

Colorado Watercolor Society
September 16, 2014 Board Meeting

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

President, **Greg Chapleski** stated that the CWS storage unit is full but has not been visited lately. He will inventory the items in the unit. Greg asks that, starting in October, each person attending CWS meetings will be asked to print their name, and county, then initial their sign-in line on a standard sign-in form. These completed forms will be used to validate attendance for SCFD funding. Any members who have ideas for CWS are asked to put their suggestions into a to-be-established suggestion box. Any complaints should be verbally shared with Greg.

He suggested that each month a different CWS member be selected by raffle to create and distribute a one page art bio the following month showing examples of their work. The artist could verbally introduce themselves and explain why and what they paint, describe their favorite brush, color, studio space, and paper. Marcio was asked to present in October (*deferred to Brian Serff since Marcio was featured a few years ago*).

Greg praised Foothills Art Center for their presentation of artwork and artists at the current Rocky Mountain National Watermedia exhibition.

After some discussion, it was decided that Brian Serff will bill CWS for material and equipment costs involved in creating the monthly "Collage" and the Membership Roster.

Vice President of Programs, **Vicki Tucker**, listed the upcoming programs. In October, Randy Hale will demonstrate; November will be our annual critique; December will be vacation; January will be a guided tour of the Denver Art Museum; February will be a demonstration by Leon Loughridge; and March will be a demonstration by Chuck Danford on Yupo. She is soliciting ideas for April, May, and June.

Exhibition Official, **Gary Nichols**, said the New Trends show will be held at the Point Gallery December 2nd through the 20th. The reception will be Saturday evening the 6th of December. There is room for 60 to 80 artist's work to be hung. Allowing bin work with each entering artist submitting having 2 to 3 pieces was discussed. CWS has a supply of bins and easels in the storage unit. A potential chair is Kristine Orr. Terrey Harrod will check to see if Carole Barnes will be able to jury the show. A volunteer who knows Photoshop and excel is needed to collect images for upcoming CWS shows.

Board Member at Large, **Diane Fechenbach**, sent sympathy cards to Sydney Eitel and Carole Walker. She asked that Corresponding Secretary, Sharon Wink, send a "We will miss you" card to Valli McDougle on her move out of state.

Immediate Past-President, **Marcio Correa**, stated that we currently have 435 members. The new Membership Roster including a sponsor is ready and will be out in October. The Western Fed deadline is November 15 and the prospectus is out.

Tim Brenner will head a committee to find a permanent CWS meeting/workshop/exhibition site. Marcio Correa, Gary Nichols, Terrey Harrod, Chuck Danford and Randy Hale are willing to serve on the committee. The Lakewood Arts Council is moving into the JCRS Arts Center near the Oak Street Station. This might be a good location. Discussion stressed finding a central location.

Treasurer, **Marsha Ambraziunas**, announced that CWS was \$8,866 in the red for the previous fiscal year. The last state show cost \$6,000 more than was taken in by sales and workshops. Our overall income went down slightly, but expenses went up. When the venue supplies catering, costs skyrocket. \$20,000 remains in the checking account.

Workshops Officer, **Terrey Harrod**, said there has been full attendance at every workshop. Pat Rucker's workshop continues weekly through October 16. Tom Jones in the only workshop confirmed for 2015.

Corresponding Secretary, **Sharon Wink**, announced a number of upcoming shows seeking artists. The information was given to Marcio Correa and will appear in the next "Collage".

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:40.

CWS General Meeting

New members had been asked to bring samples of their work. These were placed on easels and tables around the room. The Art Shoppe and Guiry's were art supplies exhibitors with booths in the meeting room. Henri Meininger of Meininger's was also in attendance.

President, Greg Chapleski, welcomed the group. He announced that CWS currently has 435 members, 69 of whom are new members. He recognized Chuck Danford and Marcio Correa as past presidents and thanked them with certificates for free entry into 2014-2015 CWS shows. He explained the monthly drawing for the next artist to create a bio sheet and present their work. Greg announced that the new Membership Roster will be out in October.

Exhibition Official, Gary Nichols, announced that the New Trends show will be at the Point Gallery. The entry deadline is October 24. He is seeking two co-chairs for the New Trends show and a volunteer knowledgeable in Photoshop and Microsoft excel to accept entries.

The meeting broke for the ice cream social and an opportunity for attendees to look at the displayed artwork and the art supplies exhibits. After the ice cream social, new members introduced themselves and their work.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.