

**Women's Caucus for Art
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, July 29th, 2006
San Juan Bautista, CA**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: *Jennifer Colby, Barbara Wolanin, Liz Dodson, Marilyn Hayes, Eleanor Dickinson, Rebecca Kramer, Ruth Waters, Laura Morrison, Margaret Lutze, Deborah Claffey, Janice Nesser, Kathy Halamka, Priscilla Otani, Karen Frostig, Ulla Barr, Kira Corser*

OTHERS PRESENT: *Karin Luner (Natl Admin)*

Saturday, July 29th

9:00 am Welcome by Jennifer Colby, WCA President, who lays out general structure for the weekend.

9:20 am Committee work break-out to discuss WCA surveys and set goals

10:15 am **OLD BUSINESS**

10:16 am Winter Board Meeting 2006 Minutes with minor changes approved
Motioned, seconded and passed (MSP)

REPORTS

Written Reports were submitted by:

Jennifer Colby, President
Dena Muller, Past President
Margaret Lutze, Treasurer
Barbara Wolanin, VP for Chapter Relations
Laura Morrison, Northwest Region VP
Judith Segall, Southeast VP
Ruth Waters, Pacific Region VP
Laurie Hall, International Co-Chair
Eleanor Dickinson, Chapters' Council
Yuriko Takata, Nominations Chair
Maria Elena Buszek, CAA Liaison
Rona Lesser, JWAN Committee Chair
Karin Luner, National Administrator

10:17 am Jennifer Colby, President
Would like to see the two open positions filled with members from the Northwest, which is underrepresented. Will move forward on the Houston problem and get a new brochure printed before the Dallas Conference.

10:25 am Dena Muller, Past President
her report on the finances of the Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA) is narrated by M. Lutze, who points out that the awards will about \$ 2,000 in the red, with bills still needed to be paid out to Boston, and towards the problem with how the awards are funded and that there needs to be other funding options in place than

relying totally on funds raised by WCA members. Margaret also raises issue of Dena's two votes as she holds two board positions, one as Past President and one as Recognition Awards Chair.

Discussion

Grant search for LAA and other fundraising options are moved to New Business.

- 10:30 am Margaret Lutze, Treasurer
goes over the June 06 Chase Bank statement which lists six money market accounts and one checking account at a total worth of \$57,574.51. She states that WCA has three savings accounts, which should not be drawn from, three Chapter Escrow accounts, and a checking account. She goes over the Balance and the Profit&Loss sheet, which shows that WCA overspent by \$7,000. She states that the bottomline is for WCA's operating budget is \$50,000 and that any additions have to be discussed in New Business.
- 10:35 am Barbara Wolanin, VP for Chapter Relations
wants to amend her report with her successfully conducted Chapters' Council Meeting, which resulted in five new elected Chapters' Council Board Members. Would like to get a list of newly authorized chapters.
- 10:36 am Kira Corser, VP for Development
Introduces herself as new VP and reports on her reaching out to non-artists like art therapist and the like to join WCA. She mentions the current chapter exhibit "Art as Healing".
- 10:18 am Marilyn Hayes, President-Elect
reports on bringing in new members through her chapter outreach work. Her Yahoo-group is still active with 28 participating members and has the goal to highlight keypoints of the topics of past discussions for easier browsing by new joiners.
- 10:20 am Laura Morrison, Northeast Region VP
reports that the Northeast is still strong with Connecticut and New Hampshire gaining new members. Connecticut wants to allocate funds for 10 WCA membership scholarships for young artists. And Laura wants to bring the idea to New Hampshire as well. Central Mass is working their by-laws and securing their 501c3 status, and New Hampshire is trying to build up membership in its northern part to form a second New Hampshire chapter.
- 10:46 am Judith Segall, Southeast Region VP
Colby reports on Judith's effort on making connections to the Louisiana Chapter. She also feels that the Florida Chapter is underrepresented on this current board, to which Colby states that she has put two Florida members, Karen Carasik and Terry Cook, into committees.
- 10:50 am Janice Nesser, Midwest Region VP
Introduces herself as new on the board and reports on several corrections needed to be made on the website in her region.

- 10:51 am Rebecca Kramer, Rocky Mountain VP
States that Idaho is a mainly seasonal chapter which activities centering around student activities. Explores possibilities of new chapters in Montana.
- 10:53 am Colby states that there is no current Southwest Region VP due to the folding of the chapters. Colby wants to redraw map.
- 10:57 am Ruth Waters, Pacific Region VP
Fleashes out theory of outreach and forming partnerships with other groups. Hands out a "Media-Interview Guide", and reminds the board of how very important it is to still fight for gender bias in the arts. She cites as an example of collaboration is the "Intersections: Locating Acts of Courage" exhibition in Oakland California, a collaboration with the National Women's Studies Association and site for the WCA regional conference.
- 10:59 am Open Forum
Colby congratulates Boston again on a great conference.
Kathy Halamka will update "Conference Handbook", and Lutze wants to place the discussion on "how WCA does conferences" on the New Business list.
Dickinson suggests to bring non-voting liaisons to the board.
Colby notes that no Conference Chair for NY is yet in place, and that WCA will co-host the Lifetime Achievements Awards with the CAA Women's Committee on Saturday evening, following the day-long CAA panels focusing on Feminism. Changes will be a Buffet with Hors d'Oeuvres instead of a sit-down dinner. The event will be also published in CAA's brochures since it is a joint event. Colby also suggests a lengthier Chapters' Council meeting on Sunday and some inhouse workshops, and visiting some openings, like the JWAN show in the evening. The Board Meeting will be on Monday Feb 19th in NYC.
Colby proposes to keep the schedule with WCA's conference commencing after CAA's instead of holding it midweek in Dallas, Feb 24th and 25th, and LA, March 1st and 2nd.
- 11:09 am Yuriko Takata, Nominations Chair
Colby thanks Yuriko for her work in getting a new president-elect voted in.
- 11:10 am Chapters' Council Board Members - Discussion on correctly naming the position.
- Ulla Barr, Chapters' Council
Gives an update on her work on the "Benefits Committee". Reports on getting several rebates on subscriptions to art magazines, like *Aperature* and *ArtNews*. Ruth suggests *Art Calendar*, Karin suggests to add the *Artist's Magazine*, others want to add *Art in America* and the *Women's Art Journal*.
Karin adds that she should also get in touch with Daniel Smith to get group discounts with free shipping. Cheap Joe's is still on the table but needs to be renegotiated.
- Lutze gives definition of Chapters' Council Representatives who represent their Chapter at the Chapters' Council Meeting in February who also vote in new Chapters' Council Board Members, who will work on the board from a chapter perspective but are responsible for the budget and programs WCA takes on.

- 11:30 am Liz Dodson, New Media Committee Chair
 Dodson suggests Lynnette Black as a future Chapters' Council Board Member. Reports on travelling exhibit "A Place at the Table" which will go to Wisconsin and then in 2007 to San Juan Bautista and Chicago. In her position on her New Media Committee, she reports on difficulty to get a space for a film/video screening in NYC. She also will be working on the PR video while here in SJB.
- 11:35 am Eleanor Dickinson, Chapters' Council
 regrets that a final selection of the CAA/LAA awardees is not yet available. Colby asks Eleanor to talk about the history of the CAA Women Committee, which formed in the 1980's. Follow-up: Eleanor's "Gender Studies" need to go up on the web.
- 11:47 am Deborah Claffey, Chapters' Council
 regrets her lack of knowlegde of WCA's history even though she has been a member since the 1980's.
- 11:49 am Karen Frostig, Chapters' Council
 reports on the progress of the taping of the past conference panels and the subsequent DVD production and the "Blaze" publication, which will feature a chapter on WCA's history. Talks about archiving the Boston Chapter history, and Boston's plans for collaborating with other organizations and chapters.
- 11:54 am Priscilla Otani, Chapters' Council
 reports on a new show of "Women against Violence" of the Northern California Chapter, who will also do a collaboration show with the Florida Chapter.
- 11:55 am Colby will talk about Laurie Hall's report and proposal in New Business, as well as Rona Lesser's JWAN report and proposal.
- 12 pm Karin Luner, National Administrator
 Hands out pictures of new office at Rutgers. Reports on the new PayPal account, the successful "Featured Artists" program, the new discount page in the members-only space, and the moving of the newsletter production to Florida saving WCA several hundered dollars a year in production money. She would like to see a tutorial of "How to use the online membership database", specially helpful for treasurers and membership officers. She would like to see a communication problem-solving procedure in place, in which the board discusses the problem and then forwards the solution or policy to the Admin, who then can deal with the person in question.
Discussion
 On fascillitating solving crisis.
- She also wants to see an earlier membership drive. Reports on problems with dues being send it five months later then they were collected, like in the recent case of Colorado.
- She also need a committee to work on the new brochure.

12:10 pm Kramer moves to approve all board reports as amended.
MSP

12:11 pm **Lunch Break**

2:30 pm Strategic Planning
--Create a bibliography of WCA
--Document WCA's national exhibitions on website
--Have the Video screenings online
--Participate in political discussions as long as they are in an art context
--Expand the Benefit Section on the Website
 The Feisty Women's Guide to Estate Planning
 The Feisty Women's Guide to Money
 How to-do's: How to Jury Art Shows
 How to Present Your Work
--Nuts and Bolts workshops
--Establish a Blog to enhance networking with members
--Donate Button on web
--WCA merchandise on CafePress.com
--Diversifying WCA's financial supporters and members
--Getting the Raffle onto the web and into the newsletter

Sunday, July 30th

Ruth Waters not present

9:30 – 10:55 am Committees reporting on their breakout sessions

PROPOSALS

10:55 am Jennifer Colby
Bylaw change: Changes will result in elimination of Rocky Mountain Region
Moving Colorado from Rocky Mountain Region to the Southwest Region;
Moving North and South Dakota from the Rocky Mountain Region to the Midwest
Region; Moving Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Alaska from the Pacific Region
to the Northwest Region;

The six regions are:

Northeast Region: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware, New Jersey;

Southeast Region: Washington DC, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands;

Midwest Region: Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota

Southwest Region: Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada;

Northwest Region: Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Alaska;

Pacific Region: California, Hawaii, Guam.

Six Regional VP's :

Northeast Region VP- Laura Morrison
Southeast Region VP- Judith Segall
Midwest Region VP - Janice Nesser
Southwest Region VP - tba
Pacific Region VP – Ruth Waters
Northwest Region VP – Rebecca Kramer

MSP

11:04 am

Rona Lesser
JWAN Proposal

Part A

Set up line item in budget for JWAN

Part B

Sponsor Grant to be received in 2008

Discussion

Legal implications and what is the cost of sponsorship?

(Principal: Money that is raised by WCA must be governed by the board)

Part A: Colby proposes that JWAN submits a budget for the \$ 5000 donation received for board approval.

Part B: The National Board will retain 5% or the amount required by the foundation for covering administrative costs.

MSP with amendments

11:05 am

Jennifer Colby
“Katrina Diaries” Travelling Exhibition

The National WCA adopts the “Katrina Diaries” Project as a National Exhibition Tour, which is available to the Chapters to sponsor.

MSP

11:45 am

Ulla Barr and Sandra Mueller
To establish a \$ 10 Member-at-large fee

3 Abstentions

12 Nays

11:55 am

Laurie Hall
International Committee Application to represent the WCA on the Committee of the Status of Women at the UN

Cost: \$ 50 yearly membership fee
MSP

11:57 am **LUNCH**

1:30-2:15 pm Committee Break-outs

3 pm Margaret Lutze, Treasurer
Budget
The \$55,000 budget is approved with minor amendments.
MSP

Actions and Dates

WCA/CAA co-hosted Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony and Buffet is set for Saturday February 17th, 2007

Board Meeting set for Monday Feb 19th, 2007

Have table in the Exhibition Hall at CAA Conference 2007

Deal with the Houston Chapter

Have a new brochure by end of year

Fundraising Letter in the Fall

Collect Personal Statements “Why belong to WCA?” for the brochure

Plan for an extended Chapters’ Council Meeting on Sunday Feb, 18th, 2007

WCA Standing Committees

LAA Event Planning	Nominations
Recognition Awards Chair: Dena Muller	Chair: Yuriko Takata
Ann Rowles	
Priscilla Otani	

WCA Ad Hoc Committees

Chapter Relations	Networking/ Matrix/ Benefits
Chair: Barbara Wolanin Laura Morrison Sandra Mueller	Chair: Ulla Barr Rebecca Kramer Karen Carasik Janice Nesser
Leadership Development	Advocacy/ Art Education
Chair: Patricia Rodriguez Judith Roth Helen Poole Newman Yuriko Takata	Chair: Eleanor Dickinson Alison Altergott Terri Cook (non-voting member)

<p style="text-align: center;">Development / Fundraising</p> <p>Chair: Kira Carillo Corser Margaret Lutze Ruth Waters Dale Osterle</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Publications / Conference/ CAA</p> <p>Chair: Kathy Halamka Karen Frostig Maria Elena Buszek Karmien Bowman (non-voting member)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Exhibitions and Opportunities</p> <p>Chair: Judith Segall Allison Constantino Liz Dodson Rona Lesser</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">International</p> <p>Chair: Laurie Hall Debra Claffey Noreen D. Dresser (non-voting member) Tricia Grame (non-voting member)</p>

4:00 pm **Meeting Adjourned**

*Minutes taken by Karin Luner
Reviewed and submitted by Margaret Lutze August 21, 2006*