

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

Board of Directors Meeting
September 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the AAW Board of Directors convened at 3:00 p.m. Central Time on Thursday, September 15, 2022, via teleconference with President Mike Summerer presiding.

The following Board members were present: Rick Baker, John Beechwood, Linda Britt, Jay Brown, Sally Burnett, KC Kendall, Chuck Lobaito, Mike Summerer, and Kimberly Winkle. Also in attendance were Managing Editor Josh Friend and staff members Phil McDonald, Jen Newberg, and Ron Day monitored the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda moved minutes from 8/15/22 be approved with one amendment made by Rick. Seconded by Rick. Motion passed. Linda moved minutes from 9/6/22 be approved. Seconded by John. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

No consent agenda items were raised.

FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer's Report/Financial Reports

Chuck Lobaito summarized the financial reports for August 31, 2022, and noted the following:

- Income Statement, unadjusted year-to-date: (\$237.6k) (loss, \$282k unfavorable to budget)
- Income Statement, 2022 year-end forecast: (\$183.4) (loss, \$203.6k unfavorable to budget)
- July 31 "Cash-on-Hand": \$1,384.0k
- Year-end Forecast "Cash-on-Hand": \$1,286k
- July 31 Membership Income: \$63.2k (\$3.2k unfavorable to budget)
- Year-to-Date Membership Income: \$502.5 (\$20.3 unfavorable to budget)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Committee chairs reminded to work on budget requests for 2023. Phil and is available to assist. Due by October 7th. Position description being worked on for job previously held by Kim Rymer, whose last day was 9/13/22. If anyone needs anything done that would have gone to Kim, please send to Phil and he will be sure it gets done.

BOARD REPORTING CALENDAR

Mike advised he is hoping to have a reporting calendar for committees ready to present in the November in-person meeting. This would be a standard way for committees to report.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

KC gave a report from the Demonstrator Selection Committee of the demonstrators invited and accepted for the Louisville symposium. There are a total of 21 demonstrators.

Jay informed that the Symposium Committee is close to naming videographer and volunteer national leads. Committee is planning to have 4 hybrid rooms in Louisville. There will be 8 demo rooms and 80 rotations. Portland is on track and refreshed bids requested from Minneapolis/St. Paul for 2025. Alternate cities being looked at to obtain competitive proposals.

OLD BUSINESS

Kimberly reported that WIT is advising that it not become part of a larger DEI committee but suggested if such a committee was formed that each committee would have a representative on the committee. Sally said the charge given to TWB requires focus on identified priorities and being a sub-committee of a larger committee would not be in the AAW's best interest.

Discussion about DEI initiatives ensued. Jen talked about her vision for the AAW with AIE - Accessibility, Inclusion and Equity. The AAW is already doing this with many of its programs. She suggested we create statements that show how we are doing with AIE. It was suggested a small workforce be put together to create these statements. Josh reminded the board that the Journal had a diversity statement published in every issue. KC this might be an area to include some of these areas in our virtual events, such as accessibility for handicapped turners, etc. No further action was taken by the Board.

With respect the current POP Income and Expense Policy, Kimberly advised that Board members and committee members who contribute work to the annual POP exhibition and auction are restricted from receiving any proceeds from a sale. Kimberly recommended the Board revisit this policy. Mike suggested this be assigned to committees for further review.

BYLAWS INITIATIVES

Proposed Change - to remove the language regarding a board member's eligibility to serve as chairman

Motion made by Linda to propose that bylaw 7.04 be amended as follows:

Section 7.04 Nominating Committee

- A. Chair appointment: The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the AAW Board of Directors for a term of one year.
- B. Committee make up: The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall select the members of the committee for a one-year term. That committee shall be made up of a minimum of the following:
 - 1. One current Director who is to be chair.
 - 2. One former Director.
 - 3. One AAW member who has not previously served as a Director.

Current AAW bylaw

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 - 1. One current Director who is to be chair. Any Director serving the third year of a first term is ineligible to serve on the Nominating Committee unless that Director does not seek reelection.
 - 2. One former Director.
 - 3. One AAW member who has not previously served as a Director.

The motion was seconded by KC. Motion passed unanimously.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE ACTION

Motion made by Linda, with second by John, to abolish insurance committee and move their responsibilities to the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

There was discussion about status of Communications and Publications Committee. The duties of this committee which are described in the Board Handbook are out of date. It was decided to leave the communications committee for the time, and it will be revisited after the new AAW Marketing and Communications Director is hired.

NEW BOARD AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Rick, seconded by Linda, to create a Board Audio Visual committee to advise the Board and to support Chapters and AAW operations. After much discussion, this motion passed, with the caveat that Rick will work closely with staff to be sure the charter and mission of the committee meet with AAW expectations.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

All remote sessions will be held at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time except where noted.

2022 Tentative Board Calendar

- October 20, remote
- November 19, 20 (St. Paul face-to-face, November 18 arrival date)
- December 15, remote

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting chair Mike Summerer made a motion to adjourn the meeting because all business was complete. No second was needed, and the Board meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:41 p.m. Central Time, on Thursday, September 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Brown, Secretary