

GUILD OF OREGON WOODWORKERS

BOARD MINUTES

January 19, 2005

John DuBay called the meeting of the Board to order at 5:17 PM, January 19 at the Woodstock Library adjacent to The Joinery.

Minutes of the prior meeting were approved as written.

President John Dubay asked committee chairs to appoint seconds to fill in for them in the event of absence. John expressed thanks to those committees who submitted reports and asked for committee membership lists.

Mike Kelly delivered the Treasurer's report and presented 2004 financial reports, a 2005 preliminary budget and other supporting printed materials. Budget surplus carry-over, committee budget requests and other issues will be discussed at the budget meeting.

The Guild Budget meeting, originally scheduled for January 15, will be held February 5, 9:30 a.m. at John Dubay's house in Salem.

As the General Meetings committee will incur expenses prior to the budget meeting, a motion was made to approve funds for meeting refreshments. Motion was seconded and approved.

Gail Haskett suggested that teleconferencing would be a viable alternative for handling Board business. John Dubay and others expressed the necessity of face-to-face meetings.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee: Bob Oswald proposed sending sponsors periodic brochures as opposed to the newsletter briefs currently being sent. Bob expressed the need to encourage members to utilize electronic forms of the newsletter as printing and mailing are costly and time consuming. Bob asked for a better and easier member database. Membership Chair, Drew Parrish, stated that work has begun on updating and improving the database. Bob stated that he is working on improving the quality of the existing Guild logo and asked if there was a need for new artwork. It was suggested that this be decided at the committee level. Bob asked if there was a desire for Guild logo stationary and was asked to provide cost figures. Bob proposed a membership turnover study.

General Meetings Committee: Gail Haskett discussed the new general meeting format, setup and structure. Members will be greeted as they enter and asked to wear nametags. New members will be identified at this time. Gail announced that members will be asked to bring their own chairs to meetings. The 'show and tell' portion of the meeting will now be called "Project Demonstration". The May general meeting will consist of a members only show to be led by Sid Sutherland.

Education Committee: Roger Tuck reported that the library conversion to a manual card system is underway. Roger will write "how-to" article and directions for using the new library system. Roger discussed the proposed high-school woodworking scholarship/grant program. Funding will be discussed at the upcoming budget meeting.

Membership Committee: Drew Parrish updated the board on the progress of membership renewals. Drew expressed the need for a new membership form. Drew reported on work with the new registrar and progress converting the existing membership data.

Shows Committee: George DuBois proposed the acquisition of a Guild show trailer for storage and transport of Guild show materials. George also expressed the need for show tents, carpets, stanchions

and ropes. Acquisition of these items will save the Guild money over time. George expressed the show committee's intent to participate in a greater number of area shows. George proposed the establishment of an online store as a marketing tool for the Guild's professional members.

The next meeting will be held February 16 at Crosscut Hardwoods with featured speaker Marilyn Welter.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.