

SECAC Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, November 01, 2003

Sheridan Hotel, Raleigh NC

President Charles R. Mack called the business meeting to order at 8:45 am.

He introduced new Board members: Steven Driver representing Kentucky, Larry Ligo representing North Carolina, Heather McPherson representing Alabama, and Tina Yarborough filling the unexpired term of Roger Rothman as representative for Georgia.

He also introduced Rachel Frew, presently serving as SECAC Staff Assistant, who has been designated successor to Anne Thomas as SECAC Administrator.

President Mack called for the minutes of the 2002 meeting but a motion by Bob Lemon to suspend reading of the minutes was seconded and approved.

The next item on the agenda was a report from 2003 Conference by Charles Joyner. He reported that registrations through Friday totaled 466. There were 280 pre-registrations at \$90 and 115 on site at \$105. There were 52 student registrations at \$30 and 21 on site registrations at \$45. The total income from registrations was \$39,570. Joyner noted that the local committee had raised close to \$20,000 to help support this conference. He suggested that members check the next newsletter for final figures on the break down between SECAC and TriState registrants, and he concluded by outlining the remaining events of the conference

Pam Simpson moved an expression of thanks to the conference co-chairs and all those who helped make 2003 a success. Her motion was approved by acclamation.

President Mack called for the Treasurer's report, which in the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Arthur Marks, was presented by Anne Thomas. She began by summarizing SECAC assets, which as of October 23, 2003, included reserves of \$88,576 and checking account of \$39,913 for a total of \$128,489.

The budget, which had been approved by the Board of Directors, (attached) projected income of \$66,525. Conference income accounted for \$37,075 of that total and that was based on projected registration fees of \$100 and \$35 for pre-registration and \$130 and \$50 for late registration. The Board of Directors had approved registration fees as high as \$115 pre-registration and \$140 late registration with student registration caps set at \$35 and \$50. Thomas reminded the meeting that approval of the budget meant approval of these registration fees.

The budget projected expenses of \$69,940, of which \$3500 was for capital expenditures. This figure provided for new equipment that Rachel Frew requires to set up the SECAC office when she assumes the administrator's position in January 2005. Thomas pointed out that capital expenditures are not part of an operating budget so when that figure is deducted from the expense total, a net of \$85 is projected. Following questions about the budget and suggestions that SECAC seek grant funding, a motion was made and approved to adopt the budget as presented.

President Mack called on Thomas for the Administrator's report (attached). She noted a total of 539 members with 170 memberships due. She reported a total of 102 members who are outside of our southeast region. Institutional memberships totaled 108 with 12 due. The fact that individual memberships had increased but institutional memberships had decreased was noted. It was suggested that members check to see if their institution is a member.

Thomas commented on use of credit card, which had only started in September and noted that 30% of conference registration payments were by credit card. She observed that it would probably take a year to give any assessment of the advantages to SECAC of accepting credit card payments.

Bob Mode moved that 2004 be Anne Thomas Appreciation Year, and his motion was seconded and approved. Pam Simpson pointed out that the Board of Directors had approved a motion that Anne be given complimentary registration to future conferences.

Roy Sonnema was asked to report on the *SECAC Review*. He apologized to all for the fact that Vol. XIV, No. 2 had not been distributed, and explained that his departmental administrative duties had kept him from getting it out in the spring. However, he had been told in a telephone conversation that the Review had been delivered from the printer's and that, as he spoke, it was being prepared for mail. Sonnema expressed the desire to relinquish the job of Editor, but agreed that until a new Editor is appointed, he would continue to accept abstracts from the 2003 Conference. In response to questions, he suggested to junior colleagues that the Review is an excellent journal for publication. Everything is peer-reviewed; it is a national publication. Response to the exhibition reviews, which Anna Fariello edits, has been positive.

President Mack called on Debra Murphy to report on plans for the 2004 SECAC conference in Jacksonville Florida. She announced the dates, October 13-17, 2004, and that the University of North Florida, which is only 30 years old, will be the host. Murphy said that she was being conservative in her planning, but she hopes that Jacksonville will be as successful as Raleigh. The conference hotel will be the Adam's Mark on the St. John's River and rates will be \$99. The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens and the Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art will be major participants in the conference. Jacksonville is served by a major airport as well as being on major highway routes.

President Mack informed the meeting that the Board had accepted the invitation of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to host the 2005 conference and he asked Floyd Martin to present plans. Martin said the Peabody Hotel, famous for its duck procession, would be the conference hotel and the dates would be October 26-30, 2005. By that time the Clinton Library will have been open for a year and Heifer International will be in its new headquarters. In fact, a number of attractions will have been added since 1989 when SECAC last met there. Jane Brown will be assisting in the planning for 2005.

There have been no specific invitations for conferences beyond 2005 and President Mack expressed the hope that invitations would be extended during the year.

Vice President Donald Van Horn was asked to present proposed amendments to the SECAC Constitution. He stated that he had reviewed the Constitution during the summer and had found changes that needed to be made, primarily in language. The proposed changes were as follows:

- Article II: Membership, #4. Change to read, "Any student in a college, university or professional art school may become a student member."
- Article III: Officers, #2. Change Visual Arts Grant Committee to "SECAC Artist's Fellowship Committee." The same change was made in Article III: Officers, #13d.
- Article III: Officers, #9. Clarified the residency requirement for the At-Large Director by adding, " who shall come from outside the region defined by the states mentioned previously."
- By-Laws Article I, #2. Wording was changed to "The amount of this fee shall be determined by "a vote of the membership at the previous annual meeting."
- By-Laws, Article II, #2. Publication of a Directory was deleted since SECAC no longer publishes the Directory, which is on line.
- Following some discussion there was a motion to accept the amendments. The motion was seconded and passed.

President Mack said that last year he had charged Don Van Horn with the responsibility of reviewing the six SECAC position papers. Van Horn reported that he had appointed ad-hoc committees to draft revisions to the respective position papers. They will be circulated to Board for comments. Committees will consider comments and these documents will appear on website where the membership can review them before next year. They will come before the membership then for action.

Pat Wasserboehr, Artist's Fellowship Chair, thanked the jurors who helped make the selection of the 2003 fellowship recipient for their hard work. They were Lope Max Diaz, Debra Murphy and Andrea Wheless. From a list of 19 applicants, Clive King was chosen as this year's winner and hopefully an exhibition of his work will appear at the Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art in 2004. Wasserboehr said she plans to send out announcement of the fellowship early this year.

President Mack reminded the membership of the 2005 CAA Conference in Atlanta. He asked, "How will SECAC help CAA be a success?" Can it provide rest and recovery space? Should there be a table or booth to promote SECAC? Support from a variety of organizations in the Southeast will be sought and Mack encouraged the membership to seek help from their institutions. President Mack acknowledged Michael Aurbach CAA President, for all he has done with CAA.

President Mack called on Don Van Horn, Chair, for the report of the Nominating Committee. Van Horn reported that five positions on the Board of Directors would be open in 2004, as would the position of Secretary-Treasurer. It helps if the Secretary-Treasurer is in geographical proximity to the SECAC administrator to be available to sign checks. He asked that the membership watch the February Newsletter for information.

Van Horn continued as Chair of the Professional Awards Committee and noted that SECAC gave a number of deserving individuals awards which were announced on Thursday night. He was pleased with number of nominations, but felt that there could be more. This too will be announced in next newsletter along with deadlines for nominations.

Charles Joyner announced the Bosch Memorial Student Travel Assistance grants went to Jobyl Boone, University of Delaware and Matthew Conboy, VCU. They were the only two applicants in 2003 and each received \$300.

President Mack called for Affiliate Reports.

Pam Simpson, President, reported that SESA had a wonderful meeting in Savannah sponsored by SCAD.

Tina Updike announced that there were 18 VRC members in attendance at the Raleigh conference.

Kyra Belan reported that CWAO had 2 panels at this conference and anticipates good attendance next year in Florida where they have a number of members.

Scott Betz asked that the membership check the FATE website foundationsinart.com for information about the organization.

Liana Cheney reported that ATSAH had 2 great sessions at this conference.

Tom Brewer was not present but it was noted that he had good response about Art Educators again becoming an affiliate.

Anne Thomas expressed gratitude to Ross McClain for maintaining the SECAC website. It was noted that he had offered to provide graphic design for the *Review*, and he was thanked for his significant service to SECAC.

President Mack called for Old Business. There being none he called for New Business. A motion to adjourn was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Mulvaney (for Arthur Marks)