

Georgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes

August 18, 2020

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Woodturners met by video conference on August 18, 2020. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by President Kim Muthersbough. Attendees included:

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| Kim Muthersbough, | President       |
| Andy Bennett      | Treasurer       |
| Ed Perkerson      | Secretary       |
| Tim Robertson     | At Large        |
| Charlie Levan     | Past President  |
| Steve Mellott     | Program Chair   |
| Frank Bowers      | At Large        |
| Steve Pritchard   | Webmaster       |
| Elisabeth Ross    | Symposium Chair |

Absent:

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| Harry Saunders | Scholarships   |
| Open           | Vice President |

**Secretary's Report**

Charlie Levan moved that the minutes of the June 20 meeting be approved. The Motion was seconded by Tim Robertson. It was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January was made by Ed Perkerson, and a second was made by Steve Mellott. The motion carried unanimously.

**Business:**

The Covid-19 virus, and its effect upon social interaction in all phases of our lives, both with and without legal mandates regarding social distancing and other preventive measures has necessitated a deep look at what we expect the Club to be in the future.

Additionally, it appears very likely that we are about to lose our meeting site at the Georgia Tech Lab.

Questions regarding our ability to hold in person meetings, to have hands on meeting/demonstrations, to have in person demonstrators were discussed at length. At this point we simply do not know what our ability to perform these, and other activities will be.

**Programs:** Steve Mellot gave notice several months ago that he would not be able to continue as Program Director next year. He also produced a detailed list of responsibilities and activities that the Program Director performs, in order to assist in bring a new Program Director on board. We must find and designate a new Program Director quickly to fill the vacancy.

In the recent situation involving Covid-19, we are not able to have in person meetings. For that reason, our recent demonstrations have been Interactive Remote Demonstrations (IRDs). It appears likely that for the unknown future we will be restricted to IRD demonstrations.

This presents problems. Currently we have a relationship with two other clubs in which we transport the demonstrator to the Atlanta area, provide lodging and transportation for the demonstrator for the week in order for him/her to perform demonstrations for all three clubs and a hands on demonstration during one (sometimes two) day(s) of the week. This places a tremendous responsibility on our Programs Director. With IRDs being the norm, each club could/should fend for itself or combine to contract with demonstrators. However, many members are members of two or more clubs. It would not be fair to produce the same demonstrator at two clubs in the same month.

**Symposium:**

The symposium was discussed at length. The Dalton Convention Center has demanded, with short notice, that we sign a contract to reserve space for the Turning Southern style Symposium in 2021. Financially, this would involve the existing deposit (\$2,000) and payments of \$3875 in October 2020, April 2021 and September 2021. At this point we do not know what our ability to hold such a meeting will be because of legal restrictions; we do not know if our past attendees, many of whom are over 65 years of age will attend because of concerns about Covid-19 and other doubts. We have learned that the Tennessee and Florida organizations have cancelled their Symposia for 2021.

Additionally, we do not have the necessary organization in place to produce the Symposium. Our bylaws require that a new president be elected; our vice president position is vacant and our Programs Director is unable to serve next year. The discussion centered around a characterization that signing the contract would be imprudent at this time. It may be possible that the Dalton Convention Center will have open space that we can reserve later or other facilities will have space for us.

A motion to not sign the contract was made by Ed Perkerson and seconded by Tim Robertson. It passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Levan and seconded by Ed Perkerson. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edgar Perkerson  
Secretary

Addendum: The Georgia Convention Center has refunded our deposit.