

Colorado Watercolor Society
November 18, 2014 Board Meeting

The CWS Board meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by President, Greg Chapleski. Marcio Correa, Kathy Cranmer, Mary Jo Ramsdale, Gary Nichols, Marsha Ambraziunas, Terrey Harrod, Sharon Wink, Cheryl Annett, Tim Brenner and Greg Chapleski were present. Art Beck, Vicki Tucker and Diane Fechenbach were excused. The October Board Meeting minutes were read and approved.

President, Greg Chapleski stated that he and Greg Nichols will meet with Foothills Art Center's Executive Director on Wednesday of this week in hopes of rebuilding a relationship with Foothills. Their calendar for 2015 is booked, however Greg and Gary will suggest a possibility of workshops and some of our members doing demonstrations at their events/art shows. He mentioned that Kathy Cranmer might be able to help them write mutually beneficial grants.

The CWS State Show is booked at the Arvada Center for 2016.

Greg recommends that we update our list of white mats on the web site. We were using a list from Mile High Framing and will update our list from Colorado Moulding.

Greg is researching our Trademark filing and will contact Debra Peacock. Marsha has a receipt.

Exhibition Official, Gary Nichols, reports that the New Trends Show at Point Gallery, 765 Santa Fe Drive, will have drop off of paintings on Sunday November 30th. There were 169 entries and the owners of the gallery selected 58 paintings to hang. The opening reception is December 5th at 6-9pm. Parking is available at West High School.

Treasurer, Marsha Ambraziunas, reports the bank balance as of October 15, 2014 is \$46,693.71. The checking account balance is \$19,923.44, and the two CD accounts total \$10,000 and \$10,036 in the money market account. The Western Fed account has \$6383.81. As of November 13, CWS has collected \$13,371.00 in dues which is \$1241.00 more than last year. Membership is 453 artists. She adds congratulations Greg, your campaign is working. Income from workshops is \$4600 with an expense of \$3,850 leaving CWS with a profit of \$750.00. Net Income as of November 11, 2014 is \$9374.00. Marsha handed Kathy Cranmer deposit slips.

Membership Official, Kathy Cranmer, has several concerns. Kathy asks everyone to give her membership checks; she also needs to impress upon the membership to fill out the form, writing legibly. She could not find the web site membership form and Marcio explained that within the paragraph there is a hot link. She said that mailing the Collage costs \$10.00 and the membership is not paying this. Then the board discussed the cut-off date for membership, which is April 1st. CWS needs to clarify to the membership that the renewal date is June 1st, and the cut-off date be changed to March 1st. Kathy and Marcio will change the website.

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Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Jo Ramsdale reports that New Trend Chairs Sydney and Jan are working hard and a few more volunteers are needed. She passed a sign-up sheet to the members.

Programs Coordinator, Vicki Tucker, has organized an Off Site visit to the Denver Art Museum in January and the program for January will be Robert Gray.

Parliamentarian, Art Beck was absent. Bulk permit information coming next month.

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President Elect: Tim Brenner says after input from past presidents of the CWS that the idea of a permanent home for CWS is not sustainable. He has visited a variety of places and after much discussion with leaders in the organization feels that this is futile.

December Collage deadline is Monday November 24th, send submissions to Brian Serff.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:40.

General Meeting

CWS President Greg Chapleski complimented the membership on participation in the Southern Colorado Water Media Show in Pueblo. This show happens every two years.

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Greg discussed and showed the membership lists of "white" mats available. He said the website will be updated with the newer list.

Vicki Tucker's January program for CWS includes the Denver Art Museum and the program will feature artist Robert Grey. Chuck Danford will present a yupo paper demo in February.

Gary Nichols reminds members to deliver their art November 30 for the New Trends Show at the Point Gallery. Exhibition dates are December 2-20, 2014. Opening reception is December 5th, 6 to 9pm.

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The November program was a critique featuring artists Camille Scott and Robert Gray. Each member was encouraged to bring one painting.

The general meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Annett, Secretary