

Georgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes

September 15, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Woodturners was held on Zoom on September 15, 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
Steve Mellott	Program Chair
Frank Bowers	At Large

Absent:

Open	Vice President
Harry Saunders	Scholarships
Steve Pritchard	Webmaster
Elisabeth Ross	Symposium Chair

**Secretary's Report**

Charlie Levan moved that the minutes of the August 18 meeting be approved. The Motion was seconded by Kim Muthersbough. It was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2020 was made by Ed Perkerson, and a second was made by Steve Mellott. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Business:**

Discussions continued attempting to answer the question “What will the Georgia Association of Woodturners look like in the future?”.

An essential part of the Club’s purpose involves providing demonstrations and instruction, whether face to face or by Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD). Steve Mellott, who has served as Programs Director for the Club has supplied a detailed description of the activities required to arrange IRDs. This guide will accompany guides he furnished earlier describing activities he performed to arrange face to face demonstrations. These guides are extremely helpful: there must be a new Programs Director next year and he/she/they need to be prepared early on.

Steve Mellott has stated that the Board should provide the Programs Director with a list of the demonstrators that the Club would like to employ. There was no motion regarding this, but there was general agreement among the members. There was a general discussion about how and where to find demonstrators. It was stated and implicitly agreed that such a list could be formulated fairly easily.

One question which we must address involves programs/demonstrations. Should we continue with the multi club agreement? This has been discussed in the past. The agreement will be less than useful if all/most local clubs continue to rely on IRDs. Members of multiple clubs could view the same demonstration several times during one month.

Ideas for a person to serve as Programs Director were discussed at length. Several of the Board members have ideas about a person who might be willing to serve in the programs position and, incidentally fill a vacant position of the board of Directors. They will discuss with that/those persons and report at the next meeting.

The Club has committed to providing IRDs for the first four months of 2021.

Several members are aware of a person who has a warehouse which might be available for meetings and hands on workshops. Charlie Levan will contact that person to explore further, and possibly arrange a visit for Charlie and Frank to investigate further.

There was general agreement that the hands-on workshops should remain in our program lineup. It is becoming clear that social interaction is a critical component of this and/or any club that focuses on a specific activity.

## **Elections**

Upcoming elections were discussed briefly. In the past Club elections have been held at in person meetings with no difficulty. That will not be possible this year.

The Club Bylaws provide as follows:

The officers of GAW shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually at the November meeting by a majority vote of members attending that meeting. Such other officers and assistant officers as deemed necessary may be elected by Chapter members or appointed by the Board of Directors.

Each Officer will normally hold office for one year, but can be elected for one additional sequential term.

Additionally, the Board may fill vacant offices.

Clearly, it is going to be impossible to have an election at a face to face meeting. There was discussion about holding the election remotely. In November.

**Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Perkerson, and seconded by Steve Mellott.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edgar Perkerson  
Secretary