

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

Board Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the AAW Board of Directors convened via video/teleconference, at 1:59 p.m. Central time, on Thursday, June 20, 2019, with President Greg Schramek presiding.

The following board members participated in the video/teleconference: Rick Baker, Jeff Brockett, Andy Cole, Janet Collins, Joe Dickey, Kathleen Duncan, David Heim, and Ken Ledeen. Additionally, the following staff members joined: Linda Ferber, Phil McDonald, and Kim Rymer. Managing Editor Josh Friend was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Greg Schramek called for corrections to the minutes of the May 23, 2019, board meeting. There were no corrections. Rick Baker made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kathleen Duncan seconded the motion and the minutes of the May meeting were unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

May Financial Report

Joe Dickey summarized the financial reports for May 2019 and noted the following points:

- Unadjusted net income as of May 31 was \$447k, \$199k favorable to budget.
- Adjusted net income as of May 31 was \$71k, \$26k favorable to budget.
- The 2019 year-end forecast for net income was at \$130k, \$22k favorable to budget.
- May 31 "Cash on Hand" was \$1,078k.

The auditor is now preparing the 2018 nonprofit tax return documents. Delivery of the draft tax returns is expected in July and will be presented to the Finance Committee when available and likely will be presented for board approval in August.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Phil McDonald recapped the following points from the Executive Director report:

Membership

- Membership income is in line with the 2019 trajectory with no variances or surprises.

Raleigh Symposium Update

- Contracted hotels, Marriott and Sheraton, continue to be full (80% is required under the contract). However, AAW is now at the point when expected hotel room cancellations of 8%-10% take place. Three additional overflow hotels have garnered significant pick up and will help to minimize financial risk.
- The AAW Symposium has 1,200 registrations as of June 10 and is trending toward 1,300. AAW needed roughly 1,050 registrations to breakeven.

- The online live auction site is about to go live. John Hill will be the onsite auctioneer.
- Trade show vendors/exhibitors have been alerted to a recent scam regarding the sale of AAW Symposium attendee lists, which are not for sale.
- Face-to-face board meetings in Raleigh will be held on Monday, July 8, Tuesday, July 9, and Monday, July 15, at the Marriott Hotel in the Governor's Room. Printed information packets covering essential Symposium details will be provided to board members onsite.

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Jeff Brockett reported that volunteer sign up for the symposium is about 50% of where it needs to be. Volunteer interest has been on the decline in recent years. He said the areas currently in most need of volunteers are registration, the tool room, and the youth room.

Everything connected with the symposium must be out of the building/dock by Sunday evening. There will be no dock access after Sunday. Jeff said that board members should stay until everything is loaded to ensure this deadline is met.

Additionally, Al Hockenbery has indicated Raleigh will be his last year preparing the symposium schedules for the future and other volunteer will need to be identified.

PROFESSIONAL TURNERS PROPOSAL

Ken Ledeen drafted a proposal and sought input from others in advance of the meeting about how to meet the broad needs of professional turners including production turners, demonstrators, artists, and others trying to make money doing woodturning.

Ken reported that the POP Committee has not expressed interest in taking additional responsibilities on at the current time. He proposed the formation of a professional services working group to collaborate with other committees.

David Heim made a motion to form a professional services working group as proposed. Jeff Brockett seconded the motion and the working group was unanimously approved.

POP MERIT AWARD

Andy Cole presented an overview of the POP Merit Award program and award frequency. Andy represented the interest expressed by the POP Committee to transition the award to an annual occurrence from the current bi-annual frequency. Since 2007, the POP Merit Award has been given 11 times.

A discussion ensued covering the benefits of establishing nominee criteria, parameters, and/or selection justification, as well as how or whether the award complements the POP mission.

Andy Cole made a motion to change the POP merit award from a “biannual” award to an “annual” award going forward. Janet Collins seconded the motion.

Board discussion followed.

Andy Cole made the motion to withdraw the motion for the Merit Award. The motion was seconded and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

(All Times Eastern)

July 8, 9 & 15 {July 7 Fly-in Day} – Raleigh

August 22, 2:00PM

September 19, 2:00PM

October 24, 2:00PM

November 16 & 17 {November 15 Fly-in Day}

December 19, 2:00PM

ADJOURNMENT

David Heim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Baker seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:14 central time, on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Duncan, Secretary