

American Association of Woodturners

Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the AAW Board of Directors was convened via teleconference on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 6:05 p.m. central time, with President Greg Schramek presiding.

Board members participating were Rick Baker, Jeff Brockett, Joe Dickey, Kathleen Duncan, John Ellis, Wayne Furr, and Molly Winton. David Heim indicated he would join the meeting late. Staff members Linda Ferber, Phil McDonald, Kim Rymer, and Editor Josh Friend also participated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 18-19, 2018, Board meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved as submitted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

January 2018 Financial Reports

Joe Dickey summarized the January 2018 financial reports and noted the following points:

- Unadjusted net income as of January 31 was \$130k, \$60.8k favorable to budget.
- The year-end forecast for net income is \$60.7, \$0 favorable to budget.
- The year-end forecast for "Cash on Hand" is \$801k.

Grants

Joe Dickey asked for suggestions for potential grant opportunities. He indicated that he is getting a good idea about various grantors and their giving history.

ED REPORT

Membership Report

Phil McDonald reported that about 1/3 of new memberships in 2017 were the result of the half price incentive. He noted that these memberships will be tracked carefully for retention. Phil explained that the current 20-40 membership promotion has not gotten traction yet because communications about the program to chapter officers is still occurring, that January 2018 acquisitions fell short of target but that February is trending as of this date appears on track.

Symposium Registration

Phil reported that 2018 Symposium registration to date is 338 vs. 269 last year at the same time. He indicated that hotel pickup rates are being carefully monitored: 95% at Doubletree and 20% at Courtyard, with 80 rooms remaining on peak.

(David Heim joined at 6:24 p.m.)

Chapter Focus Group Meetings

Phil McDonald indicated that there were 16 chapter representatives on-hand for the session held in Tennessee and 11 on-hand for the one held in Florida. He explained that the outreach was well-received and the process was constructive. Among feedback received: chapters are concerned about recruiting members, getting people to volunteer, and to fill board positions. Positive reactions were given to the recent introduction of Vision2020 initiatives.

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

Jeff Brockett reported that the usual vendors have stepped up to support the Youth Program. He said that Powermatic will provide all the demonstrator lathes (near \$60k of equipment), and that Vicmark and Robust are not able to participate this year.

Jeff stated that he expects the first Symposium schedule grid in a few days after Al Hockenbery returns from Costa Rica.

WOODTURNING FUNDAMENTALS

Josh Friend explained that he is pleased with the first issue of Woodturning Fundamentals under John Kelsey's leadership. He asked Board members to contact him with any specific concerns or suggestions. Josh reported that there are several topics in the lineup including, tools, wood species, etc. He noted that he expects more advertisers will come involved because of the leadership change.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

David Heim reported that the Ethics Committee's letter on whether volunteers can/should be compensated was thorough and clear in its guidance. The Ethics Committee indicated that there is no ethical issue if a volunteer compensated for what they do. The amount of money was considered nominal and therefore not consequential in their decision. David noted that this issue pertains mainly to publications. He reported that the typical rate paid for articles is \$250 to \$1500.

Josh Friend explained the need for transparency in article selection.

Discussion on the topic ensued. Among areas addressed were clarifying the guidelines for authors to make it clear that the editor of the *American Woodturner* journal selects articles based on certain criteria listed; role of the Publications Committee; and benefits or disadvantages of having committee members author Journal content. No action was taken.

EOG GRANTS

On behalf of the EOG Committee, for approval Molly Winton presented a list of 12 EOG financial grants for 2018, for a total amount of \$15,297 in grants. Recipients were: Battle Ground High School Woodshop, Mid-Columbia Woodturners, The Curious Forge, Westside Union School District, Northeastern Oklahoma Wood Turners Association, Charles E. Havens, Larry Randolph, Anne Ogg, Greenville Woodworkers Guild, PATHS Woodworking, Marine Park Alliance Corp, and Beaver State Woodturners. Additionally, she presented ten lathes to be awarded as grants for 2018, as follows: Etowah River Woodturners, one lathe; Olympia High School Woodshop, five lathes; Mascoma High School, one lathe; Sheboygan Central High School and Tower Academy, two lathes; and Tyler Martin, one lathe.

John Ellis made a motion to approve the EOG grants. Kathleen Duncan seconded the motion and the 2018 EOG grants were approved, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Molly Winton brought up the proposal for a centralized Grants Committee that was first discussed at the January meeting. She noted that POP Committee members consulted were supportive of the concept. Additionally, the WIT Committee was in favor, with the indication of having two representatives on the Committee. The EOG Committee member consulted was also supportive, noting the value in a centralized committee.

Wayne Furr indicated that a resolution should be presented for approval at the March meeting to make this change.

CALENDAR FOR 2018

- March 21 – Conference call
- April 18 – Conference call
- May 16 – Conference call
- Jun 11, 12, 18 – Portland Symposium
- July 18 – Conference call
- August 22 – Conference call
- September 19 – Conference call
- October 17 – Conference call
- November 17, 18 – St. Paul
- December 19 – Conference call

ADJOURNMENT

Wayne Furr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Molly Winton seconded the motion and the meeting concluded at 7:48 p.m. central time, on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Duncan, Secretary