

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Reno Artists Co-Op, 627 Mill St., Reno

Call to Order: Diane Sewell, President. 9:36 a.m.

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

Diane Sewell	Vickie Behrens
Ronnie Rector	Nancy Podewils-Baba
Linda Halicki	Judy Berland

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

Any additions or corrections: Correction to heading title (page 3); Silent Auction dates (page 2).
Ronnie Rector made motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Linda Halicki.
All in favor; none opposed.

Vacating Board and Chair Positions, 2022

Vice President/Workshop Coordinator: At previous meetings, it was suggested that the Vice President's workshop coordinator's duties be considered as a committee position. The Board reviewed the section of the current Bylaws regarding the Vice President's responsibilities. Ronnie Rector reported that as workshop duties are not specified in the Bylaws, changing the position to include a committee or creating a Workshop Committee separate from Vice Presidential duties is allowed. Linda Halicki will follow up with suggestions for restructuring the VP position by email to the Board for review, prior to discussion at the General Meeting.

Other positions to be filled: Newsletter Chair; Scholarship Chair; Library Assistant; Challenges Assistant. Although Nancy Podewils-Baba has volunteered to assist at the May general meeting Challenge, assistance will be needed for future general meetings.

A general discussion was held regarding recruitment of volunteers. Suggestions of offering incentives to volunteers and recruitment announcements at general meetings were discussed.

Treasurer's Report: Anette Rink (absent).

Linda Halicki asked about the Trust Account line item on the balance sheets. Ronnie reported that although this is no longer used to report deposits for workshops, it is a leftover line to record donations to SWS. A brief discussion followed regarding donations and how to increase interest and visibility by newsletter, website and by soliciting local foundations.

Nancy Podewils-Baba made a motion to approve, seconded by Ronnie Rector. All voted in favor of approving the Treasurer's Reports as emailed, none opposed. The February and March, 2021 Treasurer's reports were approved as emailed on April 7, 2021

Workshops and Demonstrations: Linda Halicki, Vice President

2021 Workshop Artists

- Paul Jackson Workshop May 5-7, demo May 8th at 1:00 p.m. There are currently 14 participants signed up. Linda suggested that the workshop increase the maximum number of participants to 20 for this workshop. Based on the size of the room and seating, this can be accommodated under the current COVID protocols. The board decided to increase the maximum participation to 20. There was a brief discussion of Workshop assistant volunteers. Linda will follow up with the usual volunteers to ascertain their availability for this workshop.
- Ronnie Rector Member Artist Workshop June 25-27 - online registration is open. There are currently 11 signed up for this weekend workshop.
- Lauren McCracken Workshop August 10-13, demo Aug. 14th at 1:00p.m. - registration opens May 1st.
- Carl Purcell Workshop October 13-15, demo October 16th at 1:00 p.m. - registration opens July 1st. This will be a return visit to SWS.

2022 Workshop Artists:

- Lori Bishop Demo only, January 15; Workshop June 24-26
- Don Andrews, March 9-11, Demo March 12
- Soon Warren, May 10-13, Demo May 14
- Lori Bishop, June 24-26
- Keiko Tanabe, August 17-19, Demo August 20
- Frank Eber, October 18-21, Demo October 22

2023 Workshop Artists

Linda reported that Betty Carr would like to visit the local area and is available to come back for to do another workshop. After discussion, the Board agreed to ask Ms. Carr to do the May 2023 workshop.

- January TBD
- Eric Wiegardt, March 21-24, Demo March 25
- Betty Carr - May 20-22, Demo May 23
- June TBD (Member Artist Month)
- Julie Cohn, August 16-18, Demo August 19
- Sterling Edwards, October 10-13, Demo October 14

Linda asked if it was necessary to continue the following requirement in the Workshop "Fees and Procedures" section on the website:

*"Non-members are charged a higher fee for our workshops. You may choose to become a member **30 days prior to the opening of registration**. You would then be eligible for member rates for this and all current year workshops."*

Ronnie Rector clarified that the 30-day requirement in our Standing Rules only applies to Exhibits, it does not apply to workshops. Linda will contact the website coordinator to remove this 30-day clause from the Workshop "Fees and Procedures" section on the website.

Art Angels, Community Outreach and Publicity: Nancy Podewils-Baba

Nancy reported that the Thursday, April 8, Riverview Christian Academy workshop had 18 students, grades 2 - 4. Art Angels will be back at Riverview, on Monday, May 19, 12:00- 3:00 p.m. for 5 - 8 grade students.

- Spanish Spring Elementary has confirmed that they are unable to hold workshops for the remainder of the 2020 - 21 school year, due to Washoe County School District's COVID requirements.
- Saturday, May 15 workshop at May Museum, 9:30-11:30; limited to 24 participants. There are currently 8 registrants.
- Friday, July 9, Artown "Discover the Arts" workshops 9:30-11:30 & 1:00-3:00; limited to 24 participants each.
- Saturday, November 27 workshop at May Museum, 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Silent Auction will be held from November 27 to December 7,

Nancy reported that Eric Wiegardt donated an original painting to sold to benefit Art Angels. The Board discussed how to sell, present and properly exhibit the unframed painting. Framing, Exhibiting and Auctioning ideas were considered. Ronnie suggested that we set a price and sell it at the May Exhibit. Nancy will email a picture of the painting and information to the Board for further consideration.

For upcoming publicity of SWS events, Linda Halicki agreed to cover for Nancy at the Thursday, April 15, Reno Arts Consortium Zoom meeting, and Ronnie Rector agreed to get in touch with her Double Scoop contact to add events to their calendar.

Scholarship: Kathryn Dudley, Scholarship Chair (absent)

The Board discussed continuation of the SWS Scholarship and consideration of other recipient committees such as the Holland Project and TMCC. The Board agreed to revisit when: (1) our finances recover from the 2020 downturn; and, (2) when we have a new Scholarship Chair

Exhibits: Marjee Smith, Exhibits Coordinator (absent)

- Annual Judged Exhibit "A Breath of Fresh Art" Co-Chairs: Judy Welsh and Kathy Martin, May 5 through June 6. Paul Jackson to judge. Postcards will be available for distribution on take-in day, May 4th, and also at the May 8th general meeting. The take down date has changed to Wednesday, June 9, due to May Museum staffing availability. This will be announced in the newsletter and May general meeting. Take-in and take-down hours at the May Museum are 11 to 1 p.m.

Hope Thompson continues to solicit and collect prizes for this Exhibit.

- Artist's Co-Op Reno Presents the Sierra Watercolor Society! Chair: Ronnie Rector, July 1- 31, Take-in is June 26 to July 1 and Take-down is July 31, during Co-op hours of 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Co-Op is handling all advertising, hanging. Members are to fill out proper ACR paperwork. Commission is 35% (25% if you're an ACR member). Two framed paintings to hang, up to 5 years old maximum; 3 bin art. Painting may be "alternatively framed". See newsletter for complete details.

Video Library: Bess Inouye (absent) No report at this time.

Membership: Sally DuPre (absent)
Ronnie reported that there were 93 membership renewals.

Newsletter: Lisa Jefferson (absent)
Forward all newsletter items to Lisa by April 20.

Website: Julene Hunter (absent)
Linda reported that she noticed an outdated notice on the Website. It was suggested that Board Members periodically review the website and notify Julene of specific changes if necessary. To help Julene, any requested website updates and changes should be succinct.

Challenges: Judy Berland
There was a brief discussion about May's Challenge: "Repetition". Judy discussed and clarified the Challenge rules which are also described in the latest newsletter. The painting must have a minimum repeat of five objects, based on the size of the objects and the width of the mat. One of the Challenge objects can have a "surprise" difference, or the colors may be different, but the objects must be the same and, in a row, vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

Judy reported that the August Challenge will be "Lake Tahoe". August is vacation time and we are starting to be "unlocked"; so, either plein air or paint from a photograph some place at the Lake. The entry must have at least one tree; one distant mountain and of course, the Lake. You can add people, animals, flowers, and/or abstract it.

Board Meeting Calendar, 2021: Location: Reno Artist Co-op, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Dates for the SWS Board Meetings are: Aug. 7*; Sept. 11; Nov. 13

*Ronnie suggested rescheduling the August 7 Board Meeting, as it is only one week prior to the General Meeting on August 14. Some suggestions were to reschedule to one month before; or the morning of, or during the lunch break of the General Meeting. This will be considered and discussed prior to the August Board Meeting.

General Meeting Calendar, 2021: Location: Temple Sinai 10:30 a.m. Precautionary Covid protocol to be followed. Dates for the SWS General Meetings are: May 8; Aug. 14; Oct. 16; Dec. 4 – Holiday Pot-Luck at the May Museum

Member and Guest Announcements:

Ronnie Rector noted that the Bylaws were last updated in 2004. The Board will be looking at the Bylaws for possible modernization.
Vickie reported that the January 16, General Meeting Minutes are up on the website.

Motion to Adjourn:

Diane Sewell made a motion to adjourn the April 10, 2021 SWS Board Meeting at 11:18 a.m. seconded by Linda Halicki, which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Vickie Behrens, Secretary April 29,
2021
Approved: August 7, 2021