



southeastern college art conference

## **2007 ANNUAL SECAC MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8:30 a.m. – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007**

### **Call to Order**

President Don Van Horn called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

### **Introduction of New Board Members**

Van Horn introduced new Directors of the Board elected in this past year's election: Jane Brown (AR); LeaLan Swanson (MS) who couldn't be with us this year and was represented by Christopher Gauthier; Scott Karakas (FL); Larry Ligo (NC); Directors elected to their second terms: Carol Crown (TN); and Helen Langa (at-large); Beth Mulvaney re-elected as secretary-treasurer; and Debra Ambush as a new affiliate representative (FATE).

### **President's Remarks**

Van Horn reported that it has been a lovefest—the Marriott hotel staff has enjoyed working with SECAC and our membership has enjoyed the West Virginia hospitality of the hotel staff.

### **Approval of Minutes from 2006 Annual Business Meeting**

In keeping with a time-honored tradition, Pamela Simpson moved to suspend the reading of the 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

### **Report on 2007 Conference**

As President and Director of the Conference, Van Horn reported that more than 400 people came to West Virginia for the 2007 SECAC Conference. Sixty-eight panels were scheduled. Only 10 years ago we would have had a maximum of 30-35 sessions. Although we aren't in the business of making money at the conference, Van Horn believes we probably will come out ahead financially.

### **Treasurer's Report and 2008 Budget** (see below, p. 4)

Beth Mulvaney presented the budget and reported on a couple new lines that appear in the budget: liability insurance and a tax accountant. Administrator Frew will receive a modest raise for her tremendous work. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report; it was seconded and approved. Approval of the budget included acceptance of the following registration rates for the 2008 Conference: a maximum of \$140 for early bird and \$180 for late registration. Student rates remain unchanged. The membership also approved a conference policy of offering ½ price registration to retired SECAC members (at New Orleans that will be a maximum of \$70 early bird registration and \$90 for late registration).

### **Report of the 2008 Conference, September 24-27**

2008 Conference director Lawrence Jenkins (who is assisted by veteran conference organizer Peggy McDowell) outlined some of the events that will unfold in New Orleans and reminded the membership that conference session/panel proposals are due by January 1, 2008. Members should take note that other deadlines will be earlier than usual because of the September meeting dates.

### **Future Conferences**

Don Van Horn apprised the membership of the following future conference meeting sites:

- Mobile 2009
- Richmond 2010
- Savannah 2011
- Winston-Salem 2012

Charleston, SC is currently considering hosting the conference in 2013.

## Reports

- SECAC Review Michael Duffy, Floyd Martin, James Boyles  
Michael Duffy could not be at the conference this year but he has sent the 2006 issue to the designer and it should be in the mail by the end of the year. Floyd Martin, special issue editor, reported that the 2007 issue commemorates the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SECAC and this issue will follow very closely on the heels of the 2006 issue. New editor James Boyles announced that the 2008 issue should be published in 2008, thus putting us back on track. There is a June 1, 2008 deadline for submission of articles or materials to be considered for publication in the 2009 issue.

- Artist's Fellowship Pat Wasserboehr  
This year's winner is sculptor Jason Leigh from WVU chosen from a pool of 56 applicants. The work was juried by a committee comprised of Wasserboehr, Andrea Wheless, Michael Aurbach, and Allison Helm. Wasserboehr urged everyone to continue to submit materials for the fellowship. Jason Leigh will be interviewed for the 2008 *SECAC Review*. New Orleans organizer Peggy McDowell already has spoken with him about his future exhibition in New Orleans. Wasserboehr reminded members that the deadlines for submission will be earlier this year, probably in August. Applicants next year will need to submit their work digitally since slide projectors will not be available at the conference. The jurors recommend raising the fellowship to \$4000. [This will be considered by the Board of Directors at next year's meeting.]

- Nominating Committee  
Debra Murphy informed the membership that four Directors position will be on the ballot this coming year: Georgia (Tina Yarborough is eligible for a second term); Virginia (Joe Seipel is eligible for a second term); West Virginia (Janet Snyder is not eligible) South Carolina (Bob Lyons is not eligible). Besides taking nominations for the Directors, we also need to take nominations for the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President.

- Awards Committee  
Debra Murphy and the awards committee composed of Scott Karakas, Gary Keown, Charles R. Mack, and Stephen Driver, circulated an enormous package of materials that were submitted as documentation for the SECAC awards.

- SECAC at CAA  
Heather McPherson announced that SECAC sponsored a successful session at the 2007 CAA meeting, "Art history outside the walls: rethinking the canon." Because of confusion about submission dates, we unfortunately missed the opportunity for a session at the 2008 Dallas meetings. McPherson, Liana Cheney and Debra Murphy as well as any other interested members are requested to join a group that will decide on a session and submit it to the 2009 CAA call for sessions in Los Angeles. Deadlines are usually in the summer.

## Reports from SECAC Affiliates

- SESA ( <http://www.sesah.org/>): Pam Simpson announced that SESA's annual meeting this year is in Nashville Oct 24 to 27; next year it will be in Greensboro, NC. David Gobel of SCAD is finishing his term as President and Catherine Bishir (NC) begin her term as President. Their annual journal *ARRIS* will be out soon and is scheduled to have a new editor selected at the meeting.
- CWA ( <http://www.cwao.freehomepage.com/index.html>): Kyra Belan had to leave the conference before the business meeting, but at the Board of Directors' meeting on Wednesday (Oct. 17) she reported that CWA has sponsored at least one session at the SECAC annual meeting for the past two decades and at least one session at CAA for over 30 years.
- VRA ( <http://www.vraweb.org/>): Christina Updike reported VRA will have a session at CAA Dallas in 2008. The 2008 annual VRA meeting will be in mid-March in San Diego, CA. The Summer

Educational Institute (SEI) will be hosted by James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA July 7-13, 2008. SEI is intended to provide a standardized and sustainable program for visual resources training, with a focus on issues related to the transition from analog to digital collections. It is open to professionals, para-professionals, and graduate level students in visual resources, library science, the fine arts, related humanities fields, and other image information disciplines.

- FATE (<http://www.foundationsinart.org/>): Debra Ambush, the new Fate representative to SECAC had to miss the members' business meeting, however she announced at the Board of Directors' meeting that the Second Biennial North Carolina and the Southeast Regional FATE Conference will be held on Friday, April 4, 2008, 9:30-4:30 p.m. at Winston-Salem State University. The next FATE Biennial Conference will be in Portland, Oregon in 2009.
- ATSAH (<http://www.uml.edu/Dept/History/ArtHistory/ATSAH/>): Liana Cheney was unable to be at the annual business meeting, however, at the Board of Directors' meeting earlier in the week she reported that they were planning two sessions at CAA for 2008, 2 sessions at RSA in 2008, and one session at SECAC in 2008.

### **Old Business**

We do have a report from a committee chaired by Scott Betz charged with developing recommendations for SECAC policies on affiliate organizations (this report also addressed affiliates' rights and privileges at SECAC conferences). We will need to consult the SECAC Constitution and draw up formal language to be submitted to the membership for review and discussion before a vote is taken at the annual business meeting next year.

### **New Business**

- Gulnar Bosch Student Awards: Pamela Simpson and Sandra Reed reworked the language of these travel awards to ensure that students presenting or exhibiting are eligible for awards. We also will place it within the conference budget as a line item.
- Liability insurance – to protect the organization, we will purchase a modest policy.
- Website: Don Van Horn and Gary Keown devised a strategy to redesign the look of our website: we will hold a competition to design a new website. We are asking our member institutions to consider developing an assignment in their Web Design courses in Spring 2008 (and Fall 2008) for a new design for the SECAC website. We will offer a prize (as yet undetermined).
- The website competition will be decided in December 2008.
- Carol Crown will bring back a formal proposal about ways to support students coming to the conference. She suggested we might encourage membership contributions and also awards for students that achieve excellence in their fields.

The business meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth A. Mulvaney

SECAC Secretary-Treasurer

## Proposed SECAC Budget for 2008

### INCOME

Members @ \$125	\$15,000
Members @ 50	37,500
Members @ 15	1500
SECAC Reviews	450
Conference Income	52,000
Conference Contributions	<u>3,000</u>
	<b>\$109,450 TOTAL</b>

### EXPENSES

Artist's Fellowship	\$3,000
Bosch Student Fellowships	750
Conference Fees	49,310
Memberclicks	2,000
Credit card fees	2,500
Bank fees	150
Postage	1,500
Printing/design	4,000
Personnel	
Administrator	15,000
Webmaster	2,000
FICA/medicare match	1,000
SECAC Review (2 issues)	24,000 <sup>1</sup>
Supplies	500
Miscellaneous	1,090
Tax Accountant	400
Liability insurance	400
Telephone/Internet	<u>1,850</u>
NET	<b>109,450 TOTAL</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Reminder that funds for one issue have been rolled over from last year and remain in the checking account to pay for this issue.