



## Guild of Natural Science Illustrators

Membership meeting minutes

Asheville, NC

June 28, 2017

Annual Business Meeting, Conference 2017

### Officers

Linda Feltner, President,

Ikumi Kayama, Vice President

Cheryl McCutchan, Recording Secretary

Diana Marques, Outreach Director

Daisy Chung, Membership Director

Sara Taliaferro, Education Director

Karen Johnson, Treasurer

Amelia Janes, Past President

### Call to Order

Linda Feltner

Welcomes members.

### 2016 Business Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Frances Topping and seconded by Jennifer Landin to approve the business meeting minutes from Santa Cruz, CA.

Motion is approved.

### Board and Committee Reports

President: Linda Feltner

Linda welcomes new board members Cheryl McCutchan, Daisy Chung, and Karen Johnson.

Diana Marques will be moving to Outreach.

### Past President: Amelia Janes

Amelia advises the current president, attends board conference calls, and tries to help improve work flow.

### Vice President: Ikumi Kayama

Ikumi worked with Amelia Janes and Jennifer Landin to organize the 2017 conference and created conference surveys for this year's conference.



### **Treasurer: Karen Johnson**

Karen took over the job of treasurer from Marj Leggitt who had held the position for 16 years. The Guild and its investments are doing well financially. We have over \$100,000 in the bank now and can keep dues at the current level. Membership is up. Proceeds from the auction were nearly \$5000.

### **Outreach: Diana Marques**

Diana takes GNSI's mission to the world through the newsletter and printed material. She coordinates newsletter pieces with Gail Guth and social media posts with Kapi Monoyios. Please contact Diana with completed work, publications so she can help promote your work.

### **Education: Sara Taliaferro**

Sara oversees education fund and helps coordinate workshops and exhibits. Two workshops were organized this last year: Z-brush and botanical illustration. The Education Committee is considering placing courses on-line to make them more accessible. Sara is the President-elect. Scott Rawlins will be interim Education Director as Sara prepares for new role.

### **Recording Secretary: Cheryl McCutchan**

Cheryl recorded minutes for Executive Meetings and Board Meetings. The board discussed 95 separate issues and voted on 26 motions.

### **Membership: Daisy Chung**

Daisy oversees Chapters and Groups. We have new Groups in Texas and Maine. Chapters and groups create connections between members and with communities.

### **Chapter and Group Reports Provided By:**

Carol Cassidy, Oregon  
Amy Gagnon, Maine  
Liisa Mobley, Finger Lakes  
Samatha Peters, Texas  
MaryBeth Hinrichs, Great Lakes  
Tricia Cassidy, New England  
Karen Johnson, Great Lakes  
Joel Floyd, Greater DC  
Betsy Donovan, Carolinas



### **Nominating Committee: Clara Richardson**

The Nominating Committee nominated Karen Johnson for Treasurer and Sara Taliaferro for president. The Nominating Committee connects people with jobs that need to be done for the Guild. We will be closing voting for the next president at the end of the Business Meeting.

### **Archives: Scott Rawlins**

It has taken two years to actually get the archives moved. Forty boxes were delivered to Arcadia College, which include the presidential archives.

### **Webmaster and Science Insights: Britt Griswold**

Britt is currently managing the website and working with Ron Williams to upgrade the website. Ron has had to focus on his work and has had to step back from website work for the Guild. The Website Committee is looking at the direction of the website upgrades. Leslie Becker and Britt respond to website problems.

### **Science Insights (Sci-Art)**

Science Insights is a portfolio and referral service and is \$189 for GNSI, IAAA, and AMI members. There is a non-member conference special of 13 months for \$189 with membership. A limited portfolio of 35 images is available for \$139 for a year.

### **Journal: Gail Guth**

Gail is co-editor with Clara Richardson. Britt is the consulting editor. The goal of the journal is to provide good content for our members. We put out 3 issues in spring, summer, and fall. We've done 4 issues in the past but have eliminated the winter issue and expanded the fall issue. We also put out the conference bulletin in early January. The journal always needs content, such as historical articles, field trip articles, articles from presenters, and sketches and other artwork. Clara noted that they would like sketches from the conference.

### **Conference Oversight Committee: Sara Taliaferro**

Sara is stepping down from the nominating committee but not the COC. The COC consists of people who have run conferences and one outside member. Ikumi has taken all of the conference material and devised a strategic plan with checklists of jobs and tasks. This will help us begin planning conferences in advance and provide tools to organize the conference and vet venues.

### **Listserv: Lana Johnson**

The listserv provides problem solving and discussion for participants. Announcements for awards and classes are placed on the listserv also. Discussion topics can become journal articles.



## ASIP

ASIP is a nonprofit organization that works for the reprographic rights of artists. Dolores Santoliquido will be stepping down as liason with this group. This position needs to be filled quickly.

## Announcements

A website committee has been established, which includes Linda Feltner, Diana Marques, Ikumi Kayama, and Daisy Chung.

Conference planning with Ikumi's new strategic packet has list of many voluteers that are needed for the conference. You're encouraged to volunteer. There are jobs of all sizes for volunteers.

Our 50th anniversary conference will be held in Washington, D.C., the birthplace of the Guild. Trudy Nicholson has designed the logo, and Joel Floyd is the conference chair. The conference will be held at American University. We will be visiting museums, collections, and have behind-the-scences tours.

Ikumi will be discussing GNSI how-tos next including how to help with the conference.

## Current membership count: 746

Linda Feltner calls to adjourn business meeting  
Seconded by: Jennifer Landin