

**2001 SECAC Membership Meeting
McMaster College
University of South Carolina
Columbia SC
October 27, 2001**

A quorum being present, President McDowell called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

A motion by Robert Lemon was made to accept the agenda as presented [attached]. It was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The president introduced first term Board members: Floyd W. Martin, Arkansas and Debra Murphy, Florida; members elected for second terms Michael Aurbach, Tennessee and Betsy Fahlman, At Large; Elise Smith, Mississippi, after serving an unexpired term, was elected to a first full term. .

President McDowell called for the minutes of the 2000 annual meeting. Saul Zalesch moved that the reading be dispensed with and that they be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Arthur Marks presented the Treasurer's report [attached]. It showed SECAC total assets as of 10/20/2001 of \$98,695.61, of which \$26,800.73 was in checking and reflected conference income. He introduced a budget for 2002 in which he projected income of \$65,012 and expenses of \$62,957 resulting in a net of \$2,055. The budget included registration fees for the 2002 conference of \$90 preregistration, \$105 late registration; student registration of \$30 and \$45. Pam Simpson moved acceptance of the report. Her motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Administrator Anne Thomas reported that, following the report and negotiations of the committee chaired by William Levin, the SECAC archives are now deposited in the library at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Fred Moffett of UT-K noted that the archive welcomes the deposit of additional materials, which should be sent to the SECAC office to be forward to the depository. In answer to a question, Thomas reported that the University of Tennessee has a complete run of the SECAC Reviews. She further reported that they have files on Board and General meetings, though there are some gaps for the 60s. Any contributions of minutes from that decade will be appreciated. The minutes for the 90s have been retained in the SECAC office for administrative purposes, but will soon be forwarded to the library.

Thomas introduced Ross McClain (Furman) who is now the SECAC web master. His introduction was greeted by applause. McClain will set up a list server for the SECAC membership. Thomas further mentioned her appreciation of the services of a part-time assistant, as approved in the 2000 budget. The assistant is Terry DeVoe, an art history graduate student at UNC.

In the membership report, it was noted that SECAC has 545 individual members, of which 226 are presently up for renewal. There are 28 student members, but there have been additions at the current conference. Presently there are 122 institutional members, of which 19 are due for renewal.

Finally, Thomas announced that the next issue of the SECAC Newsletter would be produced and distributed before the Christmas holidays. The deadline for submissions is November 10.

President McDowell announced that Thomas, by letter of September 22, 2001 [attached] announced that she would retire at the end of the year following the SECAC conference 2003. McDowell remarked that the organization has been given adequate advance notice to find a successor.

On behalf of the organization, President McDowell extended thanks to the conference chair Bob Lyon and his committee, for what already has proved an excellent conference and which promises to conclude on a similar high note. She called on Lyon for a report.

Lyon noted registrations as follows:

366 total, includes 40 registered with SESA

222 @ 80	\$17,760
43 @ 30	\$ 1,290
84 @ 95	\$ 7,980
17 @ 45	\$ 765
Total income	\$27,795

The total taken in exceeds budgeted income by \$5995.

President McDowell called for reports of forthcoming conferences. For 2002 in Mobile, Alabama, Phillippe Oszuscik reported. The host institution is the University of South Alabama. Again the conference will be a joint meeting with SESA. The conference hotel will be the Adam's Mark, Mobile and an excellent room rate has been secured. The dates are October 23-26, which in the manner of Mobile will give the membership an early start on Mardi Gras. The keynote speakers will be Joyce and Max Kozloff. Both are well known, she being an artist and he a critic and photographer. They will be bringing an exhibition of their work.

For 2003 in Raleigh, North Carolina, Charles Joyner, North Carolina State University, reported. This will be a joint meeting with Tri-State Sculptors and co-hosted by Meredith College. The keynote speaker will be Alison Saar. Along with other local institutions, it was announced that the North Carolina Museum of Art would be involved in the program. The conference dates will be October 29 to November 1. His co-chairs are Beth Mulvaney of Meredith College and for the Tri-State Sculptors, Lisa F. Pearce also of Meredith College.

2004: Debra Murphy, of the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, reported about the invitation to meet in Jacksonville [attached] that had been accepted by the Board of Directors. She has been in contact with the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens and the Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art and she reported that the museum community was very much looking forward to SECAC's coming. She anticipated that the conference hotel would be a new Adam's Mark Hotel in Jacksonville.

President McDowell called for committee reports.

SECAC Review: Roy Sonnema, editor, announced that the 2001 issue is in production. He presented his expenses for this issue [attached] and announced that it had come in under budget. He noted that he would very much like to keep exhibition reviews as a feature of the Review, and he is in need of an exhibition editor. Nominations for the post are welcome. Helen Langa, book review editor, noted that this issue contains five reviews. She is seeking additional reviewers for forthcoming issues.

As in the past it was noted that abstracts of papers delivered at the conference are to be included. Sonnema reported on the usual problem of the non-submission of abstracts. In discussion the importance of listing SECAC member institutions in the Review was raised as it provides some documentation of the importance of this level of membership and is seen as important in a number of schools. Another question raised had to do with the ability to electronically print the Review.

Artist's Fellowship: Donald Van Horn reported for the committee which included David Voros of USC, Tony Wright of the University of South Alabama, and Andrea Wheless of High Point University. The 2001 award was given to Loren Schwerd, College of Charleston. Van Horn observed that the number of submissions this year was about half that of previous years, however quality was not an issue. He reported that notice of the fellowship goes to departmental chairs and the hope is that the call for

applications then receives further circulation. In response to a question it was reported that further means were being investigated to more widely disseminate information on the fellowship, notably through the SECAC web site and possibly in the newsletter.

Nominating Committee: For the committee, Randy Mack announced that the representatives from SC, VA, GA, and WV are completing terms and nominations are invited. It was noted that in elections where there is only one candidate for a position, the interest is muted and as a result few ballots are returned. Members were urged to run for office and/or make nominations, thus offering the membership a choice.

Awards: For the committee composed of Anne Beidler, William Eiland, Robert Lemon, and Pamela Simpson, Chairman Randy Mack reported that there had been few nominations and for only a limited number of awards. Nevertheless, although the number made the committee's task somewhat easier, there was no compromise in quality. Anna Fariello noted that there is no necessity to give each award annually, and rather that it was somewhat refreshing to see such discernment. For the committee, Mack agreed that there was no compulsion to make awards, but that the committee did welcome the opportunity to make them.

President McDowell reported on the Board's decision to use the Bosch bequest to make travel grants to students. The question then was raised as to whether to limit awards to graduate students or to also make them available to under grads. Pam Simpson spoke on behalf of restricting them to grad students as they are pre-professionals and therefore represent a kind of investment by the organization. A motion by Fariello to restrict Bosch awards to graduate students, thus acknowledging this professional dimension, was seconded and passed by voice vote. A motion to retain for reinvestment 2% of the overall income available each year from the Bosch bequest and to use the balance for the grants was moved by Mack. It was seconded and passed by voice vote.

President McDowell reported on the Board's decision, via passage of Michael Aurbach's motion, to seek affiliate status with the CAA. In discussion it was noted that several of the benefits of such affiliation, including a meeting room and the possibility of holding an affiliate session would prove useful in 2005 when CAA meets in Atlanta.

The procedure for affiliation is that SECAC submit its membership list. A 15% overlap of membership is required to secure affiliation and it is anticipated that there will be no problem in reaching that number. Other than the necessity of organizing sessions, no downside for SECAC was noted. With regard to the hour and a half time allotted to SECAC at each CAA meeting, Bill Levin raised questions about its organization. Aurbach, a member of CAA national board, reported that the session can be open or predetermined. However if SECAC avails itself of the opportunity to have a full 2 hour session, that would have to be through an open call for papers. He observed that as an affiliate, SECAC had a better chance of securing a full session than would an ordinary submission. Aurbach finally noted that affiliation with the CAA comes at no cost to SECAC.

In response to the call for new business, Olof Sorensen asked about the possibility of a SECAC policy statement on the growing use of part-time and adjunct faculty. Included would be a notice of standards for such positions. The President, acknowledging support for such a statement, requested that Sorensen create a Committee to Consider the Issue of Part-time and Adjunct Faculty and prepare a report for next year's conference.

President McDowell adjourned the meeting at 9:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Marks
Secretary - Treasurer