

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 27, 2003
Women's Caucus for Art
Lake Forest, Illinois

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT: Noreen Dean Dresser, Dena Muller, Margaret Lutze, Eleanor Dickinson, Ruth Waters, Susan Obarski, Barbara Wolanin, Jennifer Colby, Bonnie Sprung, Judith Roth, Dale Osterle, Yuriko Takata, Liz Dodson, Melissa McCarthy, Robin Pedrero, Ulla Barr, Judy Segall, Rona Lesser, Ginger Munnerlyn, Karen Carasik, Tricia Grame,
Also Present: Karin Luner (Natl Admin), Allison Constantino, Marlin Rosen-Davis, K. Darovic,

9:30 am Ruth Waters moved to approve the Winter Board Minutes.
Seconded by Karen Carasik
MSP

1. Executive Reports

9:40 am Call-to-Order Noreen Dean Dresser, President

Rekindling The Spirit – outlined the future of the WCA, through working the local networks of each chapter, laying the ground work for more inter-chapter events, by developing local resources, and creating the focus for expansion.
“People will join you not for your history but for your future”

Discussion:

Dena pointed out the general difficulty experienced by 30-year-old women's organizations in attracting younger women. She suggested WCA emphasize creating opportunities for artists and stressed the importance of honing communication and networking skills.

9:53 am Dena Muller, President Elect
Reported on NGO (non-governmental organization) representation at the United Nations and getting the NYC conference wrapped up.

9:54 am Margaret Lutze and Noreen Dean Dresser, Treasurer and President.
Reviewed fiscal year 2002/3 and 2003/4 budgets; explained the details of the two sets of financial summaries.
The items that went over budget were due to the office move from California to New York, the new computer, and setting up the office.

Discussion:

Costs of printing and distributing the Honor Award Catalogs and brochures and their dispersion, and other funding possibilities. Karin stated that she sent out the catalogs to all the libraries in the database with cover letters to the head librarian.

Margaret Lutze reviewed the Fiscal Year's 1st and 2nd Quarters, explaining the P&L Statement, and the Balance Sheet. She also stated that she will supply the Board with Quarterly Reports in the future. Membership increased from 639 members in 2002 to 1100 members in 2003.

Susan Obarski pointed out that advanced sales of honorees' catalogs would help raise funds.

To increase the sale of Luncheon tickets: sell tickets to friends and relatives as well as to art historians

Eleanor Dickinson recommended advertising in the CAA magazine to promote the Luncheon and the Award Ceremony.

Question: when are the Awardees announced?

Susan Obarski will have the announcement ready by the end of August.

10:40 am MSP Budget Report.

2. Regional Vice Presidents' Reports

10:42 am Melissa McCarthy, Northeast Region VP
Oral Report.

10:43 am Barbara Wolanin, Southeast Region VP
Report
Robin Maria Pedrero, Karen Carasik added report on Florida.

10:45 am Jennifer Colby, Pacific Region VP
Report

10:47 am Ulla Barr, Southwest Region VP
Report

10:49 am Rebecca Kramer, Rocky Mountain VP
No Report. Not Present.

10:50 am Liz Dodson, Minneapolis Chapter President
Reports on Midwest region for Jeanne Philipp..

10:51 am MSP all Regional Reports.

3. Committee Chair Reports

10:51 am Eleanor Dickinson, Liaison for CAA Committee
"Road Scholars or Adjunct Professors?" Eleanor Dickinson outlined her topic for the panel at the 2004 CAA conference in Seattle.

10:54 am Dale Osterle, Fundraising Co-Chair
Proposed spreading out raffle ticket sales in advance of conferences, possibly over the website and through chapter events.
The next raffle prize will be a piece by Nancy Spero.

11:00 am Jessica Ramsey, Fundraising Co-Chair (absent)
NDD spoke on her behalf

Barbara Wolanin offered help with fundraising in the fall.

11:03 am Dena Muller, International Co-Chair
Currently investigating participation in the 2005 United Nations International Conference on Women in Johannesburg. She also stressed the importance of strengthening the WCA home base, and the necessity for further discussions about the WCA 's involvement as an NGO in UN events.

11:07 am Karen Carasik, Chapter Development
Reported on re-working the Chapter Handbook and on Chapter Development.

11:12 am Judy Segall, Chapter Development
Report.

President Dresser stressed the importance of having an updated guidebook with clear guidelines. Margaret Lutze read from the By-Laws to clarify the positions of the Board.

11:23 am Yuriko Takata, Member at Large
Oral report on the Matrix Project
Defined the intent of the Matrix Project through interviews of collectors, critics, curators and gallerists.
Discussion:
Dena Muller suggested moving the data from the interviews to 'Artlines' instead of setting up a database which would become difficult to keep current.

11:35 am Susan Obarski, Historian
Susan reviewed the archiving procedure for the National Office and the Chapters.

11:46 am MSP all Committee Reports

4. Staff Report

11:47 am Karin Luner, National Administrator
Report
MSP

5. Executive Reports Part 2

11:50 am N.D. Dresser and Margaret Lutze
Budget Review
Motion to approve the Budget for the fiscal year of 2003.
MSP

6. New Business

12:10 pm Proposal from Jessica Ramsey
Not approved
Chapters will continue to handle the renewal of members in the future.

12:14 pm Proposal from Barbara Wolanin
National Poster Development

Not approved as a WCA project, but can be put together by Barbara if there are no costs involved for the WCA.

12:31 pm Eleanor Dickinson Recommendation
Wants to keep National Office in New York in the years to come. President Dresser reassured the Board that the office will stay in NY through the next two presidencies. Re-affirmed by Jennifer Colby (nominated as President-Elect), who does not want to see the office move either.
Changes on the Board coming in Feb 2004 were discussed. According to the By-Laws, approximately half of the Board positions are appointed by the President and half are elected to three-year terms by the Chapters Council, ensuring overlap and continuity. Board appointments expire with the President's term of office.

12: 58 pm Lunch

Discussion continued regarding CAA Board election procedures; with the conclusion not to confront the CAA on its voting procedure at this time.

Videotaping of the Board Meeting was addressed. Susan Obarski pointed out that when things are said off the record, the cameras should be shut off. Bonnie Sprung erased some of the footage after this statement.

President Dresser reported the resignation of Arlines Newsletter Editor Christina Barbachano and the urgent necessity to work out guidelines and a job discription for a search within the WCA membership to fill this position asap. Dena offered help with writing up the job specifications.

1:55 pm Adjournment

The Summer Board Meeting was video taped by Bonnie Sprung and Liz Dodson. Minutes were taken by Karin Luner.