

**Guild of Oregon Woodworkers**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**16 January 2008**

**Board Member Meeting Attendance**

	<b>Position</b>	<b>Member's Name</b>		<b>Position</b>	<b>Member's Name</b>
X	President	Lee Johnson		V. President	<i>(open)</i>
X	Secretary	Larry Butrick	X	Treasurer	Dick Pettigrew
X	Membership	Norm Michaud	X	Meetings	Brian Warrington
	Shows	Gary Bankston	X	Communications	Bob Oswald
X	Education	Gig Lewis			
X	Professional M-A-L	Bill Bolstad		General M-A-L	Doug Siemens

**Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held February 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm to 6:30pm, at Franklin H.S. Terry Bostwick will be the presenter for the February general meeting.

**President**

- Lee said the Museum of Contemporary Crafts is working on two events for this spring and summer.
- The Guild currently has only one special project lined up for the year. We will be supplying the labor to build pedestals for the Potter's Guild for their use in the April Guild shows at OCC. The Potter's Guild will supply the cost of materials.
- The Guild has paid entry charges to the Oregon Convention Center for the April 25-27, 2008 show. To-date 5 exhibitors have shown serious interest in exhibiting out of the 10 slots available.

**Education Committee**

- Gig said he believes it is not good if the Guild has to cancel too many of its advertised classes. He proposed the idea of paying for any open slots in Bill Bolstad's table class. Bill says the minimum he needs to cover his costs is \$2,400. Bill also gave the example of the Guild willing to pay another professional, Darrell Peart" \$2,800 --- so why not pay one of the Guild's professionals a similar amount.

Larry suggested subsidizing students class fees as one possible use of our current excess of funds in our bank account. (Note: A possible concern here is setting an expectation in the future when excess funds may not be available.) Another suggestion was made for the Education Committee to determine if there is sufficient interest in a class at a specified cost before fully committing to the class.

- Gig reported the Basics of Fine Woodworking classes for March are almost full.
- The first class of Basics of Fine Woodworking students gave the instructors and Education Committee a "B+". This grade, plus the participation of instructors and students confirms the success of this committee's program.
- Gig asked the board members to suggest any ideas they might have for future classes --- especially for a series of classes tied to building a common project.

## Sponsors

- Lee reiterated he would rather rotate meetings held at sponsors' locations to every 2-3 years.
- It was generally agreed by the Board that for those sponsors who believe holding Guild meetings at their location was good for their business that it was a win-win for the Guild too providing they have adequate space.
- Brian brought up the topic of recognition plaques for our sponsors. It was noted that while most of our sponsors have very nice recognition plaques already, some of our new sponsors do not.

**Action Item:** Investigate getting similar plaques for our new sponsors.

- Larry reintroduced the idea of giving our sponsors a metal plate with the year engraved. This would be done every year they continue their support. (Note: See 11/16/2007 email to Board, subject "Support for our Sponsors"). These plates could be hung chain-like underneath their existing wood plaque. It would be a display showing their customers their **continued** support to the Guild and that it was not just a one-time contribution.

## Membership

Norm submitted his membership report.

- Total members in 2007 were 264.  
(New members accounted for 31% of the total paying membership.)
- 2008 annual dues have been received for 90 members through January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Treasurer

- The December 31, 2007 bank balance is \$21,479.
- Dick commented that he has only received 2008 budgets from Brian and Bob. Gig said his would be completed this week.

**Action Item:** Board and Committee members to complete their 2008 Budgets this week.

Board meeting minutes submitted by:

*Larry Butrick*

Secretary,  
Guild of Oregon Woodworkers

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