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Membership Meeting Minutes

Santa Cruz, CA

University of California Santa Cruz

July 6, 2016

Notes respectfully submitted by Ikumi Kayama.

CALL TO ORDER

Membership meeting was called to order at 12:32 on July 6, 2016.

OFFICERS

President: Amelia Janes

President-Elect: Linda Feltner

Vice President: Britt Griswold

Treasurer: Marjorie Leggitt

Communications Director: Gail Guth

Membership Secretary: Diana Marques

Education Director: Sara Taliaferro

Recording Secretary: Ikumi Kayama

2015 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Elizabeth Morales, seconded by Clara Richardson, to approve the 2015 meeting notes from Arcadia, PA conference.

The minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Amelia Janes

Amelia gave a welcome and introduced the board members. As the President, her main task is to oversee the board and the committee projects.

Amelia is also the caretaker of the traveling exhibit. The 20 framed pieces and 40 folio pieces are ready to be checked out and exhibited by any interested member. Many of the included pieces are winners of past exhibits. Digital images are being prepared for online viewing. The cost is \$200 rental fee + shipping.

If needed, interested members can apply for Ed fund to rent the traveling exhibit, but GNSI prefers it to be part of outreach by pairing the exhibit with a presentation or a talk.

President-Elect: Linda Feltner

Linda has been working closely with Amelia to oversee the Guild.

Vice President: Britt Griswold

This is Britt's last year as Vice President. As the Vice President, Britt's main responsibilities are to oversee the conference planning and to take part in board discussions. Britt is the main person in the background that oversees the majority of the Guild projects. He oversees conference programs and website. In addition, he works on projects to preserve the history of the Guild and works as the webmaster on the official GNSI website, gnsi.org. Currently, the objectives are to add valuable content to the site and add better functions. He also plans on adding new features. Britt is happy to have volunteers submit

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website content, guest blog posts, short articles, and help editing and formatting journal articles

Website has incorporated online galleries thanks to Ron Williams, the GNSI web developer. Improvements to membership access is currently under construction. A new interface will be available in fall 2016.

Webmasters are looking for volunteers in content curation.

Science Insights is a portfolio sharing service. Currently the fee for 35 images is \$135/year or 120 images for 13 months for \$189/year.

Treasurer: Marjorie Leggitt

This is last year for Marjorie as GNSI Treasurer. The Treasurer's responsibilities include keeping track of 1 1/2 years worth of available cash for the operating budget. 30% of the Guild investments are in non-profit, socially responsible organizations. Membership fees and conference profits are principal ways to generate income for GNSI. Membership is doing pretty well, and conferences are doing really well. The board has been discussing membership dues and how to keep them as low as possible. Marj welcomes suggestions from the members.

Guild is doing well financially as a group. The Guild might be in a good position in few years. The current account has \$90,926.59 as of June 30, 2016.

Membership Secretary: Diana Marques

The Membership Secretary is responsible for tracking the chapter activities. Diana helps members with questions about chapters--how to run a chapter, how to join a chapter, etc. If a member wishes to create a new chapter, Diana is the point contact. Currently, there are 12 chapters currently active.

Officers representing chapters during the business meeting

Jennifer Bates: VP of NW chapter

Joel Floyd: DC chapter

Lucy Gagliardo: Finger lakes

Terri Nelson: Oregon

Nancy Halliday: Great Lakes

Wendy Chadbourne: New England

Lana Johnson: Great Plains

California – Not Represented

Greater NY– Not Represented

Illinois-Prairie – Not Represented

Carolinas – Not Represented

Communications Director: Gail Guth

This is Gail's last year on the Board. The responsibilities as the Communications Director involve relaying communications from board to the members. In addition, Gail oversees the journal with Britt.

Gail has formed a new committee with Marla Coppolino, Gray Stamper, and Fiona Martin. The main objective of the committee is to find similar organizations and to collaborate on various projects and events. Marla Coppolino is currently building a list and contact with other groups. Some goals include advertising in newsletter and joint conferences. So far the committee has reached out to medical illustrators, botanical illustrators, and American Zookeepers Association.

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Journal: Gail Guth

The journal editorial team is looking for few volunteers to be a journal editor or a graphic designer. Clara Richardson has stepped up to be co-editor of the journal. It is a great addition to the members' resume and an excellent way to gain experience. The article submission is open to all members, and Gail stressed that every member has great information that will be useful for the fellow members.

Education Director: Sara Taliaferro

The Education Director is responsible for overseeing education grant applications and for organizing the annual education series. There are two deadlines for education grant applications every year in October and April.

In October 2015 and April 2016, 1 and 2 applications were received respectively.

In the October 2015 Funding cycle, one project was approved to cover travel expenses for a workshop. In the April 2016 Education Funding cycle, two applications were approved for funding. Invited speaker Jane Kim presented at DC chapter and Diana Marques was awarded for social media efforts during the conference.

Sara oversees the educational committee and is currently looking for new volunteers to serve on the committee to review applications for the fund. Current committee members are Kalliopi Monoyios, Rick Simonson, MaryBeth Hinrichs, Amanda Zimmerman, and Erica Beade.

As the Educational Director, Sara would like to better serve the members through the educational workshops. One suggestion is to have a coordinator serve for 1-2 years. There are plenty of great instructors and workshops that can be planned locally. Sara called for volunteers to coordinate workshops who communicates well through email and to contact her for more information.

Educational Series takes place every year. It is like an artist retreat with high professional development component. For 2015, 3-day digital workshops was held with Chuck Carter.

Education Committee is ready to make formal announcement for a workshop series on Oct. 27-30 in Fort Wayne, Indiana IUPUI campus. The topics are Animating AI illustrations in After Effects by Mandy Root-Thompson and a Zbrush class with Dave Killpack

Recording Secretary: Ikumi Kayama

The Recording Secretary is responsible for recording and compiling all the board discussions during the year. The recording secretary also compiles votes and takes notes at the board and membership meetings.

Administrative Assistant: Leslie Becker

Leslie maintains records of behind-the-scenes work to keep the Guild operating as the administrative assistant.

Bookkeeper: Virge Kask (absent; report given by Marj Leggitt)

The proceeds of the 2016 annual auction: \$3,671.89. Thank you everyone for your donations! Virge would like to especially thank Sara Taliaferro and John Norton for their hard work.

Listserv: Lana Johnson

The listserv currently has 460 active members. It is free and open to anyone who is interested. Listserv started in 1996. Contact Lana for questions about the Listserv.

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2017 Conference

Amelia Janes introduced Warren Wilson College as the site for 2017 conference. The dates will be the last week of June. There are currently discussions with Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS) for a collaborative project.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Joel Floyd and seconded by Scott Rawlins.
Meeting adjourned at 1:14pm

ADDENDA:

ADDENDUM 1:

Wednesday, July 6, 2016. 8:00pm

Results of officer elections and new officers are announced at the Annual Awards banquet.

President: Linda Feltner

Immediate Past President: Amelia Janes

Vice President: Ikumi Kayama

Secretary: Cheryl McCutcheon

Treasurer: Vacant; Marjorie Leggitt will fill in until new officer is elected Education

Director: Sara Taliaferro

Outreach Director: Diana Marques

Membership Director: Daisy Chung

ADDENDUM 2:

On November 17, 2016, Karen Johnson was elected to be the Treasurer of GNSI.