as a demonstrator, therefore her registration situation is a special situation. Steve P. moved to reimburse Peggy up to \$500 for unreimbursed expenses. Steve M. seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

It was recognized that the club needs a policy in place to cover a transfer situation to someone other than the President if a similar situation occurs in the future. Note that there was a similar situation in 2015, when Steve P. was comped his registration to attend since he was the upcoming Local Volunteer Liaison. Board at that time decided to transfer registration coverage to Steve M. since he was upcoming Tool Room Committee Chair.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve P., and was seconded by Steve M.. Motion carried unanimously.

May meeting:

Michael Gibson presented how he makes his teapots. There were 34 attendees