

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2023, 10 a.m.
Reno Public Market, 2nd Floor, Reno

Call to Order: Anita Watson, Co-Vice President, at 10:03 a.m.

In Attendance, Board Members, Committee Members and Members at Large:

Board Members: Jennifer Amrhein, Anita Watson, Vickie Behrens, Diane Sewell, Bess Inouye, Marjee Smith, Sharon Reed, Sally DuPre, Linda Halicki, Kathryn Dudley, and Graciela Mancini.

Members and Guests: Ruth Clark

Member Survey – Topic Challenges: Graciela Mancini

To increase interest and participation in the General Meeting Painting Challenges, Graciela will solicit ideas and suggestions from members at today's general meeting. Apparently, some members may be intimidated by the "contest" part of the challenges.

Ruth Clark offered some historical information regarding the challenges. She shared that the original purpose was to encourage participation by all members, especially those who were not comfortable showing in the exhibits.

The group discussed some ideas to encourage more participation such as making the challenges more of a learning experience by providing anonymous critique and discussions of the methods used in the painting; and/or providing end of the year awards to members who participated most often.

Minutes from the November 12, 2022 Board Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary

Minutes were emailed with the agenda. Linda Halicki noted that the Treasurer's report motion to approve was seconded by Anita Watson not Anette Rink, who was absent. Marjee Smith made a motion to approve with corrections; seconded by Sally Dupre. All voted to approve with correction, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report for October through December 2022: Anette Rink, Treasurer (absent)

The October through December Treasurer's Reports were emailed with the agenda.

The Board approved the treasurer reports as emailed.

2023 Workshops and Demonstrations: Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson, Co-Vice Presidents

Anita Watson reported that the workshop move has been officially made from Temple Sinai to the Maker's Paradise Meeting facility at the Reno Public Market. Mike at Temple Sinai was very gracious and said that SWS is always welcome to move back.

Workshop Hospitality: Although we now have easy access to food, should the continuation of coffee and tea service be provided at workshops? The group agreed that setting up coffee/tea should continue.

Changes/Clarification to Artist Financial Workshop Agreement:

- Artists are notified that they need to provide their own credit/debit card at check in.
- SWS will reimburse at the end of the workshop/demo or by check by mail on the first business day after the workshop.
- Reimbursement for travel mileage is limited to no more than the cost of round-trip airfare and does not include driving mileage.
- There was a brief discussion regarding a change of Artist lodging from Silver Legacy, as some artists do not like staying in a casino. Kathy Dudley suggested the new hotel across the street from Reno Public Market called "Elements".

2023 Workshops and Demonstrations:

Confirmation has been completed with all the 2023 Artists:

- Breanne Craig, Member Demo, today at 1:00
- Soon Warren, "Painting Vibrant Watercolors," March 22-24, Demo March 25, 2023
- Betty Carr, May 10-12, Demo May 13
- Lisa Jefferson, Member Artist, June 22-24, 2023
- Julie Cohn, August 16-18, Demo August 19
- Sterling Edwards, October 4-6, Demo October 7

2024 Workshops and Demonstrations:

Brenda Swenson – August

David Smith – October

Kate Aubrey – pending response from January 4th query.

There was a brief continuation of last Board Meeting's discussion about the local artist workshop in June 2024 regarding multi-artists participating in one-day or half day segments and suggestions for member artists. To be discussed further.

Student rate membership fee

The Board discussed the by-laws which require that the same rate apply to all members regardless of age. It was suggested that the by-laws be changed to allow for a lower rate for younger artists (i.e. under 18 or 21). We currently have a new member under 18. No decision was made at this meeting. This item will be discussed at the next Board Meeting

Scholarship Program, Kathryn Dudley

Kathryn Dudley agreed to return as Scholarship Chair and will resurrect the program by contacting Alana Berglund (alana@hollandreno.org), Associate Director, 775-750-4731 with The Holland Project.

Challenges: Graciela Mancini, James Gayles

January 14, 2023, General Meeting Challenge: "Splatter Watercolor Technique." Experiment with splatter painting using a flick of brush, toothbrush, eye dropper, spritz bottle over any background.

March 25 Challenge:

"Paint a white object."

For this challenge, pick any white object you like and experiment with different ways to depict it. Per our Challenge co-chairs, Graciela Mancini and James Gayles: "Since watercolor paper is usually white, it requires some tricks to give the illusion of volume to the object. A white flower, a white tablecloth, a white vase or cup. Anything that's white. You will find that when you paint it, there's color in the shadows and highlights." So, grab that white paper and start defining the subtleties of form, shape, values and WHITE!

Meeting Calendar:

2023 dates are March 25, May 13, August 19, and October 7. Board meeting at 10; General meeting at 11; demo at 1.

Motion to Adjourn:

Jennifer Amrhein made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m.; seconded by Linda Halicki.

Approved Date: March 25, 2023