

Guild of Oregon Woodworkers
Board Meeting Minutes
21 March 2007

Board Member Meeting Attendance

X	Position	Member's Name	X	Position	Member's Name
X	President	Lee Johnson	X	V. President	Dean Mattson
	Secretary		X	Treasurer	Dick Pettigrew
	Membership	Drew Parrish	X	Meetings	David Dimoff
X	Shows	Larry Butrick	X	Communications	Bob Oswald
X	Education	Roger Tuck			
	Professional M-A-L			General M-A-L	Bill Bruno

President's comments

Lee is now on the Steering Committee for the "Museum of Contemporary Craft" (formerly "Contemporary Crafts Museum & Gallery") to see if their might be a beneficial association for our guild. This group was founded in 1937 and now wants to reinvent themselves and expand as a "circle of guilds". They are moving to its new location in the Pearl District at 724 NW Davis and will reopen on July 22, 2007 with over 1,000 craft objects including works in sculpturing, ceramic, glass, metal, fiber, and wood. Their collection represents the development of West Coast craft from the mid-20th century to the present. The Gallery at the Museum of Contemporary Craft will carry examples of contemporary craft that the public can purchase and take home. (www.contemporarycrafts.org)

ACTION ITEM: Lee to schedule Board of Director's quarterly meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Pettigrew stated we currently have \$19,227 in the bank; he estimated we had about \$12.5K at the end of 2006. We have received \$1,000 from our sponsors so far and he is expecting another \$2,600. Gross income from the Peart seminars should be about \$2K (\$1,450 collected so far) --- Darrell Peart's fee is \$500.

Membership

The Guild has received approximately 175-200 membership renewals excluding 30-35 new memberships the Show Committee received October and December in 2006 which is applied toward 2007.

Comment: Dick said he has received few if not zero fees using PayPal in 2007.

Comment: Bob suggested the possibility of stop mailing/emailing the newsletter to those who have not paid their renewal fees. However it was also noted that the newsletter is available to anyone who logs into the GOOW website.

ACTION ITEM: Norm Michaud will work with David Doughty to create an email list of non-paid membership renewal fees to send out.

ACTION ITEM: Bob Oswald will include a reminder for non-paid membership renewals in the upcoming newsletter. Bob will consider writing a "cutoff letter" to those who have not paid by March 31st (Bob will use his own judgment to take action based on amount of work and time versus payback).

Education

Roger Tuck said 29 of the 30 slots have been filled and paid for the March 31st Darrell Peart seminar. 28 students will have paid \$75 for the seminars plus two free spots for Franklin High School personnel.

Comment: George said he would like to announce his seminar during the General meeting. It will be held April 21st and is titled Design and Cabinet Making.

Comment: Lee said he is still looking for a replacement for Roger Tuck as chairman of the Education Committee. Roger agreed to remain on the 2007 board of directors' slate but said he may have to terminate mid year. Lee asked for help from the other board members to help fill this position.

ACTION ITEM: Roger Tuck to write an Education Committee Chair job description for the upcoming newsletter.

Meetings

Our next General Meeting will be held at Franklin High School on April 18th with a presentation by RiversWest small craft builders (www.RiversWest.org).

Comment: In general, the Board would like to see a little more advanced notice of future meeting places and programs. This will enable better overall planning plus provide a time buffer in case of unforeseen scheduling issues.

Shows

No report or input.

Miscellaneous Other Topics

Dean Mattson said he had a couple of topics he wanted to present to the board. (1.) The Show Committee, for several valid reasons, voted to not produce a major show in 2007. However the committee believed a multi-guild show the following year in 2008 had potential. (Note: Bill Bolstad had previously suggested in 2006 that GOOW consider joining the pottery and glass guilds in case Best of the Northwest show folded.)

George DuBois decided to go against the Show Committee's direction and will be putting on a non-GOOW show with 18 exhibitors this May. To date George has collected deposits from 16 exhibitors.

(2.) A meeting was hosted by George on Sunday, March 18th with the intent of creating a new organization referred to as the Northwest Fine Woodworkers. Attending this meeting were Dean Mattson, George DuBois, Gary Bankston, Bill Bolstad, Ariel Enriquez, Julian Kahn, and others(?). Their plan is to create a group that will be separate and yet associated as an extension with the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers. One of their main objectives will be to produce a professional show which is managed by professionals in order to sell their product. Other objectives are to provide a mentorship program to assist upcoming woodworkers to become professionals. There would be a master woodworkers on a team who will determine who are apprentices and who are masters.

Dean emphasized that this new group wants to be part of GOOW and not in competition with sponsors, volunteers' time, etc. Ideally they would like to share things like assets and manpower but financials are still an unknown.

Dean gave one possible example where the extra annual dues which a professional pays could be placed in a special account to be used for show expenses, promotions, and etc. He also suggested a representative from the group could sit on the GOOW board.

It was noted that the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers has Sub-Groups and that we might learn more about what works and what does not for them.

Dean says he believes Best of the Northwest sales were over-spoken and therefore we should not determine success by comparing the May 2007 exhibitors' sales to the 2006 BNW show. (Note: Dean did not explain why he thought BNW sales were over inflated.) He said their group will use a different set of criteria to judge the success of the May 2007 show.

Dean requested people to not be negative about the creation of the new group and to give them time to complete their white paper after the May show.

ACTION ITEM: Dean to write a white paper and present it to the board after the multi-guild show in May 2007. (Dean stated that if GOOW does not believe the new group is a worthwhile endeavor, the group may decide to go completely on their own.)

ACTION ITEM: It was suggested board members should plan on attending the May 2007 show as a possible learning experience.

Photo Shoot

John DuBay said he needs a place to offer a photo shoot for members.

ACTION ITEM: Lee said he would check showroom space with Dennis Loveland at his new workshop in the Parkrose area for a possible date.

General Meeting

The following individuals were voted on and approved for the 2007 Board of Directors:

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Professional M-A-L	(open)		General M-A-L	Doug Siemans (designee)

Board meeting minutes submitted by:

Larry Butrick

Secretary,
Guild of Oregon Woodworkers

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