

2006 ANNUAL SECAC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

4:15 PM - Saturday, October 28

Call to Order and Opening remarks

President Van Horn called the meeting to order promptly at 4:15 on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Approximately 32 members were in attendance. Van Horn thanked Michael Aurbach for a great and fulfilling Conference at Nashville.

Introduction of New Board Members: Van Horn introduced James Boyles from North Carolina and Gary Keown from Alabama and announced that Steven Driver (KY) and Heather McPherson (AL) were re-elected to the Board.

Approval of 2005 Minutes

Following a long and rich tradition, the reading of the minutes from the 2005 Annual Members' Meeting was dispensed with; the motion was seconded and approved.

Budget

Mulvaney presented the proposed 2007 Budget to the members gathered. After a motion to approve the budget was voiced and seconded, the floor was opened for questions and discussion. Van Horn pointed out that we have altered the way we traditionally do budgets: in the past we included our earnings on investments within the income—as we drew up the budget we decided to not consider that as part of our income for operating expenses. We also eliminated considering the contributions that have typically been considered part of our income. We want to start putting that money into an endowment for the future growth and health of our organization. In future years we will include the amounts contained within our investment accounts, at least as part of the information presented with the Budget. The 2007 Budget was unanimously approved by the membership.

SECAC in West Virginia for first time

SECAC will meet Oct. 17-20, 2007 at the Charleston Marriott (\$99/night) in downtown Charleston, WV. The Conference will be co-hosted by WVU in Morgantown and Marshall University in Huntington. 2007 is the last SECAC Conference where slide projectors will be available for presentations.

2006 Conference Report

Michael Aurbach announced that 152 panel and session proposals were received by February 1, 2006. He sent them to two committees (art history/studio) to narrow the number down to the number of slots that could be held during our three-day meeting.

The Member's Exhibition had 214 submissions, a vastly increased number of people participating. Besides the Member's Exhibition, slides also were viewed by a number of other possible venues. Aurbach urged all of us to support this organization and thanked Frew and Van Horn for their support and encouragement.

Administrator's Report:

Frew reported we have a total of 921 members. A discussion ensued about how to retain some of these new members we have acquired. Van Horn encouraged all the members to work at recruiting and retaining members. We need to look at ways to expand SECAC's services and serve as advocates for art in higher education. Van Horn said that he believes within 5 years SECAC will need to move toward a full-time Executive Director, which will be a financial challenge.

Future Conferences

Van Horn reviewed the approved sites for Conferences for 2008 through 2012. New Orleans will be Sept. 24-27, 2008. October is peak season in New Orleans; conference dates were moved for financial reasons. There will be no slide projectors in New Orleans. 2009 will be in Mobile, Alabama; 2010 will be in Richmond, VA; 2011 will be in Savannah, GA; and 2012 will be in Winston-Salem, NC.

Reports

SECAC Review: Editor Michael Duffy reported that the 2005 issue is at the graphic designer's office and should be mailed by May 2007. He also reported that the 2006 *Review* should be ready for the graphic designer in May 2007.

Artist's Fellowship: Pat Wasserboehr reported that the committee is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2006 fellowship is Barry Freedland of New College. He is a sculptor who works with digital technology. 76 applications were submitted; in the two previous years it was only 19 each year. Wasserboehr thanked Frew for her help in advertising the opportunity. She also encouraged all members to keep urging colleagues to take consider this opportunity. All applicants need to be members of SECAC. Greg Schlanger and Andrea Wheless assisted Wasserboehr as jurors.

Nominating Committee: Deborah Murphy reported that the Board of Director seats for Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida and the at-large representative will be open for election this year. Incumbents of Tennessee, Florida and the at-large position are eligible to be re-elected.

Awards Committee: Murphy urged members to consider nominating individuals for the possible awards, which are available on the SECAC website.

Affiliates

SESAH (<http://www.sesah.org/>): Pam Simpson reports that they just had a meeting at Auburn and that they will have their 2007 meeting in Nashville.

CWAO (<http://www.cwao.freehomepage.com/index.html>): There was no report since Kyra Belan was unable to to join us in Nashville this year.

VRA (<http://www.vraweb.org/>): Tina Updike reports that they had an excellent time in Nashville with about 17 VRA professionals in attendance. VRA's Silver Anniversary will be in Kansas City in March 2007.

FATE (<http://www.foundationsinart.org/>): Allison Denyer said FATE had great attendance in Nashville for their panel and roundtable. FATE's Biennial conference is in Milwaukee, WI in March 2007 and will host events in New York at CAA. Two new awards this year will begin for outstanding educators.

ATSAH (<http://www.uml.edu/Dept/History/ArtHistory/ATSAH/>): Liana Cheney could not join the Members' meeting.

Heather McPherson announced that SECAC would host a session at the 2007 CAA Conference.

New Business

Affiliate status: will be appointing an ad hoc committee to look at how affiliate status is granted since there is very little in writing in SECAC's records. The ad hoc committee return next year and make some recommendations to the Board. Christina Updike volunteered to be on that ad hoc committee.

- The 2007 *Review* will be the last issue where abstracts are published. They will appear electronically thereafter. The abstracts from the 2007 meeting in Charleston meeting will be published online only. The abstracts at the 2007 Conference should be available online prior to the conference—individuals will be responsible for printing them out (the conference will not provide them).
- Floyd Martin will be the guest editor of the special edition (65th SECAC anniversary issue) of the *Review*.
- Audio Visual. As of 2008 slide projectors will not be available at any SECAC conference.

Other business:

- The artist's fellowship amount should be raised when possible.
- All members are encouraged to urge their institutions to become/renew memberships. We need our institutions to know that we are a major voice for helping people understand how art is vital to higher education; how SECAC serves as a vital organization for young colleagues who are working to establish themselves and present their art work/research to a body of peers in the field. Job opportunities and research/exhibition opportunities are posted. The support, encouragement and general collegiality of colleagues has made a tremendous difference to many members of SECAC.

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth Mulvaney,
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