

**Women's Caucus for Art
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 25th, 2008
Westin Center, Dallas, TX**

Board Members Present: *Jennifer Colby, Barbara Wolanin, Marilyn Hayes, Janice Nesser, Rebecca Kramer, Laura Morrison, Sandra Mueller, Judith Segall, Priscilla Otani, Linda Gilbert-Schneider, Karen Frostig, Patricia Rodriguez, Kira Corser, Yuriko Takata, Eleanor Dickinson, Brenda Oelbaum, Helen Poole Newman*

Also Present: *Karin Luner (Nat'l Admin), Liz Dodson, Rona Lesser, Alexandra Chaverri, Diane Talbot, Laura Jean Carlock, Jo Anne Adams, Vered Shomron*

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8:55 am Welcome by Jennifer Colby, Board President
Colby opens the meeting by going over the Strategic Planning 2006-09 Outline, with goals achieved and shortcomings recognized.

9:05 am Call to Order

9:10 am **Summer Board Minutes 2007 approved
Motioned, seconded, and passed (MSP)**

Written Reports were submitted by:

Karin Luner, National Administrator
Jennifer Colby, WCA National Board President
Margaret Lutze, Treasurer & Secretary
Barbara Wolanin, VP for Chapter Relations
Marilyn Hayes, President-Elect
Laura Morrison, Northeast Region VP
Janice Nesser, Midwest Region VP
Judy Segall, Southeast Region VP
Rebecca Kramer, Northwest Region VP
Helen Poole Newman, Pacific Region VP
Anne Swartz, Honor Awards Chair
Yuriko Takata, Nominations Chair
Sandra Mueller, Chapters' Council
Eleanor Dickinson, Chapters' Council
Priscilla Otani, Chapters' Council & International Committee Member
Debra Claffey, Chapters' Council
Kira Carrillo Corser, VP of Development Laurie Hall, International
Liz Dodson, New Media Caucus Chair
Karen Frostig, Chapters' Council & Publications Committee
Kathy Halamka, Publication Committee
Rona Lesser, JWAN Chair

- 9:13 am Jennifer Colby, WCA National Board President
Colby lists some of her travel activities, among them her attendance at the UN-NGO meeting in NYC. She thanks Anne Swartz, Honor Awards Chair, for her excellent work on the Lifetime Achievement Awards, and Karmien Bowman, Dallas Conference Chair and Chapter President of the recently formed Dallas Chapter, for doing a great job of getting the conference organized and her successful fundraising efforts towards the awards. Colby also acknowledges WCA's success with its fundraising efforts, and promises to continue to work with Kira Corser on fundraising ideas and the legacy fund.
- 9:15 am Margaret Lutze, Treasurer & Secretary
In absence of M. Lutze, Karin Luner, Nat'l Administrator, explains the spread sheets and bank statements, and reports a positive turn of WCA's financial picture.
- 9:20 am Marilyn Hayes, President-Elect
Hayes, who will take over the presidency after this board meeting, points to her success in raising several hundred dollars in ads for the catalog, which will set a precedent for the next catalog.
- Discussion:
On fundraising, procedure, and fundraising material kits;
Hayes would like to establish a calling card account to improve communication during her presidency.
- Sandra Mueller offers to take over Marilyn Hayes' position as Chapter Network Monitor.
- 9:20 am Barbara Wolanin, Chapter Relations VP
Wolanin announces 3 new board members as a follow up on her Chapters' Council meeting efforts prior to the board meeting.
She also led efforts in organizing a forum to mark the 35th Anniversary of Feminist Art as her contribution to the Feminist Art Project. Barbara also promises to assist Marilyn in her new position as board president.
- 9:35 am Jennifer Colby acknowledges Dena Muller, Past President, for her 6 years of service, and specially thanks her for her negotiations to get Dr. Maura Reilly as curator for WCA's national show in Dallas.
- Judy Segall points out to send thank-you letters to all members going off the board.
- 9: 37 am Karin Luner, National Administrator
Highlights a few accomplishments outside of her regular duties, like establishing the WCA blog, the production of a 2006-07 Board Manual, a

mini- membership drive to renew lapsed 2006-07 members, and modified the new brochure to a self-mailer.

She also updated the administrator job description since the old one was hopelessly out of date. (See the appendix of the board reports)

Last not least, she asked the board to consider the following through with the 2005 board approved annual CPI salary increase.

9:47 am Kira Corser, VP of Development

Corser states that she worked with Jennifer Colby on fundraising ideas, and presents the board with a Monterey Foundation Designated Fund information package for WCA's consideration to invest in.

She also resigns her board position with this meeting.

Sandra Mueller points out to track all action items.

9:57 am Patricia Rodriguez, VP for Organizational Outreach

Cites her work on the "Wow" exhibition with the Latin Community and WCA members. She also offers to take over the responsibility of the WoCa files, after Judy Segall mentions Eleanor Merritt's desire to find a home for the files.

Discussion:

How to improve outreach efforts to the Latin Community?

Jennifer Colby tells her own story of witnessing the alienation of women of color by WCA's leadership at some point in the past, and her gratefulness in setting things right that went wrong, especially events concerning Amalia Mesa-Bains.

Eleanor Dickinson points out that WCA needs a secretary, a person who continues the rapport with past presidents and takes over some administrative tasks, like letter writing.

10:13 am Laura Morrison, Northeast Region VP

Morrison highlights some achievements of working closely together with the Boston Chapter, and establishing increased rapport with the Philadelphia Chapter. However, she regrets not having been able to establish a Northern New Hampshire Chapter, but is glad to report that the Connecticut Chapter was able to pull through in spite of a lack of leadership during the past year.

She also announces her resignation from the board after this meeting, but is able to introduce a successor, Diane Talbot, who would like to step into the position.

10:19 am Judith Segall, Southeast Region VP

Reports on the regional exhibition "Matriarchs and Madonnas", in which members from 8 states participated. She also worked on a better

understanding of “What is National?” within her region, a question which never ceases to be a point of friction within the chapters.

10:21 am

Janice Nesser, Midwest Region VP

Established a list serve with all the chapters in her region and improved lines of communications between the board and the chapters.

The Midwest Summer 2008 newsletter will focus on artists in the region and a Midwest retreat is in the plans.

She also was elected President-Elect and will step into her position after this board meeting.

10:30 am

Rebecca Kramer, Northwest Region VP

Reports on her effort to connect to the chapters in her region.

10:31 am

Helen Poole Newman, Pacific Region VP

Reports on the closing of the Hawaii Chapter, and her inability to make contact with the South Bay and Peninsula Chapters.

Currently, she is leading efforts to organize a regional conference, which could work in collaboration with the upcoming Los Angeles 2009 WCA Conference.

Judith Segall comments on the closing of the Hawaii Chapter, which cited the high costs of participation and general lack of interest, and secondly, that they did not want to be involved with Feminism per se.

10:40 am

In absence of Anne Swartz, Colby thanks Anne Swartz and Karmien Bowman again for their exceptional work on the Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Colby also relays Anne Swartz’s expressed desire to have the online nominations database in place within the next few months, and her wish to rotate off some Honor Awards Committee Members.

Finally, Colby points out again Anne’s incredible feat for having had the awardees in place by the 2007 Summer Board meeting. She also stresses to have an Award Event Chair for the 2009 awards in LA in place as soon a possible.

Discussion: Sandra Mueller wants to streamline the LAA and conference events and have a to-do-list in place. The need to send out official “thank-you” letters to all who served resurfaces. Someone suggests a speaker phone connection to be made available at the board meetings for board members who cannot be present but want to vote on important points.

Yuriko Takata regrets that she failed to call the President-Elect nominees to inform them on the election results immediately after the results were

made public, but will take on the task to send out those “thank-you” letters to the board members going off the board.

- 10:57 am Linda Gilbert-Schneider, Chapters’ Council (no written report)
Plans on getting a meeting place at a university in New York for the 2011 NYC conference.
- 10:59 am Sandra Mueller, Chapters’ Council
Mueller is actively pursuing the LA conference with the tentative theme of “Be a Participator, not a Spectator”, and calls on all board members to participate with activities throughout the CAA conference, which will run from Wed to Sat, culminating in a whole day of feminist panels on Saturday. She advises the board to check for further information on the Southern California Chapter website.
- 11:01 am Eleanor Dickinson, Chapters’ Council & Advocacy and Art Education Committee
States that she regrets the poor response from the board and WCA members to engage more actively in art and education advocacy. She points out that there needs to be work done in structuring the advocacy efforts and more publication be made available via newsletter or blog. She also traveled several times to Florida, visiting the chapter.
- 11:03 am Karen Frostig, Publications Chair & Chapters’ Council
Would like to see more integration of publications and articles on the national website. Highlights *BLAZE: Discourse on Art, Women and Feminism*.

Laura Morrison suggests contacting your local library to order the book, which might not readily affordable for many.
- 11:30 am 15 min Coffee break
- 11:45 am – 1 pm Discussion on Standing Committees versus Ad Hoc Committees:
Activities and feasibility of current structure.
Dickinson points out the necessity to have a report of the Honor Awards Committee submitted to the board, which it has not done in the recent years.
- 1 pm Lunch break
- 1:55 pm Rona Lesser, JWAN Chair
Lesser states that the JWAN report was submitted by the Exhibition Co-Chairs, Simone Soltan and Fay Grajower.
The show “in the beginning”, held at the Women’s Museum in Dallas, featured 21 artists with 42 works. 66 artists submitted 247 entries.

A full color catalog was also printed with full sponsorship.

- 1:56 pm Liz Dodson, New Media Caucus Chair
Dodson reports that CM Judge has taken on the video selection process for the next conference, and has already selected French Video artist and curator, Veronique Sapin, as juror.
- 2:05 pm Priscilla Otani, Chapter's Council and International Committee Member
Reports on the Eco-Postcard show and fundraiser.
365 Cards arrived from 14 different countries. Debra Claffey was also thanked for providing assistance in feeding the information to the chapters. The effort showed broad participation from daycare centers to schools.
- 2:07 pm **All reports accepted. MSP**

Proposals

- 2: 10 pm Barbara Wolanin, Chapter Relations VP
Purchase space for WCA logo and mission in ArtTable Member Directory- Cost \$250

Motion Moved: S. Mueller

Seconded: R. Kramer

11 Approved

1 Opposed

1 Abstention

- 2:15 pm Jennifer Colby, Board President

Proposal 1: Resolution in support of contingent faculty

Action: Tabled for later vote

Proposal 2: Whistle Blower and Conflict of Interest Policy

Action: Tabled for Summer Board Meeting

Proposal 3: Establishing an Endowment Fund

Action: Tabled for Summer Board Meeting

Proposal 4: Publication of Lifetime Achievement Award Book

Action: Withdrawn – approved at earlier board meeting

2:50 pm Eleanor Dickinson sponsors Admin's Salary Raise
(Luner leaves the room for a general board discussion)

Action: Admin's Salary is raised to \$25 an hour by March 1, 2008

Dickinson motions, Newman seconds: **Approved 11, Opposed 2**
Further salary adjustments will be discussed at the 2008 Summer Board Meeting.

15:00 pm Margaret Lutze, Treasurer & Secretary
Change of By-laws

Action: Tabled

15:07 pm Karen Frostig, Chapters' Council
WCA Chapter Domain Names for Chapter Web Sites

Action: Tabled

15:10 pm General Discussion about the LAA budget and fundraising efforts;
Increased fundraising versus fewer awardees; a more realistic view of actual costs reflected in the annual budget;

15: 55 pm Colby wraps up the meeting, with setting the goal to produce the missing Winter Newsletter in March, instead of leaving it unpublished.
The Summer Board meeting is set for July 25-27, 2008, in Washington, DC.

16:20pm Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Karin Luner, National Administrator