

Colorado Watercolor Society

July 21, 2020 Board Meeting

Attending:

Pattie Bowler, **President**
Carol Newsom, **Past President**
Sandy Day Selbert, **Vice President: Workshops**
Kathy Cranmer, **Exhibitions Official**
Lynn Nebergall, **Membership Official**
Priscilla Greenbaum, **Treasurer**
Jeremy Jones, **Recording Secretary**
Shanthi Kumar, **Web Director**
Suzanne Snider, **Collage Editor**
Beatrice Trautman, **Vice President: Programs** (from 5 pm)
Brian Serf
Linda Palmer, **Corresponding Secretary** (excused)
Mary Jo Ramsdale, **Board Member at Large** (excused)
Jay Breese, **Parliamentarian** (excused)
Karen Hill, **Board Member at Large** (Excused)

The meeting was called to order by President Bowler at 4:15 using **Zoom**. Discussion in the following minutes has been re-grouped by category and may not be in the exact order issues came up.

1. Minutes were approved with previous corrections and the deletion of item 6.
2. The board approved Signature Membership for Cheri Isgreen, Susan Crawford, and Jane Banzhaf.
3. Carol reported that we have received a letter from the church saying that they will not be holding group meetings there in the foreseeable future, possibly as late as February or later. We will make other arrangements based on how conditions develop. Some reports indicate the pandemic worsening in the Fall. CWS may not be able to hold meetings in September or October but is hopeful about November. Other options are being investigated for meeting, reception and workshop locations. Bookbinders is a promising event location with a large enough meeting room and projection capabilities. It costs \$85/day and terms are reasonable.
4. Priscilla will be forwarding her report soon but stated that income has exceeded expenses by \$9,000 although there are reimbursables and other expenses still coming in. Overall things are looking good.
5. Kathy Cranmer reported that Red Rocks Community College will not be able to host the New Trends Show. She considered 3 options: A virtual exhibition only, hanging only the award winners in a small venue, or dealing with expensive options that can handle the show and possibly a reception although attendance may be light. The Conference room at the new Parker Library was suggested as a small venue for a winners exhibition of 10 to 12 paintings. The new Core Art Space Annex was a possibility but wants \$500 plus sales commissions for a limited space and time. The board approved Kathy looking further into these options but favoring the smaller and virtual options. Jeremy suggested looking into publication in the newspaper or Television. Shanthi will look into the options for a virtual online show. Carol suggested a digital postcard with a link to the show that we would e-blast and members could post on their Facebook page, Instagram, etc. It would not be a printed mailer.

6. Sandy is working to keep the workshops going. Sterling Edwards is still willing to do his workshop but there have been 15 cancellations related to pandemic problems. 12 attendees have confirmed and it looks like enough people on the waiting list will move up to make this viable. Jeremy suggested moving ahead with the workshop because we need to provide benefits to our members if we can minimize health risks. Sandy will check to see if Sterling will make a demo recording to use for a meeting to encourage attendance. Another option is to do a critique similar to what was produced for the State Show.
7. Nobody has registered yet for the Ruth Armitage Workshop probably because of epidemic issues. We will have to cancel that workshop but the board approved looking into having her as the juror for New Trends 2021. Perhaps she'd release a workshop video for CWS members and provide images for PR purposes.
8. Randy Hale has 13 students paid up for his workshop so that will happen in October.
9. Karen sent in a report that she is working on possibly having the next Splash show at the Crested Butte Arts Center. There are several local issues yet to be worked out.
10. Carol reported that the Members Show Prospectus is done and C.C. Turner is set to be the juror at the Lakewood Cultural Center. The show will run from ____17th to December 31st.
11. Carol suggested another plein Air event for October to keep members involved while meetings are difficult. The Denver Botanical Gardens, Chatfield Botanic Center and Hudson Gardens are all options for this event. Carol will review options.
12. Linda Palmer had more keys made for the CWS mailbox.
13. Suzanne says the next issue of Collage is ready to go.
14. Shanthi reported that everyone reported favorably on the new website format so it will be launched after the New Trends show.
15. Lynn has the new directory about worked out but will add a note, that should be repeated in other PR, about flexibility being need for CWS events and to check the website for updates.
16. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Notes by Jeremy Jones, CWS Recording Secretary