

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 20, Tuesday, May 21, Monday, May 27, 2024
Portland, Oregon**

CALL TO ORDER

The May, 2024 Board meeting was called to order at 8:30 am. All Board members were present. Also present were Jennifer Newberg, Matt Brubaker and Josh Friend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Day moved to accept the Board minutes from April 18, 2024, with a second from Kimberly Winkle. Minutes were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Jen advised she has submitted a grant to the St. Paul Cultural Star Program, which is specifically for organizations in downtown St. Paul. Applied for \$37,000 to support the St. Paul Symposium. Money will be used to support public programming of symposium, the galleries and learn to turn. This will entice a larger audience to come to the symposium. In addition, she asked for funding to help leverage the Gallery for Wood Art. Funding would be used for shipping and insurance of the Irish 40th Anniversary exhibit, which will be on exhibit during the St. Paul Symposium, along with funding to hire someone for extended hours in the gallery and new signs for outside the Landmark Building. Grant is focused on culture, diversity and drawing people downtown. After Covid this grant reset their applications and group can only receive one for three years in a row, which should give AAW an advantage while other agencies have to take a break. AAW has received an estate gift of 8% of the estate. The money will go into the general funds.

Jen announced there were new chapter awards this year, to replace the previous newsletter and website awards. The Communication Award had nine entries and the winner is Woodworkers of Central New York. The Community Impact Award had 19 entries and the Dakota Woodturners won this award. All entries were good stories and the AAW will be sharing these stories, hoping to inspire other chapters. Jen also advised her priority now will be getting all vacant positions filled.

Matt Brubaker talked about the symposium marketing for Portland. Many improvements were made to the marketing, registration and social media. Matt also created the Symposium Handbook which saved the AAW money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Custom reporting for finance is becoming available and will be more audit compliant throughout the year. Custom reporting will include ability for functional reporting to be done, as

all areas will be able to have separate reports. AAW needs to find a new bookkeeping company as current group quitting mid-August. Audit will be ready for approval by June meeting.

Turners Without Borders (TWB): Sally Burnett advised focus has been on symposium as an Irish Woodturning Group will be present. A TWB meeting is being held during the symposium to meet with attendees from other countries. TWB seeking to find out what AAW wants from committee and find out what committee can bring to AAW. Would a bigger focus be more beneficial to AAW?

Women in Turning (WIT): Kimberly Winkle advised several WIT members working with the youth room and the Girls Build organization at the symposium. WIT Presents will resume in the Fall. Committee planning to change some members of the committee. WIT continues to support membership grants.

POP: Kimberly advised there is a good lineup for the symposium panel discussions. The committee is working to determine 2025 exhibition themes. Plan to have 3-5 years of themes lined up. Plan to adjust dates to coordinate with demonstration selections so POP schedule changing.

Youth/Special Programs: Ron Day advised the Girls Build group from Portland will be turning during two rotations in the youth room. There is also a school group attending for the day. The pen turning section is not happening in Portland, but will be added to the St. Paul schedule.

Technology: Ron advised there has been no meeting recently. Chapters who were interested are now up and running. If chapters reach out through email they have been helped. Ron questioned whether this committee had served its purpose.

Demonstrator Selection Committee: KC Kendall advised the committee charge is to select demonstrators for AAW offerings. Changes have been made in schedule dates so demonstrator information can be included in earlier Journals. KC advised there no plans for virtual programming in 2024, other than the virtual demonstrations filmed at the Portland Symposium.

Strategic Planning Committee: KC, Ron, Reid and Jen have been working with Vista Cova. Individuals and groups have been identified to be interviewed by Vista Cova. Reporting by Vista Cova will be done at the August in-person Board meeting in Waco, TX.

Nominating Committee: Linda Britt reported two incumbents, Chuck Lobaito and Kimberly Winkle, along with Larry Curry and David Fellows are candidates. Election will be held during the month of August. The Board will meet in early September to receive results of election of two Board members and to appoint a third Board member.

Fund-raising: Reid Zimmerman advised AAW had applied for a STAR grant. Some fund-raising strategy will be discussed at the strategic planning meeting. Journal article will be published about planned giving.

Old Business: Ron referred to his AV Technology Committee report. Ron then made a motion to: “Dissolve the Technology Committee and make it an ad hoc task force if needed, and keep all resources available on the AAW website.” Motion seconded by Jay Brown. After a discussion, motion was approved.

New Business: Josh Friend advised he has worked to align the Journal with what is going on with the AAW. This is not always possible as deadline is a full month prior to issue. Josh advised he is accessible and open to suggestions and looks for ways to support the AAW.

Meeting was suspended at 3:00 pm to enable participants to tour the Portland Convention Center. Meeting will resume on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:30 am.

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

The May Board Meeting resumed at 8:30 am on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, with all May 20 participants attending, with exception of Matt Brubaker.

Reid Zimmerman conducted a Board self-evaluation exercise. Question was raised whether Board self-evaluation should be done periodically or continuously. More discussion will be held after the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting.

Meeting was suspended at 11:00 am, to resume on Monday, May 27, following the Portland Symposium wrap-up meeting.

Monday, May 27, 2024

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am following the Portland Symposium wrap-up meeting. All Board members were present. Also present were Jen Newberg, Tib Shaw, Josh Friend and Alexa Calliguri.

A motion was made by Kimberly Winkle, with a second, that:
“In recognition of Gary Roberts, AAW Member #16 and Honorary Member since 1988, the AAW Board of Directors approves the reimbursement of \$25 paid by Gary for incorporation of American Association of Woodturners in the State of Texas in 1986.” Motion passed.

Jen advised Gary wants a check, does not plan to cash it, but wants to frame it and hang it on his wall.

The following meeting dates were set: (Times are Eastern time)

June 19	4:00 pm. Board meeting via Zoom to approve final audit.
July	No Board meeting
August 19	9:00 am - Board meets via Zoom with Vista Cova group.
August 25-26 (2 full days)	Board meeting in Waco, TX for Strategic Planning. Board members should not plan to leave before August 27.
Sept 4	1:00 pm - Board meeting via Zoom. Regular business and report on Board elections and appointment of third Board member.
Oct 17	4:00 pm Board meeting via Zoom. Budget and strategic planning bulk of discussion.
Nov. 16-17	In person meeting in St. Paul.
Dec 3	5:00 pm. AAW Members Meeting
Dec 19	4:00 pm. Board meeting via Zoom. Budget for 2025 to be approved.

May 27 meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Britt, Board Secretary