

Colorado Watercolor Society
January 20, 2015, Board of Directors Meeting

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

President, Greg Chapleski mailed almost 300 copies of the new CWS Directory to members and only four were returned. The three advertisers paid for the printing of the directory. We have 459 total members and 7 new members. More directories will be ordered.

Gary Nichols will work on a description of the three shows that CWS sponsors. Greg had 50 handouts on current white mat boards and the list is available on the web site. We will have Workshop write-ups in the Collage to educate our members on our workshop offerings. The State Show is at Lone Tree and Gary has arranged for catering and music. Gary will look at exhibiting artist's names, looking for those who qualify for Signature Status.

Kathy Cranmer said that Signature Membership goes to Carol Newson. Diane moved that we accept this and Kathy second the motion.

Vicki and Tim have agreed to jury the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. This year it will be held at the Colorado History Museum on Feb 21, 2015. They will request that our name and logo be in the program. Kathy moved we send a \$500 check and Vicki second the motion.

Diane Fechenbach explained how CWS use to have an Emergency Call List to cancel meetings. There is also a service but the cost is \$2.25 per phone number and the discussion was dropped. Diane will send a card to the family of Ruth Cocklin, Emeritus Member, who has passed away. Diane is open to suggestions for the Recognition Committee.

Tim Brenner, VP, will form a Nominating Committee to fill the vacant seats on the board. Vicki, Gary, Diane, Marsha, Cheryl, and Sharon's positions are all up for election in April. Board members, please contact Tim if you are willing to stay on the board or plan on leaving.

Greg and Gary Nichols are negotiating with Foothills Art Center's Executive Director in hopes of rebuilding a relationship with management. Greg encouraged the board to visit the Aspen Grove Gallery and see Ted Garcia's work and Randy Pijoan's work at Regis University campus, O'Sullivan Art Gallery. Feb 5th Randy will discuss his work, 3333 Regis Blvd, C-4, Denver 80221.

We accepted the treasure's report, Tim moved and Sharon second the motion. Treasurer, **Marsha Ambraziunas**, reports the bank balance as of January 14, 2015 is \$41,740. The checking account balance is \$15,615 and the two CD accounts total \$10,000 and \$10,038 in the money market account. The Western Fed account has \$6,087. As of January 11, CWS has collected \$13,511.00 in dues. Membership is 459 artists.

Vicki Tucker, Program Chair, has Leon Loughridge in March, Chuck Danford in April, Steve Griggs in May and June's topic is under discussion.

Art Beck reported that using small business bulk rate for mailings would save about 11 cents per mailing. The board felt that we did not do enough mailing in a calendar year to support this.

Tim Brenner, VP, asked the board to think about raising membership dues.

General Meeting

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Workshops, Terrey Harrod has arranged the following: Randy Hale April 22,23,24,25, 2015 including landscapes and abstracts; Tom Jones June 8, 9,10, 2015; Judy Patti July 14,15,16, 2015; Arleta Pech, October 6,7,8, 2015; Carrie Waller July 2015. Sign up online at our website. Check each artist's website for more information and painting styles and sign up to take a class with some terrific artists.

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

Gene Youngmann reported that Western Fed accepted 100 entries into the show and only 8 from CWS. The show is in Lubbock, TX this year. Marcio felt that we had lots of great art entered and was sorry we got only 8 artists in the show.

Gene says the 41st Annual Western Fed Show of 2016, here at the Arvada Center, needs volunteers to teach a one day workshop on Saturday to a class of 20 beginning painters. The hours would be 8:30 to 3:30 or 4pm. You must file paper work with the Arvada Center to be approved to teach there.

Greg encourages everyone to read The Collage. Vicki Tucker says she found a box of aprons. They are for sale for \$25. The program for the evening was Pat Dall demonstrating Ink Resist Painting.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Annett
Secretary