

Georgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes

February 20, 2020

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Woodturners met at the Georgia Tech Fabrication Lab on February 20, 2020. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by President Kim Muthersbough. Attendees included

Kim Muthersbough,	President
Andy Bennett	Treasurer
Ed Perkerson	Secretary
Tim Robertson	At Large
Charlie Levan	Past President
Harry Saunders	Chairman of the Scholarship Committee

Absent:

Steve Mellott	Program Chair
Open	Vice President
Open	At Large
Steve Pritchard	Webmaster
Elisabeth Ross	Symposium Chair

Secretary's Report

Kim Muthersbough asked that approval of the Minutes of the January 20 meeting be deferred; he had prepared amendments which he proposed to send to the Board members for approval by email.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January was made by Charlie Levan, and a second was made by Tim Robertson. The motion carried unanimously.

Business:

Membership:

The Club has, at present, 69 paid membership registrations. This has a material effect on the club's financial situation; measures which might encourage more prompt payment of dues were discussed.

Action item on the agenda for the next month's Board meeting to discuss potential consequences for delinquent dues payment.

Potentially add a Membership Director to the Board (one of the At Large positions)?

Programs:

Discussion of Workshop Cost Analysis deferred to a meeting that Steve Mellott is present (should be March).

Symposium:

The Dalton Convention Center, the site which has hosted the Turning Southern Style Symposium in the past, has assigned a new representative to our account. They have increased their rate for 2021 to 150% of the previous rate. Additionally, the rate for 2022 will increase to 200% of what we have paid in the last few years. The Board members considered this increase unacceptable. After discussion, Charlie Levan has agreed to consider leading a search for a new site for the Symposium. Other money saving possibilities were discussed such as changing to a two day symposium rather than three and/or charging vendors for floor space. Neither of these were discussed in depth.

In conjunction with the search for a new venue, Elisabeth Ross is working with Steve Mellott on an updated set of specifications for the potential venue.

Scholarships

Harry Saunders reported that three people have requested scholarships to go to a class put on by Nick Agar in Brooklet Georgia. Mr. Saunders gave a history of the rule which limited the number of scholarships which may be awarded to a single class. In the past, only one such scholarship was allowed. Then, in 2011 that provision was deleted, but the recipient(s) were required to give a demonstration of what they had learned. That, eventually, was changed to require the recipient(s) to write a report detailing what they had learned in order to receive the remaining 20% of their scholarship. A motion was made by Andy Bennett and seconded by Tim Robertson to cap the number of such attendees to a single class at two. The Motion was approved unanimously. However, because there was no Club rule in place previously, it was decided that the club will reimburse the class expenses for all three class attendees that have already applied to the Nick Agar class.

Andy Bennett will draft a letter setting forth the payment procedures for scholarship recipients. Essentially, recipients will be required to submit an invoice for the class fee and an expense report with receipts for other items. This procedure is necessitated by legal requirements that our charitable corporation not give money directly to members, instead we must clearly fulfill our charitable educational mission.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Perkerson, and seconded by Charlie Levan.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar Perkerson