

**Colorado Watercolor Society**  
**May 19, 2020 Board Meeting**  
***This meeting was held online***

**Attending:**

Carol Newsom, **President (final meeting as President)**  
Pattie Bowler, **President Elect**  
Tim Brenner, **Immediate Past President**  
Sandy Day Selbert, **Vice President: Workshops**  
Kathy Cranmer, **Exhibitions Official**  
Lynn Nebergall, **Membership Official**  
Priscilla Greenbaum, **Treasurer**  
Jeremy Jones, **Recording Secretary**  
Jay Breese, **Parliamentarian**  
Shanthi Kumar, **Web Director**  
Mary Jo Ramsdale, **Board Member at Large**  
Karen Hill, **Board Member at Large (W. Slope, from Gunnison)**  
Suzanne Snider, **Collage Editor**

**Excused:**

Beatrice Trautman, **Vice President: Programs**  
Linda Palmer, **Corresponding Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by Carol at 5:02 using **Zoom**.

1. Susan Montague has requested reinstatement as a Signature member. Her request was approved unanimously.
2. Although there will be a board meeting on June 16, a membership meeting is unlikely due to meeting size limitations and the probability that the church meeting place will not be open.
3. Pablo at Botanic Gardens says the gardens will open in time for the end of June Plein Air event. Carol will verify the dates for the event and make the announcement a bit closer to the time to make sure there are no last-minute changes. Carol will then be able to determine the cost of participation.
4. A date is yet to be set for an online event for the Western Fed show. Awards will be announced and those who have paintings in the show, and are willing, will have their work up in the banquet room of the event hotel for a week. The Gem Museum, original location for the show, remains closed. Details will be announced when available.
5. We currently plan starting regular membership meetings in September if conditions permit. There is also a potential board planning session on August 18<sup>th</sup>.
6. C. C. Turner has been chosen to select and judge the 2021 Membership Show but a chairperson is still needed.
7. Carol took the time to thank all of the board members for lending their extensive time and expertise while she was President.
8. Mary Jo, State Show Chair, has forwarded winners checks and expense checks to the Awards Chairperson. They are to be mailed to recipients next week.
9. Mary Jo Says the opening date for the State Show at the Foothills Gallery has not been determined due to the epidemic. The show will be hung by June 1. An online event is anticipated in June with potential participation by Sterling Edwards.

10. Shanthi is planning improvements to the website to make it more mobile-use friendly in mid-July. This will lead to some appearance changes.
11. Lynn says 1/3 of our members have renewed their membership. The relevance and application of Emeritus Membership was discussed but not fully resolved. Jay will review the technical aspects and let the board know what is recommended. There are currently only two emeritus members.
12. Kathy reported that the closure of many galleries has made it difficult to confirm show locations. The "New Trends Show" is still being planned but it is not clear if the Red Rocks Community College Gallery will be open since it is currently unlikely that school will be open in the Fall.
13. Sandy reports that Cindy Brabec-King is still planning to do her workshop in Gunnison but we will not collect fees until the event is more definite so checks won't have to be returned.
14. Karen thanked Carol for all of her work to make CWS successful during her Presidency. She also noted that the Gunnison Gallery is still running a phone answering message that states the gallery is closed but actually hopes to still host the Splash of Colorado Show. Only 4 people have entered the show so far and just one has signed up for the workshop due to unknown regulations at that time. We're thinking about setting up delivery of paintings to Gunnison. Karen then thanked Tim for his support of Western Slope programs.
15. Lynn moved for approval of the minutes from April and Mary Jo seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
16. Priscilla sent a pdf of the budget to all board members of the Treasurer's Report as of May 8<sup>th</sup>. CWS has nearly \$34,000 in checking. This includes membership renewals and several generous \$100 gifts from patrons. We are staying within budgets and have some potential surplus. \$1,000 is being added to the account to cover costs of having the Western Fed show in Colorado in 2025. There are already two \$5,000 certificates for this event. She also encouraged everyone to submit their activity budgets soon.
17. Carol says we are also waiting for the award from the Rocky Mountain Art Center, but they not open very often at the moment.
18. Tim reported that it had been a joy serving on the board for the last seven years even though he'd had little idea what he was getting into.
19. Jay Breese is finishing up position descriptions and will be distributing those for review. He then reported that 107 members had voted with all being in favor of the entire slate of board candidates. He called for approval of the results and Jeremy seconded the motion. All members of the board who were present were then sworn in by Carol. Priscilla's new term starts on September 1.
20. President Pattie then took over and, after thanking Carol for her help, promised to always be available.
21. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33.

Notes by Jeremy Jones, CWS Recording Secretary. Updated June 16, 2020