

AAW Teleconference Board Meeting

October 8, 2012

Call to Order

Dale Larson called the meeting to order at 6:01 CDT.

Board members present were: Dale Larson, Kurt Hertzog, Cassandra Speier, Jean LeGwin, Warren Carpenter, Binh Pho, Botho von Hampeln, Stan Wellborn, Tom Wirsing. Also present were: Phil McDonald, Betty Scarpino, and Linda Ferber.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the September meeting were approved as written.

Budget Report—Warren Carpenter, Phil McDonald

Warren and Phil reported that there was little change from the September report. There is some risk that the membership goals for the year will not be met.

Executive Director's Report—Phil McDonald

Insurance Status Update—Phil is in the process of contacting insurance agents to request quotes for next year and plans to have a report ready for the 2013 budget discussion in early November.

Sandy advised the Board that there may be a claim from a member of the Mid-South Woodturners who was giving a demonstration at another club and was injured at a grinder. Phil noted that our coverage has a \$5000 limit for medical coverage per member outside the liability coverage.

Budget—Phil requested that any new expenditures should be forwarded to him in the next two weeks for incorporation in the 2013 budget packet.

Website—Phil has 20 proposals in hand for review representing a range of costs from \$20,000 to \$200,000 with the majority falling in the \$80,000–\$100,000 range. Phil expects we need to budget for approximately \$100,000 investment, however the expenditure can be scaled over a period of time (1–3 years).

2013 Symposium—Kurt Hertzog, Phil McDonald

Gail Olmsted, Al Hockenbery, Ron Browning, Rudi Lopez, Phil, and Kurt all toured the Tampa facility and are all pleased with the venue. They saw nothing of concern and expect that all bids will be in line with expectations. Phil plans to have the office work on a campaign to promote the symposium heavily. He also plans to contact vendors who have not exhibited with us recently and invite them back.

Binh Pho talked with Powermatic about the possibility of having them paint the raffle lathe a special Tampa theme color. The symposium logo would be incorporated on the lathe and demonstrators would sign it. In the future, a unique color could be chosen for the raffle lathe to complement the symposium theme.

Woodturning FUNdamentals—Kurt Hertzog

Kurt reported that the FUNdamentals program has approximately 3000 members. The entire committee vets each issue before release. The goal is to provide safe and sane information to beginners.

Jean suggested looking into opportunities for coordinating video content with journal content, and creating guidelines for creating video content. Dale will include this topic in the January meeting agenda.

Lifetime Member—Dale Larson

After discussing the potential candidates qualifications, there was a unanimous vote to select Dave Wahl as the 2013 Lifetime Member.

Endowment Fund Proposal—John Hill, Dale Larson

Endowment money is to be used for dedicated educational purposes. There are several options up for discussion including a general drawing from the membership, EOG funding, and seed money for FUNdamentals development. Dale will prepare a proposal for the November meeting.

New Business

2013 AAW Board voting ends on October 19, and the auditors will complete the count by October 20. Dale will notify all six candidates of the outcome.

Binh has discussed the dispersal of the permanent collection with David Ellsworth. David advised that donations to museums will require additional funds to maintain the donations. Dale is compiling a file of suggestions and will appoint a committee to advise AAW. This is a low priority issue with no immediate deadline.

Binh reported that Ron Browning is producing a video on how to use the AAW video system for future training purposes.

Warren Carpenter moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM CDT. Kurt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.