

Colorado Watercolor Society
March 17, 2015, Board of Directors Meeting

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

President, Greg Chapleski reports that 500 plus people attended the opening of the State Show at Lone Tree. We have sold four paintings. Greg wrote a press release for Sonya Ellingboe and The Hub. The advertising helped improve attendance and sales. Staging the opening for Saturday afternoon may have also helped. Gary Nichols will write a rap sheet on the show. Greg met with Mary Ellen at Foothills Art Center; she is willing to have us book workshops at Foothills.

Vicki Tucker worked The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Greg wrote a letter to each student winning an award. The board decided to give cash awards, totaling \$500. There were 700 hanging art projects. Sharon Rouse did a great job.

Marsha Ambraziunas's treasurer's report was accepted. The balance in the bank as of March 16, 2015 was \$41,827. The checking account balance is \$15,702. As per her recommendation, the board moved to donate \$50 to Mountainside Small Painting Show in July 2015.

Tim Brenner is working on the nominating committee for secretary.

Kathy Cranmer, membership, reports we have 4 new members. Once again, we will offer a drawing for a free workshop for all members getting their dues in June 1st. She will take renewals on line or mail them directly to Kathy.

Workshops, Terrey Harrod announced we have a new location for workshops, 6076 West 55th Avenue, near I-70 and Sheridan Blvd. There is unlimited parking. Terry has arranged the following workshops: Randy Hale April 22,23,24, 2015 including landscapes and abstracts; Robbie Laird in May, 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. The Randy Hale write up will be in the Collage.

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Jo Ramsdale was absent.

Marcio Correa pointed out that we need more writers for the Collage; Greg has been writing multiple articles each month. We also need the calendar of events in the Collage and on the web site. The board moved to give the four CWS members working the Western Fed show each a \$500 stipend to help with expenses related to the show.

Corresponding Secretary, Sharon Wink, volunteered to help proofread and write for the Collage. Calling all artists: Wild Colorado at Roxborough Arts Council, May 22, theme is Colorado wildlife. Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, Sept 25-Nov13, deadline May 31. Paint The Town, Florence Colorado plein air painting, Oct 12-17. Gilpin County/Central City Art Show, check on line. A discussion followed about announcements vs advertising shows in the Collage.

Gene Youngmann explained that next year's State Show will be at the Arvada Center, free of charge. He and Diane said there is a notebook explaining a timeline and other vital information about how the State Show is done. Gene pointed out that 2nd Place Award is given in recognition of Walt Green, UNC teacher who started the fledgling CWS. He stressed that we need to embrace our heritage. He was also concerned about the program for the State Show, a price list needs to be printed. We are a 501C3 and may be audited every 10 years. The last time was in 2006. The program is an important promotional item for the organization and the artists and could be used for an audit. Gene also said that the State Show was to have one painting per artist and only one award is given to an artist. The board's response was that we do not have the notebook and Gary Nichols

did the best he could without any direction from the past. We will make improvements in the future. Diane will search her sources for the information.

Diane Fechenbach, Member at Large, will recognize Doris Peacock and Floy Wahlberg for their work on behalf of the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

General Membership Meeting

President Greg Chapleski called the meeting to order at 7pm. We had two visitors in attendance. Greg encouraged everyone to attend the State Show at Lone Tree through March 31st. He explained that we had more advertising and the afternoon opening had 500 visitors and four paintings sold. We currently have 460 members. Once again Greg has the list of white mats and how to frame your pictures on the back table. Please take these handouts. He reminds us to read the Collage. In next year's directory all three shows will have guidelines; this will also be published in the Collage and in the prospectus for each show.

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Greg explained that Vicki Tucker has arranged for Leon Lockridge to present tonight, Chuck Danford's yupo demonstration is in April, and Steve Griggs is the May program. Vicki represented CWS at the Scholastic Art Show for students; we gave 5 artists awards. There were 700 paintings in the show.

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Marcio explained that he and Greg will travel to Lubbock, Texas to the opening of the Western Fed Show. April 14 is the opening. Karla Rouse and Gene Youngmann continue to work on the 2016 show here in Colorado. The theme will be Summer of Watercolor; the show runs for three months, June 9-August 28th. The deadline for your entry is Jan 8th of 2016. Our CWS State Show and the Western Feb Show will run concurrently at the Arvada Center. There will be radio and TV advertising. We need volunteers to work the show.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:40. Program was Leon Loughridge, watercolorist.
Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Annett, Secretary