

Georgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes

April 29, 2020

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Woodturners met by video conference on April 29th, 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	Member At Large
Frank Bowers	Member At Large
Charlie Levan	Past President
Steve Mellott	Program Chair
Steve Pritchard	Webmaster
Elisabeth Ross	Symposium Chair

Absent:

Harry Saunders	Scholarships
Open	Vice President

Note that prior, normally scheduled meetings in March and April did not take place because of COVID-19 social distancing orders in effect and because the normal venue, the Georgia institute of Technology materials lab. was not available.

Secretary's Report

A motion to approve the minutes of meetings for January and February 2020 was made by Charlie Levan and seconded by Andy Bennett. The Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the months of February and March and the Report for the First Quarter of 2020 was made by Ed Perkerson, and seconded by Charlie Levan. The motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about extending outstanding scholarships because recipients of those scholarships will not be able to use them while restrictions on group gatherings are in place. It was agreed that Elizabeth Ross, Andy Bennett and Harry Saunders will monitor those recipients and inform the Board if it appears that extensions are necessary.

Programs:

Steve Mellott reported on the recent Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD) provided by Cindy Drozda. The audience consisted of members of the Georgia Association of Woodturners (GAW), the Atlanta Woodturners Guild (AWG) and officers of several other clubs. The demonstration was held on April 23rd, not the regular meeting night for either principal club. Feedback has been generally positive, except for officers of the South Metro club. They expressed dissatisfaction with the demonstration and indicated that they would not be interested in participating in future IRDs.

Steve Mellott was able to report that a total of 48 members of GAW and AWG attended the IRD discussed above. He was unable to report on the level of satisfaction felt by the club members or any problems with changing the regularly scheduled meeting night. Both of these items are of critical importance; we want to ensure that we are providing excellent and satisfactory education experiences for our members.

There was an extensive discussion about future meetings. Indications are that the Club's normal venue might not be available for meetings until September. For that reason, IRD's will probably be the only way to have club meetings. An IRD is scheduled for May but the months of June, July and August are open. A second question is whether we will allow other clubs to share in our IRDs (and the cost thereof). Some demonstrators object to appearing before two or more clubs. Others will do so, but want increased fees.

A Motion was made by Charlie Levan that Steve Mellott be authorized to negotiate these matters with demonstrators and potential other clubs. The Motion was seconded by Andy Bennett and passed unanimously.

Symposium:

Elisabeth Ross reported that the Symposium Committee met last week. Because the available information regarding the 2020 Symposium is sketchy, they have formulated a tentative recommendation; that is to defer making any decision until the end of May. This will not cost the Club any money because next payment to the Georgia Convention Center is not due until June 1. At that time we can cancel our commitment or pay the remainder of the amount due and proceed with the Symposium.

The Symposium may not be a viable event because of restrictions on large groups of people.

Should events work against a successful Symposium, our hierarchy of potential losses is as follows:

Loss of deposit: \$2,000.00

Loss of potential income from the Symposium:

Loss of money on staging the Symposium.

Other issues concerning future symposia are that the Georgia Convention Center has raised rates to an unacceptable level for 2021 and that the American Association of Woodturners has scheduled their annual symposium for 2022 in Chattanooga at approximately the same time that our symposium is normally held.

Business:

Kim Muthersbough asked Andy Bennett, Elisabeth Ross and Steve Mellott to put together budget figures considering several different scenarios; these include higher rent for the Convention Center for 2021, no Symposium for 2020 and other probable conditions.

Kim Muthersbough will call another meeting at a mutually agreeable time before June 1 to further consider the issues of the Symposium and, perhaps any other issues concerning IRDs.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Levan and seconded by Steve Pritchard.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar Perkerson

Secretary