

# **SECAC Annual Membership Meeting**

## **Saturday, October 26, 2002**

### **Adam's Mark Mobile, Mobile AL**

President Peggy McDowell called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Randy Mack; the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2001 meeting was approved.

President McDowell introduced members elected to a three year term on the SECAC Board: Kathleen Arthur, Virginia; Robert Lyon, South Carolina; Roger Rothman, Georgia; and Janet Snyder, West Virginia.

In the absence of Phil Oszuscik, 2002 Mobile Conference Coordinator, Anne Thomas, SECAC Administrator, gave the Conference Report. She reported a total of 212 preregistered participants, including 24 students; counting registrations at the desk the total registration is 334, of which 36 are students. At this time a break down between the SECAC and SESA registrations is not available; pre-registration was 22% SESA, 88% SECAC. Financial projections are for higher income than budgeted, thus a financially successful conference.

In the absence of Arthur Marks, Secretary-Treasurer, Administrator Thomas gave the treasurer's report:

Total assets as of Oct. 16 (in round figures) are \$112,000: \$34,000 in checking, most of which is conference income (that figure has been reduced by more than \$10,000 by checks written since arriving in Mobile); reserves account for \$78,000, most of which is in CDs - one is earning 7% but it matures in December, 2002. The projections for this year are for income of \$66,704 and expenses of \$60,150, leaving a net of \$6500. The proposed budget for 2003 (attached) was distributed and Thomas pointed out that with several exceptions it is the same as last year. Lower interest income is budgeted because of CD rollovers at anticipated lower rates and there is an increase of 5% for staff, in anticipation of the change in staff, resulting in a projected net of \$3662. This budget has conference income that is based on the registration rates remaining the same for 2003 as they were in 2002: \$90 and \$30 (student) for pre-registered participants, and \$105 and \$45 (student) late registration fees.

There was a motion to approve the budget, it was seconded and without discussion passed on a voice vote.

President McDowell called for reports of future conferences.

Raleigh, NC 2003: Charles Joyner, 2003 Conference Co-Chair, reported on the forthcoming conference in Raleigh. Joyner acknowledged that in order for SECAC to remain a healthy, thriving organization, new members must be recruited. He charged each SECAC member with the responsibility of bringing at least one new member next year who has never attended SECAC and he asked members to return to their home institutions and select someone to become a new member! NC State University and Meredith College will host the joint conference for SECAC and Tri State Sculptors. A large planning committee in Raleigh has brought together many arts professionals from the Triangle (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill) area. The projected schedule is:

Wed., Oct. 29, 2003: annual board meeting  
Registration will begin.  
Reception for early arrivals  
Thurs., October 30:  
Sessions begin.

Thursday evening will feature keynote speaker, Alison Saar (a noted African American sculptor) and the

opening of the SECAC and Tri State Sculptors members' exhibition at the Gallery of Art + Design at NC State (this gallery will hold primarily 2-dimensional works). Three-dimensional works will be displayed at Meredith College in the Frankie G. Weems Gallery and on the campus lawns. A reception for these works will take place on Saturday.

Friday, October 31:

Sessions continue.

Friday (Halloween) evening will feature a downtown gallery walk and reception.

Saturday, Nov. 1: Saturday will offer some new events for SECAC with the traditional hands-on demonstrations and workshops that TriState offers its members. Saturday evening will be a gala at the North Carolina Museum of Art for those wishing to make a costume beforehand; TriState will be making costumes in the afternoon.

International guests from Ghana College of Art and Technology will be participating in SECAC for the first time.

A suggestion was made to include a space on the registration form to indicate whether you need a roommate: perhaps make a clearinghouse for roommate needs.

Jacksonville, Florida: 2004: Conference Chair is Debra Murphy of the University of North Florida. She reported that the dates for the conference are being finalized and should be in forthcoming newsletter. She has had enthusiastic cooperation from Jacksonville museums: did get a room rate of \$99 from Adam,s Mark.

Little Rock, AR 2005: SECAC has received an invitation from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock from Floyd Martin for 2005 meeting.

2006: Savannah College of Art & Design has expressed an interest in hosting the conference.

Committee Reports:

SECAC Review: Roy Sonnema, Editor, reported an operating budget of \$8000, which is used to cover graphic design and layout, printing, postage and mailing. Despite the increased cost of postage and mailing, the 2001 SECAC Review came in under budget, a total cost of \$7500. BHA indexes the Review, and currently an appeal has been made to Art Index (don't know if BHA will be retrospective). Roy recognized Helen Langa for a fabulous job as Book Review Editor and Anna Fariello for excellent work as Editor of Exhibition Reviews.

Artist's Fellowship: Don Van Horn, Chair of the Artist's Fellowship Committee, repeated his announcement of the previous evening that Hanna Jubran from East Carolina (one of 5 entrants, including a group entry) is the recipient of the 2002 fellowship. The jurors were: Pat Wasserboehr, Lope Max Diaz, and Gary Keown. He encouraged everyone to go over to see the exhibition at the Exploreum of work by this year's recipient, Loren Schwerd, who, he noted, is very talented and currently only has an adjunct position.

SECAC Awards: Randy Mack noted that prior to the keynote speakers the previous evening, he had mentioned the passing of Joe Bolt of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. He presented a resolution written by John Schnorrenburg, which if adopted, would be signed and forwarded to Bolt's widow. A motion to adopt the resolution was made, seconded, and passed.

Randy Mack repeated the announcement of the previous evening of awards for the 2002 SECAC members exhibition: 3rd place, Benjamin Shamback; 2nd place, Mark Hosford; 1st place, Carol Mode; and Best in Show; Michael Aurbach.

He also repeated the announcement of SECAC Awards in two categories:

- Award for Excellence in Teaching to Amy Lixi-Purcell from UNC-G
- Award for Outstanding Artistic Achievement to Billie Lee of UNC-G

And, finally, he again announced the recipients of travel assistance grants for graduate students: Marshall Price, Astoria, NY, and Jean Ann Dill, currently attending University of Hamburg, Germany.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Randy Mack noted that he will move from 1st Vice President to President effective at the end of the business meeting. The Nominating Committee presented Don Van Horn as nominee for 1st Vice President and President-Elect; a motion to elect Van Horn was made, seconded, and approved.

Mack noted that nominations are needed for board members for 4 states whose terms expire in 2003: NC, AL, KY, and LA. The ballot will be distributed in the spring.

Randy concluded his report on SECAC awards with a plea for more nominations for awards!! (He reminded members that they look good in T&P files and might be good for raises) A list of awards is published on the website and in the newsletter (teaching, artistic achievement, publication, exhibition publication for historical materials and contemporary materials, president's award for long service to organization).

President McDowell called for old business and the first item was a report on Adjuncts and Part-time Faculty. Olof Sorensen presented the results of his yearlong investigation into policies and practices concerning part time and adjunct faculty. He proposed that SECAC develop a policy statement addressing the issue of part time and adjunct faculty. Sorensen reported on the extensive investigation that he had done, checking with accrediting organizations, checking with institutions of higher education about policies, checking with other professional organizations, and checking with CAA's guidelines that are under review. His findings are summarized in a report that he distributed.

Sorensen suggested that after CAA has published its report on the issue, SECAC should develop a policy regarding part time and adjuncts, giving consideration to salary, percentage of faculty, and treatment.

Bob Lemon moved that his suggestion be accepted. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Randy Mack suggested that the SECAC Statement of Standard and Principles is ancient, that it might be revisited, and perhaps the part time - adjunct policy should be part of it. Mack proposed, as President, to appoint a committee to continue Sorensen's work and to review the SECAC Statement of Standards and Principles.

The organization thanked Olof Sorensen for bringing the issue to its attention (he had 20 copies of the report, one will be appended to this report).

The second item of old business was recognition of Michael Aurbach, current CAA President, who had proposed last year that SECAC become an affiliate of CAA. McDowell noted that that proposal had taken effect. Aurbach noted that as an affiliate of CAA, SECAC is given a session slot. SECAC will offer a session on Southern Art at the 2003 conference in New York. Betsy Fahlman, Chair of the session, announced the papers and speakers for the SECAC session: Pamela Simpson, Saul Zalesch and Carol Leake.

The 2005 CAA meeting will take place in Atlanta and Michael Aurbach asked the help of SECAC in getting members to show up in force so that CAA meetings can continue to be held in the south. One suggestion that has been made is to make sure the South has food!! (instead of the peanuts we find in NYC) Could the 120 southern Institutional members cough up some money for a food fund?

President McDowell called for new business. The first item was a report by the Session Participation Committee. On behalf of Pam Simpson, Chair, and other members of the committee, Ross McClain, and Beth Mulvaney, Betsy Fahlman presented the report they had formulated. The committee recommended the following for the Raleigh conference:

Participants will be allowed to give only ONE paper or be on ONE panel. They also may chair a session in addition to giving the ONE paper/or being on ONE panel. This applies only to SECAC, not to affiliates or the TriState Sculptors. The following phrase should appear on the paper submission form as a

substitute for the last sentence: You may submit a paper to only one session or be on one panel. If you think your paper may fit in another session, then please list the chair and title. The chairs will contact each other to see where your submission fits best. You should submit to only ONE session.

The Executive Committee recommended the following addition to the report:

If someone cannot give their paper because of unforeseen, last-minute, emergency circumstances, they may ask another person to read their paper for them, but only under the following conditions: the final program has already been printed; the paper writer has paid the conference registration fee.

A motion to accept the report was made and seconded. There was some discussion and a reminder that it applied to the Raleigh conference only. Roy Sonnemma asked to amend the motion to include a provision declaring that session chairs are responsible for submitting abstracts to SECAC Review. There was a call for a vote on the amended motion. It was approved.

President McDowell announced the creation of a Conference Site Committee, chaired by Bob Lyon. The committee is charged with considering options to the way we have been selecting sites for the conference and to bring a report to the organization next year.

In the absence of any other new business, President McDowell turned over the gavel to Charles R. Mack. McDowell received a standing ovation from the members present in recognition of her service.

Randy Mack called attention to a postcard from his first exposure to SECAC 30 years ago where he made his first public presentation. He reminded members that SECAC is a scholarly family community. He said he would be calling on Board Members to recruit new members.

There was a round of applause for Phil Oszuscik and 2002 Mobile Conference Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Mulvaney (for Arthur Marks, Secretary-Treasurer)