**CWS Board Meeting, January 17, 2017**

Members present: Greg Chapleski, Tim Brenner, Diane Fechenbach, Terrey Harrod, Sharon Wink, Zona Janssen, Lynn Nebergall, Mary Jo Ramsdale, Carol Newsom.

Absent: Marsha Ambraziunas, Barry Snyder, Art Beck, and Vicki Tucker.

The meeting began with a speaker phone discussion to Karen Hill from Gunnison.  It was decided that a Chapter for the Western Slope as proposed is unworkable; instead it must be an extension of CWS.  We can only have one Board to keep our tax exempt status.  The Western Slope can duplicate the Board as Denver, with Committee positions to help with the work load.

The Western Slope could submit an item each month in the Collage of their art and a person in their group.  We would get to know each other in this fashion.

All budgets must go through the existing Board.  Workshops could possibly take place in both locations.

Karen estimates there will be 25-30 people involved in CWS Western slope.

Continued discussion will go on to work out details.

A motion was made and seconded to fund the Scholastic Art Show awards.

Brian Serff does our newsletter (Collage).  A motion was made and seconded to approve $250 a year toward expenses incurred by him in this production.

CWS has had a $500 stipend reimbursement since 1997 for expenses related to WFWS delegate's travel.  Costs have changed and the delegate's expenses are not being covered.  A discussion led to suggesting an increase for expenses with all receipts being submitted to the Board for reimbursement.  A motion was made and seconded to raise this stipend reimbursement for the delegates to WFWS. No vote was taken.

Carol Newsom will be our alternate delegate and Marcio Correa is the delegate to the 2017 WFWS in Eugene, Oregon.

Upon receiving the donations from Frances Olson of Ft. Collins, the library is very large.  Our Librarian is storing these items personally in her home and some in the storage unit we rent.  After a discussion is was decided to have a sale of many book for $1 a book.  There is also a list of watercolor papers Frances has used and collected from parts of the world in her travels and teaching abroad.  We will have this sale a half hour before the March meeting.  With the money we will have an award at the State WC show to honor Frances Olson.

It is difficult to get new Board volunteers.  Tim suggested each of us on the Board give a brief talk at the meeting and tell the members what we do and the amount of time we donate to the organization. We will start this in February.

Local members do give workshops and lessons in painting.  Trying to decide how to announce this without taking away from the Jurors workshops was discussed.  It was agreed to leave it as it is, with the website linking the local people giving classes and workshops.  On the front page of the Collage will be listed the Jurors workshops.

Meeting was adjourned.

GENERAL MEETING, January 17, 2017

Tim bought the meeting to order.  Past President Greg Chapleski was contacted by the Frances Olson family.  Frances, a former member of CWS, is elderly and has severe health issues.  She donated 300 books to CWS library and now watercolor paper she has collected and used over the decades. We will be having a sale of the books and paper in March at 6:30-a half hour before the general meeting starts. It will be cash only and the money will be used to go for an award at the CWS State Watercolor show in her honor.

Mary Jo- Volunteer Coordinator: is sending around sign-up sheets to help with the book sale.

Terrey Harrod- Workshops: The scheduled workshops are as follows.  April 18-20, 2017 will be Vladislav Yeliseyev, who is our State Show juror.  On Thursdays from 12-3:30 in April and May, will be Pat Rucker's "Creating a Personal Visual Language".  In May we will have Jean Highland.  September 11-14 is Tom Lynch at Avon/Beaver Creek.

Carol Newsom-President Elect:  The State Show has a March 1 entry deadline.  It will be held at Foothills Art Museum. The prospectus in the Collage.

Marcio Correa is the WFWS delegate.  There were 869 entries.  CWS has 14 paintings into the upcoming show in Eugene, OR.  Colorado had 92 entries from 44 artists.  The information to the delegates will arrive within the next 2 weeks.  Five CWS members will get signature membership into the WFWS this year.

Vicki Tucker- Programs:  Greg announced the offsite program this Thursday, January 20 at 1pm at the American Museum of Western Art in Denver.  The cost is $10.

For the program this evening some members brought their art to discuss their techniques and answer questions about their painting.

Zona Janssen, Recording Secretary