

Georgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes
May 2019

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

Kim Muthersbough	President
Jeff Barnes	Vice President / Programs
VACANT	Secretary
Andy Bennett	Treasurer
Elisabeth Ross	Symposium Chairperson
Tim Robertson	At Large
James McClure	At Large

Absent:

Charlie Levan	Past President
Harry Saunders	Scholarships

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the Secretary's Report for April which had been prepared by Steve Pritchard was made by Andy Bennett, and a second was made by Jeff Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

Kim Muthersbough agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report and other Financial Business

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report from April by Jeff Barnes and it was seconded by James McClure. Motion carried unanimously.

Kim and Andy spent a few minutes prior to the Board meeting reviewing some feedback that Kim had on the layout of the Treasurer's Report with the objective of improving readability. Andy agreed to incorporate those changes into future reports.

Regarding the Annual review of Finances for the club:

Kim made a motion to accept the prep of financial information done by Charlie Levan and Harvey Meyer for the tax submission as the Annual Financial Review. Andy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Business:

Programs

The Demonstrator contract for the Symposium was sent to Harry for review and feedback.

Safety Shield

It was noted that the club has not been using a safety shield during demonstrations, as we should be. During the meeting Kim asked Tripp if there was a place that we could store a shield if one was fabricated, and the response was "Why don't you use the one that has already been made?" Evidently

there was a shield made several months ago that is “stored” behind the wall that the monitors are on. We should be sure to bring it out and use it when turning is part of the monthly demonstration.

Turning Southern Style Symposium

The Vendor Waiver will be reviewed and edited if necessary to align with the contract.

Elisabeth’s assessment of the Oregon Woodturning Symposium was distributed and there was some related discussion.

Elisabeth will work to update the list of incentives. Brief discussion that incentives are offered to the three persons on the symposium committee, the camera operators, the vendor coordinator, and the auctioneer.

Board Vacancies

A volunteer is still needed for the Secretary position.

A volunteer is still needed to take on the Program Directors position, working with Jeff through the end of the year, and taking over from there.

Strategic discussion regarding the Turning Southern Style Symposium

The discussion was about what it would take to grow the event. Key points that were made included the following:

- Elisabeth put forward the opinion that it would probably take a larger pool of volunteers, and more participation (attendance) from the clubs in the region. That might mean that the Symposium would go to a multi-club management model.
- On the pro side of a larger symposium, more attendees would attract more vendors – some potential vendors who have been invited have responded that our attendance is not enough to justify their expense of time and money to attend.
- A larger symposium could attract (and fund) more “top shelf” demonstrators.

Elisabeth shared that she is working with Jeff Brockett from AAW who is working on an initiative to facilitate communication between regional symposium chairpersons with a focus on improving the quality of symposiums of all sizes around the country.

Operational Guideline Template

Kim distributed a sample of a proposed format for an Operational Guideline document to the Board. There was not any time for discussion at this meeting.

James McClure made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting, which Tim Robertson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Note that Elisabeth sent out an e-mail with an updated TSS Symposium vendor status on Friday after the meeting.