

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

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

President, Greg Chapleski reports we have 466 total members. Greg has a new list of contacts for publication of our shows and activities. Sonya Ellingboe writes for 15 publications in the metro area. She will attend the Rick Brogan reception and will do a write up on the State Show. Check out Denverarts.org. Greg is meeting with Foothills on Wednesday of this week. Greg said Mary Ellen Williams of FAC told Greg that CWS is too big to ignore. He explained that Foothills does only 6 shows a year and tries to provide a variety of art to the community. They always have Rocky Mountain National Show and the Holiday Art Mart. Greg researched the Emergency Call Up and explained that it was not feasible. At a cost of \$2.25 per person, per year for unlimited calls - this process is too expensive for our needs.

Gary Nichols will work on a description of the three shows that CWS sponsors, New Trends, Membership Show, and State Show. The Member Show is in July at the Skylight Station; the reception will be the 1st Friday. We will have Workshop write-ups in the Collage to educate our members on our workshop offerings. We will ask Randy Hale to speak at CWS about his workshop. The State Show is at Lone Tree and Gary has done a walk through with the caterers. The show has 85 paintings by 65 artists. There were 315 entries. Gary reports that he has lots of extra gifts for the State Show awards. With the reception on a Saturday afternoon we hope for more attendance. Gary will look at exhibiting artist's names, looking for those who qualify for Signature Status. Carla Rouse got signature membership in CWS. Gary asked if anyone knows our Facebook password. No one knew.

Vicki Tucker worked The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. She brought several pictures of award winners' art. The reception is Feb 21, 2:30-3:30. The board decided to give cash awards, totaling \$500.

The treasurer's report was accepted. Vicki will call Marsha for checks.

Tim Brenner is working on the nominating committee for open board positions.

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 has arranged the following: Randy Hale April 22,23,24,25, 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.

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Jo Ramsdale reports that New Trend Chairs Sydney and Jan are working hard. The volunteer list was completed.

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 explained that we had one disqualification. Diane Fechenbach received Signature Membership in Western Fed.

Diane Fechenbach, Member at Large, is asking for names of members who have made major contributions and service to CWS for our Recognition Committee's consideration. Her deadline is March.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

General Membership Meeting

President Greg Chapleski called the meeting to order at 7pm. We had four visitors in attendance. Greg encouraged members to see the following shows: at DAM Willie Mathews and Pat Rucker's show and the show at the Littleton Town Center. He hopes to advertise our State Show with 18 suburban papers. Once again Greg has the list of white mats and how to frame your pictures on the back table. Please take these handouts.

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Martha Heppard has published a Batik Book and has it for sale and is offering workshops.

The evening's demo was presented by Judi Patti.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Annett
Secretary