

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Reno Artist Co-Op, 627 Mill Street Reno

Call to Order: Ronnie Rector, President, at 9:33 a.m.

In Attendance, Board Members, Committee Members and Members at Large: Ronnie Rector, Jennifer Amrhein, Anita Watson, Anette Rink, Vickie Behrens, Diane Sewell, Nancy Podewils-Baba, Judy Berland, Bess Inouye, Marjee Smith, Sally Dupre, and Maria Hatjopoulos.

Approval of Minutes from the November 13, 2021, Board Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary

Minutes emailed with the agenda. Jennifer Amrhein made a motion to approve with corrections, seconded by Nancy Podewils-Baba. All voted in favor of approving the November 11 Board Meeting minutes as corrected, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Anette Rink

November 2021, December 2021 and January 2022 Treasurer's Reports emailed with Agenda.

Anette reported the following:

- Temple rental fees will increase on July 1
- Post office box fees and Quick Books increased
- 12-15% increase for most services in 2022
- 2021 1099s went out to Artists and David Issacson, bookkeeper

Nancy Podewils-Baba made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports as emailed with no corrections, seconded by Marjee Smith. All voted in favor to approve, none opposed.

Workshops and Demonstrations: Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson, Co-Vice Presidents

2022 Workshops and Demonstrations:

- Don Andrews, March 9-11, Demo March 12. Anita reported that although registrations are 2 short, the workshop will proceed as planned. Currently SWS has a budget "cushion", so we can afford to run a workshop with fewer participants at this time.
- Soon Warren, May 10-13, Demo May 14. Registration opened on February 1. There are 5 registrations to date.
- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Workshop, June 24-26, Portraits. Registration opens March 1. A flyer is being prepared.
- Keiko Tanabe, August 17-19, Demo August 20. This artist is known for her plein Air painting. Registration opens May 1.
- Frank Eber, October 18-21, Demo October 22. Registration opens July 1.

Archivist, Vickie Behrens, Archivist

Vickie reported that she visited Nevada Historical Society twice; reviewed and inventoried the 6 boxes and updated the Archive document spreadsheet. The following items were recently filed (Hard Copies and Flash Drive):

- 2021 Minutes and Year-End Reports
- 2022 Newsletters (had color copies made of each newsletter for the Archive)
- Workshop Information spreadsheet through 2021

Vickie distributed a list of the latest items filed at NHS and additional items that might need to be filed this year. She discussed a “retention schedule” for the archived files and items that can be removed from the archive files and shredded, such as a box of receipts and deposit slips. She will report further on this item.

Video Library: Bess Inouye, Librarian

Bess distributed a list of 50+ books, compiled by Co-Vice President, Anita and donated by the Melba Oliver Estate. The Board discussed donating the books or providing to members at the next general meeting for free or a small donation. There was a brief discussion about donations for the books and what to do with the money raised. Donations to the Nevada Museum of Art awards for Children in Art scholarships and scholarships in general were discussed.

Biographer: Linda Parisi (absent)

Membership: Sally Dupre, Membership Chair

Sally reported that there are currently 87 paid members. Ronnie will send out another reminder to members to renew memberships on-line.

Newsletter: Maria Hatjopoulos, Newsletter Chair

Maria reported that she and Lisa Jefferson met recently to set up future newsletters. Maria is currently working on the next newsletter.

Art Angels: Nancy Podewils-Baba

Nancy reported that there were 29 4th grade students at the February 10th Spanish Springs Elementary School workshop.

2022 Art Angels:

- Spanish Springs Elementary School: February 17 and 24, 2022
- Spring Community Children’s Workshop, Saturday May 7, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Boys and Girls Club, Donald W. Reynolds Facility, Reno. Flyers are prepared and distributed.
- Artown Workshops, Wilber May, July 1, 2.
- Winter Community Children’s Workshop, December 10.
- Silent Auction, December 3 through December 10.

Exhibits: Marjee Smith

2022 Exhibits:

- McKinley Gallery (East), “Promise of Spring,” February 7 through April 1, 2022, Ronnie Rector, Chair. Currently hanging; Take-down April 4.
- Artown Exhibit, Wilber D. May Museum, Theme TBD. Take-in July 5; Take-down, August 10. *Must have an Exhibit Chair or committee or this exhibit will not happen*
- Summer Exhibit, Sparks Library, Nancy Podewils-Baba, Chair. This exhibit will be postponed to February/March 2023, due to the timing of other 2022 exhibits.

- Fall Judged Exhibit, Sparks Heritage Museum, Theme TBD, Judge: Frank Eber, Take-in October 16. The take-down date of December 1 overlaps with the May Museum Winter Exhibit. Marjee is waiting for the contract from the Sparks Museum to confirm dates. *Must have an Exhibit Chair or committee or this exhibit will not happen.*
- Winter Exhibit, Theme TBD, November 9 through December 11, Wilber D. May Museum, Theme TBD, Take-in November 8; Take-down December 14. *Must have an Exhibit Chair or committee or this exhibit will not happen.*

2022 Other Exhibits:

- Reno Tahoe International Art Show, September 8-11 (during the Reno Balloon Races), Reno Sparks Convention Center, website RTIASHOW.com. This show will showcase local artists and bespoke furnishings. SWS and Latimer were invited to participate, as well as Sierra Arts, Indigenous Peoples, and UNR's art department. There is no cost to these groups to participate. To date eight SWS members have submitted paintings.

Marjee is working exhibits for 2023:

- Summer Exhibit, Sparks Library, Nancy Podewils-Baba, Chair. February/March 2023
- July Artown, to be scheduled, at Artist Co-op.
- May judged exhibit, Wilber D. May Museum
- December Winter Exhibit, Wilber D. May Museum

Challenges: Judy Berland

March 12 General Meeting Challenge: "Value Study." This challenge will follow-up on the value studies demonstrated by Carl Purcell at his workshop. This painting can be any size and can be the value study you use for a painting in an upcoming exhibit. Paint colors for this challenge are to be indigo and white; black and white; or sepia and white.

May 14 General Meeting Challenge: Since the March Challenge was black and white, the May challenge will be paintings with big, bright colors. Judy presented two themes, "Joy" and "Signs". The group decided on "Signs". These must be very colorful paintings of signs or murals, on buildings, etc.

Other Discussions/Announcements:

The Board discussed updating our Standing Rules to allow for sealed paintings. This would be *in addition to* the traditional framed paintings currently in the Standing Rules. Ronnie passed around examples of a sealed painting and watercolor paper on aluminum. Many other groups are now allowing these in their exhibits, including WASH, the SDWS and NWS. Ronnie Rector, proposed adding the following language to the Standing Rules:

"Paintings on supports such as Aquaboard, watercolor canvas, or watercolor paper mounted to boards, do not require matting or framing under glass, but must be protected from surface damage by layers of wax, varnish or other permanent protective sealer. These sealed paintings must be presented in a professional manner, where cradled boards are properly stained and varnished, or the painting is securely installed within a frame, or edges are painted as an extension of the work. Sealer must be completely dry before hanging in any SWS exhibit."

Anette Rink made a motion to add the above language to SWS Standing Rules, all other Standing Rules remain the same. The motion was seconded by Sally Dupre. All voted in favor to approve, none opposed.

Vickie Behrens suggested that we have a demo for members about how to prepare watercolors using these methods. Ronnie volunteered to provide a quick lesson on how to seal a watercolor with cold wax during the lunch break of our next general meeting on March 12, before Don Andrews' demo.

Board Meeting Calendar, 2022: Location: Reno Artist Co-op, 9:30 to 11 a.m. April 9, July 9, September 10, November 12

General Meeting Calendar: Location: Temple Sinai 10:30 a.m. March 12, May 14, August 20, October 22, December 3 (Holiday Party)

Motion to Adjourn:

Jennifer Amrhein made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:35 a.m. seconded by Vickie Behrens.

Respectfully Submitted by Vickie Behrens, Secretary
Approved: April 9, 2022