

GAWBdMtgMINUTESGeorgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes

December 15, 2020

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Woodturners met on Zoom on December 15, 2020. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by President Kim Muthersbough. We normally do not have a Board meeting in December, but, due to unusual circumstances, this meeting was called to discuss a proposal made by Elisabeth Ross. 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
Steve Pritchard	Webmaster
Elisabeth Ross	Symposium Chair

Absent:

Harry Saunders	Scholarships
Open	Vice President

Secretary's Report

Ed Perkerson moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting which were written by Past President Charlie Levan. Andy Bennett seconded the Motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November was made by Steve Mellott, and a second was made by Charlie Levan. The motion carried unanimously.

Business:

Elisabeth Ross proposed that we establish an unnamed membership that would give the participants access to our monthly IRDs along with the opportunity to purchase any premium IRD programming we offer to regular club members for the same price we would offer it to club members. We could use our information from past symposia to contact woodturners and inform them of the opportunity. The proposal was deemed urgent enough that President Muthersbough called this meeting.

Steve Mellott noted that the proposal as emailed to members of the Board included verbiage about "Premium IRD programming" and asked that we define that term. Elisabeth answered that we don't currently have anything labeled Premium IRDs or Premium Programming, but that she wanted to include the term so that in the future we could, if the Board so decides, offer it. Steve stated that the term needs to be defined in any communication that is sent out about this proposal; "If I'm going to pay for it, I want to know what it is".

During the discussion, this program came to be called an "affiliate membership":

There was an involved discussion about the proposal. Points discussed included the following:

Would "affiliate members" be eligible for scholarships?

Would "affiliate members" have access to all of our IRDs?

How many IRDs will we offer in 2021?

Would this be an annual membership opportunity?

Would "affiliate members have discounted attendance rates to future symposia?

Would any current members drop their memberships in favor of an affiliate membership in order to attend IRDs but avoid driving to Georgia Tech?

Would we include IRDs originating from our club meetings?

Would affiliate members receive the Newsletter?

Elisabeth Ross clarified that she envisioned this as a one time opportunity, not a repeating program.

A significant topic of discussion centered around having a permanent meeting site. At this point it appears doubtful that Georgia Tech will remain a viable meeting site for us. Although there has been a favorable report on a potential site in Chamblee, Georgia, nothing has been finalized yet.

It was proposed that the Scholarship Committee establish a limit on the number of scholarships to be awarded in order to forestall a rush of scholarship requests which might result from a misunderstanding of the affiliate program.

After a substantial discussion, Charlie Levan moved that we authorize six IRDs during 2021 to replace our current authorization of four. Andy Bennett seconded the Motion, which was approved unanimously.

After more discussion, Charlie Levan moved that we authorize, as a pilot program, an affiliate membership which is limited to IRD access, specifically not scholarships. Steve Mellott stated that if members learn that they can access six IRDs for \$20.00 and not drive to Georgia Tech, we may lose members. He proposed that the Motion be amended to guarantee four IRDs.

Restated, the Motion before the Board was to establish as a pilot program, one that could be easily terminated in the future, lasting for one year, guaranteeing four IRDs with potential for more, with no access to GAW scholarships and no subsidy for hands on workshops. The Motion passed with Andy Bennett abstaining. The consensus fee for this membership was twenty five dollars, although this was not a motion before the Board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Andy Bennett, and seconded by Ed Perkerson.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edgar Perkerson

Secretary