

Georgia Association of Woodturners Board Minutes

March 16, 2021

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Woodturners met by Zoom on March 16, 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
Hans Meier	Vice President
Frank Bowers	At Large
Elisabeth Ross	Symposium Chair

Absent:

Charlie Levan	Past President
Harry Saunders	Scholarships
Steve Pritchard	Webmaster

Secretary's Report

Hans Meier moved to Approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting. Tim Robertson seconded the Motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of March was made by Ed Perkerson, and a second was made by Frank Bowers. The motion carried unanimously.

Business:

A problem has arisen regarding two scholarships that were previously awarded at the Turning Southern Style Symposium by GAW for members to attend classes at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. These scholarships included full housing for the period of the class. The Board had previously considered an issue with the housing aspect of these scholarships and decided that we would pay the full amount of the housing based upon double occupancy. Now, however, because of Covid-19, Arrowmont no longer provides double occupancy housing; the only available housing is single occupancy. The cost of that housing has increased by about \$200.00 per attendee.

The question before the Board is “will GAW still provide full housing for the scholarship recipient?”

Discussion was that we should stand behind the full housing commitment made during the Symposium.

Andy Bennett moved that we pay the additional housing expense. Tim Robertson seconded; the Motion passed unanimously.

Kim Muthersbough agreed to contact Terri Bilbrey of Arrowmont and inform her of our decision. Andy Bennett will contact the scholarship recipients and notify them of our decision and that they should use them this year before they expire.

Programs:

KSU has announced that they will begin “post covid operations” in the Fall. It is assumed that Georgia Tech will follow the same schedule. Ga Tech personnel have previously indicated that we might be able to resume face to face meetings in August.

Programs have been scheduled for IRDs through April by Elisabeth Ross. There was a general discussion about scheduling programs after April in IRD format and perhaps in person for August and after.

The possibility of holding face to face meetings both in person and by broadcasting on Zoom or other medium was discussed. The problems to be resolved are 1) whether Ga. Tech will allow us to use their wi-fi with sufficient capacity, and, 2) what equipment we need to acquire to carry out IRDs.

Kim Muthersbough has contacted Steve Mellott of Barnesville Woodturners; Steve has researched equipment requirements for IRDs for use with Barnesville Woodturners. There will be more research and analysis on this issue.

Turning Southern Style Symposium

Kim Muthersbough has received a call from Dalton convention Center inquiring whether we want to reserve space for 2021. We have previously given up our usual date for 2021; we need to explore other available dates if we are to proceed with a Symposium. Issues involved include the availability of demonstrators, vendors and housing. There also exists substantial uncertainty about the “openness” of society for this event.

Additionally, AAW’s Symposium is scheduled for 2022 in Chattanooga.

Elisabeth Ross will gather information for decision making.

Holding a one day event was discussed; need for housing would then be ameliorated but we would still need at least two days of space rental or perhaps three for set up and take down.

General

The library cabinet has been removed from the GA. Tech lab and is now at Ed Perkerson's house.

We need to develop a Club brochure. Members of the Board will think about changes to make to the existing brochure. Kim Muthersbough will contact Steve Pritchard and Harvey Meyer to see if either has the original content; it would be much easier to make changes rather than starting from scratch.

Frank Bowers will recontact Gary Barnes about use of his space in Chamblee for our club meetings. Frank to tell Gary that there has not been a decision made yet, but we're at least still interested.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Perkerson and seconded by Hans Meier.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edgar Perkerson
Secretary