

**Women's Caucus for Art**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Sunday, February 19th, 2006**  
**Boston, MA**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** *Dena Muller, Noreen Dean Dresser, Barbara Wolanin, Jennifer Colby, Laurie Hall, Liz Dodson, Helen Poole Newman, Rona Lesser, Marilyn Hayes, Eleanor Dickinson, Rebecca Kramer, Alison Altergott, Allison Constantino, Ruth Waters, Dale Osterle, Judith Roth, Ann Rowles, Laura Morrison, Margaret Lutze, Yuriko Takata,*

**OTHERS PRESENT:** *Karin Luner (Nat'l Admin), Linda Gilbert-Schneider, Barbara Rehg, Bette Blayton-Taylor joined after Lunch*

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9:10 am      Call to Order by Dena Muller, WCA President

9:25 am      **OLD BUSINESS**

Summer Board Meeting 2005 Minutes with minor changes approved  
Motioned, seconded and passed (MSP)

**REPORTS**

9:26 am      Written Reports were submitted by:  
Karin Luner, National Administrator  
Dena Muller, President  
Margaret Lutze, Treasurer  
Barbara Wolanin, VP for Chapter Relations  
Jennifer Colby, President-Elect  
Laura Morrison, Northwest Region VP  
Rebecca Kramer, Rocky Mountain VP  
Ruth Waters, Pacific Region VP  
(Boston 2006 Co-Chairs Cynthia Runge/Karen Frostig are reflected in the Conference activities)  
Yuriko Takata, Nominations Chair  
Allison Constantino, Chapter Council  
Ann Rowles, Chapter Council/Conference Chair Atlanta  
Liz Dodson, Chapter Council  
Marilyn Hayes, Chapter Council  
Laurie Hall, International Co-Chair

Dena Muller, WCA President

added to her report three items, a. that she helped Laurie Hall to get the 2 ½ hr panel at CAA passed, b. that she worked with Dale Osterle to get a print donated by Ruth Weisberg, c. that she volunteered to replace Susan Obarski as Awards Chair, who resigned her position.

9:31 am      Margaret Lutze, Treasurer  
reported that WCA is still at a stable level, and walked the board through the various budget items, the balance sheet, and the last bank statement listing all of WCA's Checking and Money Market Accounts with a total networth of \$58,496.

Dena responded to questions about the Lifetime Achievements budget, that the fund drive expectations fell short despite a concerted effort. She attributed this to a more costly location and an even costlier dinner event, and projects a probable minus in the year-end budget. Margaret concluded that the final state of the LAA budget cannot be drawn at this point, given the missing finals of the raffle and catalog sales. Dena added that at the last meeting, at which Margaret was not present, the revised 05-06 budget was upped by \$8,000. Margaret concludes with a recommendation to wait on spending on other voted-on items and to halt all extra spending till July 2006.

Discussion on reprinting the membership brochure. Margaret raised question to Jennifer Colby to look into raising money outside of the membership for the Lifetime Achievement Awards.

9:50 am Barbara Wolanin, VP for Chapter Relations  
Worked on Chapter Development Handbook. Proposes to work on job descriptions for the board positions.

Discussion on searchable items in the membership directory, the chapter forming process, chapter bylaws, and the president's role in the chapter forming process. Dena tables the discussion for New Business.

10:05 am Jennifer Colby, President-Elect  
After a general board member introduction, talked about her plans to have a travelling show about "Hurricane Katrina", and her plans for a Pacific Region Conference joining CA chapters with the "Women's Studies Group". Discusses her transition to WCA President and forming a new board.  
Discussion about the difference of elected and nominated positions. Jennifer announced that the Summer Board Meeting will be held in San Juan Bautista, CA on July 28-30<sup>th</sup>. 2006.

10:18 am Noreen Dean Dresser, Past President  
will submit a written report. She reported on drafting this year's fundraising letter, and her work on the CAA Women's Committee, on whose board she will serve for the next 2 years. She will also continue her work with Laurie Hall on WCA's International Committee, and will submit her WCA Presidential Papers to the Archive.

10:20 am Laura Morrison, Northeast Region VP  
reported on her work trying to establish a Northern New Hampshire chapter, and her efforts to connect the chapters in her region. She added to her report that she is working on a column "What does National do for us?", starting with the matrix and the healthcare benefits, which were featured in the New Hampshire newsletter. She plans to expand her writings on this subject for other chapters in her region.

10:22 am Liz Dodson, Chapter Council for Jeanne Philipp, Midwest VP  
conveyed that Jeanne would like to pass on her position as VP to another person.

10:25 am Rebecca Kramer, Rocky Mountain VP  
Reported on the health of the Colorado chapter and their multitude of activities.

- 10:26 am Dena Muller reported for Diane Peck, Southwest Region VP  
reported on the closing of the New Mexico Chapter and of her resignation as VP.
- 10:27 am Ruth Waters, Pacific Region VP  
spoke on the difference in needs for small and large chapters.  
Her Motto: "Get, Give and Belong" might sum up each members ideal involvement with WCA.
- 10:30 am Yuriko Takata, Nominations Chair  
reported on the President-elect nominations process and regrets the lateness of the ballot due to the late mailing of the newsletter and inherent slowness of bulkmail.
- Discussion on how to do the elections in the future. Dena pointed out our savings in sending the newsletters via bulk mail; Karin pointed out that email voting is not a democratic solution, since over 300 members do not have email addresses and over 1/3 of existing email addresses are dead. Dena also reminded the board that in June no person had yet come forward willing to run for the President-elect position, but reassures the board that this year's election process is on track, however slightly delayed.
- 10:35 am Allison Constantino, Chapter Council  
submitted her study of "Features versus Benefits", and wants to continue serving on this committee. It was requested that Allison submit her study in writing since her board report does not contain this detailed list.
- 10:40 am Liz Dodson, New Media Committee Chair  
Offered this year's Video Program for a nominal fee of \$250, or last years and this year's for \$300, which could be used as a tool in promoting WCA activities.
- 10:45 am Marilyn Hayes, Chapter Council  
worked on networking with chapter presidents via a Yahoo-group. She will submit a print-out of these monthly topics and conversation threads for the WCA archive.
- Discussion on email protocol and joining the group
- 11:00 am **Break**
- 11:15 am Dena spoke on behalf of Robin Maria Pedrero, Chapter Council  
who wants to continue with her committee position as Login Support Help.
- 11:15 am Laurie Hall, International Co-Chair  
wanted her substantial supplemental report included and suggested a website link to the NGO website.
- Discussion  
Margaret asks for a clarification about the process of our relation to the UN. Laurie explained that every 4 years we have to seek approval as an Affiliated NGO. Dena added that every year we have to renew and submit the names of our officers to the UN and submit a report of our activities. In short, our work has

to be aligned with the Millenium Development Goals of “Eliminating Gender Disparity in Arts and Educations” by 2015 in order to qualify.  
Dena wants to see WCA participate in a session at the Conference of NGOs in September.

11:35 am Dena informs the Board of Maria Buszek’s CAA conference panel, and conveys her desire to stay on in her position as WCA’s CAA Liaison.

11:36 am Karin Luner, National Administrator  
reported on her special efforts to connect to members by sending out welcome letters to all new and renewing-through-national members. She also undertook two smaller targeted membership drives, which gained several renewals of lapsed members, and urged the board to get more involved in contacting chapters that are not participating in the national dialogue. She pointed out the missing text on various pages on the website and the lack of newsletter submissions from the board and chapters. She would also like to see a Chapter Matching Grant Report Form in place. She also mentioned her project of scanning and adding past Lifetime Achievements Catalogues to the website.

Discussion of membership renewals procedure covering national and chapter duties, the usefullness of membership cards, and the advantage of the online member directory.

11:50 am Helen Poole Newman, Chapters’ Council  
No written report. Requests to see old student chapter files which Eleanor Dickinson submitted to the national office several years ago and which are now in storage. However, no action was outlined for follow-up in the short discussion.

11:55 am Alison Altergott, Chapters’ Council  
No written report. Would like to see art shows as advocacy.

12:03 Dena lays out the importance of committee work and the following through on initiatives. She stressed again that a board report is a report on the work that was done. She reminded the board that these reports go into the archives as a record of how this organization does its business and might be research material in the future. Proposals are about new projects and suggestions accompanied by a budget.

Dena commended the Regional VPs on their board reports, which are finally being submitted in the correct format, as a summerization of chapter activities in their region.

Barbara Regh suggested a mentoring process for new board members.

Dena recommended that the next Chapters’ Council meeting should get a full time slot and hopes to see a full body of Chapter Representatives in attendance. She wants the members on the board to know what is expected from them and direct their efforts to further WCA’s mission.

12:16 pm Rona Lesser, JWAN Chair  
reported on the Jewish Women Artists Network (JWAN) activities in the Boston Conference.

12:19 pm Dale Osterle, Fundraising Chair  
reported that the Judith Brodsky print brought in \$2,170. She added that this year WCA cannot sell raffle tickets during the CAA Women's Committee event and expects that raffle income might be less substantial this year due to that fact.

Dena suggested to have the info on the raffle prize available much earlier, and to pursue different venues for selling tickets.

12:26 pm Eleanor Dickinson, Chapter Council and CAA Women's Committee Member  
has spent a lot of energy on bringing these two organizations together, however, she advises the board that the CAA Women's Committee has no desire to merge their distinctly different awards with the awards of WCA in the future, but recommends working together. She makes recommendations on when WCA's raffle drawing should be held, since the committee voiced complaints about the awards event being taken over by activities of other organizations.

Discussion on where to hold the drawing. Jennifer suggests to do the drawing on Friday at the "Coalitions of Art Organization" midday Panel.

Dena requests to strike out the personal note from the report by Diane Peck.

12:40 pm Dena calls for vote to pass all submitted reports  
**MSP**

### **Lunch Break**

2:00 pm Dena talks about the **Feminist Art Project**, of which WCA is a program partner  
**Action:** add UN and Feminist Art Project links to the website

### **PROPOSALS**

2:35 pm Dena Muller: **Making the CAA Women's Committee Awards and the Lifetime Achievement Awards 2007 a combined event**

Discussion: History of CAA Women's Committee and WCA  
Pros and Cons of a combined event  
WCA's positive relation to CAA's Leadership  
Logistics of hotel bookings  
Participation in all-day Saturday panel at CAA

### **MSP**

15:10 pm Jennifer Colby: **To establish a line item in the budget for a "President's Outreach Fund"**

Discussion about problematics with travel funds for the board, citing earlier discretions and abuses of funds by past board members

Jennifer Colby: **To establish a line item fund for the 35<sup>th</sup> Celebration Fund supporting a scholarship for women under 35**

15:40 pm After a discussion of where the funds would come from **Jennifer withdraws both proposals**

15:55 pm Boston Chapter Proposal: **Support for Recording the Conference Panels: Cost \$1,500**

Provide Boston with \$1,500 and WCA will get a percentage on the money it invested as royalty in perpetuity.

**MSP**

16:20 pm Liz Dodson: **Promotional Video Production**  
**Proposal is withdrawn**, but is supported as a project by the board and recommends an article in Artlines

16:35 pm Ulla Barr: **Proposal to be reimbursed for purchase (\$450) of Eleanor Merritt's work and donation to the DeLand Museum.**

**The board invalidates the proposal**, but allows collection of money from individuals for reimbursement to Ulla.

### **Actions and Dates**

**Post how to submit nominations to the Lifetime Achievement Awards**

**LAA Ceremony and Benefit Dinner is set for Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Have table in the Exhibition Hall at CAA Conference 2007**

**Collect Personal Statements "Why belong to WCA?"**

**Plan for an extended Chapters' Council Meeting**

### **Committees:**

**Website Support:** Login support Robin Maria Pedrero, Barbara Wolanin, Allison Constantino

**Membership Benefits:** Rebecca Kramer, Allison Constantino, Marilyn Hayes, Ulla Barr

**Lifetime Awards Event Management:** N. D. Dresser, Jennifer Colby, Linda Gilbert-Schneider, Dena Muller

**Advocacy:** Alison Altergott

**Media Committee:** Liz Dodson (to make a video for PR purposes)

**Student Chapter Development:** Helen Poole Newman, Alix Dunn

**Nominations Committee:** Yuriko Takata and the Regional VPs

5:00 pm      **Meeting Adjourned**

*Minutes taken by Karin Luner*

*Reviewed and submitted by Margaret Lutze July 2, 2006*