

2005 ANNUAL SECAC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

8:30 AM – Saturday, October 29

Approximately 45 members were in attendance for the Annual Membership Meeting.

President Van Horn (Marshall University) opened the meeting by introducing SECAC officers and four new Directors of the Board: Tina Yarborough (Georgia College and State University) from Georgia; Robert Lyon (University of South Carolina) from South Carolina; Joe Seipel (Virginia Commonwealth University) from Virginia; Janet Snyder (West Virginia University) who was re-elected to represent West Virginia; and Scott Karakas (Florida Gulf Coast University), who is filling an unexpired term from Florida. Van Horn noted that Saul Zalesch (Louisiana Tech University) is finishing his 2nd term for Louisiana and thanked him for his service and scholarship to the organization (representatives may serve only two consecutive terms).

On behalf of SECAC, Van Horn formally extended congratulations to Floyd Martin and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) for a very successful conference.

Van Horn accepted a motion to approve the minutes from the 2004 membership meeting in Jacksonville, FL. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Floyd Martin (UALR) thanked colleague Jane Hetherington Brown for the level of detail she brought to the 2005 Conference planning and execution. Martin noted that the 2005 Conference may be a little in the deficit; late registrations at the desk were down and many colleagues from hurricane-devastated areas were unable to come. Food and service fees were responsible for a larger share of the cost than projected. Martin also extended thanks to Rachel Frew, SECAC Administrator for her organizational abilities and her readiness to help.

Secretary-Treasurer Beth Mulvaney (Meredith College) presented the Treasurer's Report and 2006 Budget, which includes service fees for an online registration system called MemberClicks. Mulvaney noted the 2006 Conference Registration fee structure: early registration will be \$100; late registration \$130; student early registration \$35; student late registration \$50. The 2006 Budget was passed unanimously following a motion and its seconding. The acceptance of the 2006 Budget makes the 2006 Conference registration fee structure official.

Van Horn advised the SECAC membership that the Board will need to begin serious discussion about raising the membership fee in order to meet our yearly expenses.

Rachel Frew delivered her Administrator's Report, noting that membership is up, including institutional members. She has changed the financial software for SECAC, which allows for a more detailed daily accounting of our finances. Frew also informed the membership that she has changed banks.

Michael Aurbach (Vanderbilt University) delivered a report and circulated printed information about plans for the 2006 Conference, which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, October 25-28. The conference will be a joint meeting with MACAA (Mid-America College Art Association: <http://www.macaart.org/>). Aurbach expressed thanks to MACAA President Phil Laber (SW Missouri State University) for the partnership of the MACAA; to Don Van Horn and Rachel Frew for their help in helping him throughout the conference planning process; and to Vanderbilt University for their financial support. Aurbach explained about the "sponsored panels," which are tied to the way Vanderbilt structures their funding. The 2006 Conference will feature three keynote speakers: Eleanor Heartney will be a juror for the Members' Exhibition as well as a speaker; Christian Moeller, a professor of media studies at UCLA, who will appeal across the disciplines; and the "Goldberg Lecturer" (an CAA award recipient in Art History who will be named in the months preceding the conference). Instead of a Saturday evening party, Aurbach is planning two catered luncheons at \$10 a person (the rest of the cost will be subsidized by donations he has collected). Award ceremonies and a keynote will occur at these luncheons. Aurbach explained that he is structuring the members' exhibition in hopes that more people will participate; the added bonus is that area institutions will be offering solo shows drawn from the slides sent in to the juror for the members' exhibition.

President Don Van Horn announced the following future invitations to SECAC to host its Conferences:

- 2007 Charleston, WV; Chair, Don Van Horn; hosted by Marshall University and West Virginia University
- 2008 New Orleans, LA; Chair: Lawrence Jenkins, University of New Orleans
- 2009? (Sandra Reed, Savannah College of Art and Design, said she would seek support at her institution)
- 2010 Richmond, VA: a joint meeting of SECAC and MACAA; Chair, Joe Seipel, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2011?
- 2012 Winston-Salem, NC; Chair, Scott Betz, Winston-Salem State University

Committee Reports:

- *SECAC Review*: Editor Michael Duffy (East Carolina University) encouraged all Conference Session Chairs to get abstracts (or revised abstracts) into him as soon as possible. Duffy announced that the 2004 *Review* should be to the printer in December to be finished in January. Duffy noted that the Book Reviews section would be expanded if we discontinue publishing the abstracts. Please email Duffy (duffym@mail.ecu.edu) if you feel strongly about whether the *Review* continues to publish Conference abstracts. Donald Van Horn noted the work of SECAC member Jonathan Walsh in getting out the 2002 *SECAC Review*.
- Artist's Fellowship: Chair Pat Wasserboehr (University of North Carolina at Greensboro) announced that Virginia Derryberry, a painter from the University of North Carolina at Asheville is the award winner of the 2005 Artist's Fellowship. She will have a solo show at Vanderbilt University next year and will give an interview for the *SECAC Review*. Wasserboehr strongly encouraged more applicants for the Artist's Fellowship. Wasserboehr and Andrea Wheless from High Point University in High Point, NC have created a number of initiatives to focus on attracting more applicants.
- Nominating Report: SECAC 1st Vice-President, Debra Murphy (University of North Florida, Jacksonville) announced that she is soliciting nominees to represent the following states on the SECAC Board of Directors: Louisiana, North Carolina, Alabama, and Kentucky. Ideally each state should put two candidates forward.
- Awards Committee: 1st V-P Murphy reviewed the list of possible annual awards that SECAC may present for distinguished service and contribution to the arts and to our organization (please see information about these awards in a forthcoming newsletter or contact Murphy directly: dmurphy@unf.edu). Last year's recipients, Jane Allen Nodine (USC), Bill Levin (Centre College) and Tina Yarborough (GCSU) met with Murphy to determine the criteria for awards. Murphy announced that Kyra Belan (Broward Community College) received The SECAC Award for Outstanding Artistic Achievement and Liana Cheney (University of Massachusetts – Lowell) was presented The SECAC Award for Excellence in Scholarly Research and Publication.

Affiliates Reports: In the interest of time, Pamela Simpson (Washington and Lee University), SECAC 2nd Vice-President, made the motion to dispense with the Affiliates' Reports. The motion was seconded and passed. The minutes below were extracted from the reports delivered at the Board of Directors' meeting on Oct. 26, 2005.

- SESA (http://www.sesah.org/): Pamela Simpson, past-President of SESA reported that the organization had its yearly meeting in Fort Worth, Texas; Auburn University will be the host in 2006, and Nashville in 2007.
- CWAO (http://www.cwao.freehomepage.com/index.html): There was no report this year since Hurricane Wilma had prevented representative Kyra Belan (Broward Community College) from attending the conference.
- VRA (http://www.vraweb.org/): Representative Christina Updike (James Madison University) reported that VRA had a conference in March 2005 in Miami, FL as well as a successful Summer Education Conference held at Duke University. Updike also advised that a new publication would be available soon on the VRA website: *Strategies for transitioning to digital collections*.
- FATE (http://www.foundationsinart.org/): Representative Alison Denyer (Appalachian State University) noted that FATE is sponsoring an Open Session at CAA in Boston, February 2006 and two regional one-day meetings in 2006: March 24th in Winston Salem, NC and April 8th in Milwaukee, WI. The

submission deadline for *FATE in Review* is May 15, 2006. The next National Conference for FATE is March 28-31, 2007 in Milwaukee, WI.

- ATSAH (<http://www.uml.edu/Dept/History/ArtHistory/ATSAH/>): Representative Liana Cheney was unable to join the Board meeting.

Old Business:

Heather McPherson described "Off the Pedestal," the SECAC session planned for the 2006 CAA meeting in Boston. She will be soliciting suggestions for the 2007 SECAC session at CAA in New York.

Webmaster Ross McClain (Furman University) will be shifting some responsibilities for the website to Rachel Frew's office.

New Business:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors proposed changes to Conference Policies, which are designed to give Conference Chairs greater flexibility to encourage attendance from students and local residents.

Below is the change unanimously accepted by the membership:

While all presenters at the conference must be SECAC members and pay registration fees, students from host and contributing institutions (high school students and college undergraduates within close geographical proximity to the host institution) who are not presenting, may attend all sessions for free (this does not include any receptions or events that are underwritten by Conference registration fees). It is the responsibility of the Conference Chair to handle registration, name tags, etc. for these students and local residents.

Van Horn adjourned the Annual meeting of the SECAC Membership at 10:00 a.m.