

# GUILD OF OREGON WOODWORKERS

## BOARD MINUTES

February 16, 2005

John DuBay called the meeting of the Board to order at 5:05 pm at Crosscut Hardwoods

Minutes of the prior meeting were approved as written.

Meetings Committee: Steve Haskett standing in for Meetings Chair, Gail Haskett. Steve discussed the implementation of new nametags for the general meeting. Steve also talked about an intra-guild show to be held at the May general meeting.

Show Committee: George DuBois announced that he has completed purchase of a trailer to house and transport Guild show materials to and from shows. The trailer is six feet wide by twelve feet long with a rear loading ramp and is white in color. George will call for volunteers to paint or otherwise embellish the trailer with the Guild logo. Total cost for the trailer was \$3,072.00 plus \$166.09 for licensing. The trailer will be stored at Bill Bolstad's where it will have access to power to keep it and its contents warm and dry. The question was raised as to whether insurance would be necessary – George said that he believed it would be covered under the driver's policy of whoever hauls it.

### Discussion Items

After discussing the merits of the Guild's external scholarship program, it was proposed that these awards be limited to our sphere of influence. The motion was made, seconded and approved to **limit external scholarship grants to residents of Oregon and Washington.**

External scholarships are largely funded by sponsor contributions. The question was raised whether a policy should be adopted to make up for any shortfall up to \$1,000. The Education Committee budget has already been approved for \$1,000 in external scholarships for 2005. This program will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Our internal scholarship program is currently under-utilized. This has not been well promoted in the past. It was suggested that we better inform our members of this benefit and actively solicit applications.

Our current membership roster is setup to drop members who have not paid for renewal prior to March 31 of each year. Guild sponsors are similarly removed from our system on that date. Ed Ferguson, Sponsorship Chair, feels that sponsor renewals require more flexibility and pointed out that some of our sponsors renew well past March and should not be penalized and possibly offended by removing them from our roster. The motion was made, seconded and carried that **“No current sponsor will be dropped from the website without the authorization of the Sponsorship Chairman”**

The decision was made to move the Guild board meeting from 5:00 pm to 5:30.

The decision was made to award two years membership to Marilyn Welter in recognition of her contributions to the Guild and the woodworking community upon her retirement from Crosscut Hardwood.

The next meeting will take place March 16 at Lee Johnson's shop. The general meeting features Frank LaRoque who will discuss antique restoration and finishing.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25