



southeastern college art conference

2008 ANNUAL SECAC MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 a.m. – SATURDAY, September 27, 2008

Call to Order Don Van Horn
Noting that sessions would begin in this room at 8:45, Don Van Horn opened the meeting at 7:30 with about 30 members present.

Introduction of New Board Members Don Van Horn
Benjamin Harvey, Mississippi State University will complete the term of Lealan Swanson who has moved to Oregon. Kristina Olson from West Virginia University and Jane Nodine from University of South Carolina Upstate have joined the Board of Directors. Joe Seipel (VA) and Tina Yarborough (GA) are returning for their 2nd terms.

President's Remarks Don Van Horn
President Van Horn thanked everyone for his gift last night and for all the help he received during his term as president.

Approval of Minutes from 2007 Annual Business Meeting Don Van Horn
A motion to approve the 2007 Minutes was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Report on 2008 Conference Lawrence Jenkins
Conference Director Jenkins thanked everyone and reported that we are in the black. Although numbers aren't fully tallied, he believes about 510 people registered for the Conference.

Treasurer's Report and 2009 Budget (see below, page 5) Beth Mulvaney
Secretary-Treasurer Mulvaney noted that the organization is doing well and cursorily reviewed the proposed 2009 budget. She noted that if the budget is approved it will set the 2009 Conference Registration rates as follows: \$140 early registration and \$170 for late registration (with student members at \$45 for early registration or \$60 for late; retired members at \$70 for early registration or \$85 for late). In addition, as approved by the Board of Directors, there is a new category of membership for retired members—that rate will be the most recent past rate (currently at \$35 instead of the regular membership of \$50). A motion to approve the budget was made, seconded and approved.

Report of the 2009 Conference, October 22-25, 2009. Jason Guynes
Conference Director Guynes encouraged everyone to come to Mobile next year. Among the attractions for SECAC members are a newly opened arts center and a very large exhibition space for the Members' Exhibition.

Michael Aurbach encouraged the organization to consider contingency plans when we're meeting in New Orleans, Mobile and other cities on the coast during hurricane season. President Van Horn observed that our hotel contracts do include language about "acts of god" that protect us. Additionally, he noted that he believes there is no reason that we would not refund registration fees if a conference had to be cancelled.

Future Conferences

- 2010 Richmond: October 20-23
Conference Director Joe Seipel (VCU) told those gathered that we would once again return to the Jefferson Hotel. The Canal Walk is new feature in Richmond and the new wing will be finished at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.
- 2011 Savannah: November 9-12
Conference Director Sandra Reed (SCAD) said the November date was chosen with hopes that cooler, more refreshing weather would mark the meeting in Savannah. Our hotel is in the center of the historic district and she urged members to bring their walking shoes.

- 2012 Winston-Salem: October 24-27
Conference Director Scott Betz (WSSU) said SECCA and Reynolda House will be part of the arts community welcoming SECAC to Winston-Salem. Additionally, he noted that SECAC's first annual meetings were held in 1942. Seventy years later, in 2012, will mark the first time a historically black college or university (HBCU) hosts SECAC.
- 2013 Tuscaloosa: *either* October 9-12 or October 23-26
At the Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, an invitation from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa was accepted.

Administrator's report

Rachel Frew

Administrator Frew noted that we are up to 790 members and 162 student members. Every discipline has gone up except Studio. We currently have members from 43 states and 6 countries besides the U.S. We received almost \$1400 in royalties from downloads of the *SECAC Review*.

Reports

- SECAC Review James Boyles
Editor Boyles announced that the 2008 issue is at the printer. He thanked his co-editors, Kristina Olson and Preston Thayer (exhibition and book reviews). He said editing is underway for the 2009 issue with four times the number of submissions as the previous year.
- Artist's Fellowship Pat Wasserboehr
Wasserboehr reported that she and fellow jurors, Professors Dan Rule and Christopher Saucedo from the Department of Fine Arts, University of New Orleans, and Professor Andrea Wheless from the Department of Fine Arts, High Point University, had 59 wonderful entries. John Douglas Powers won the Artists Fellowship. Editor Boyles already has lined up an interview with Powers for the SECAC Review.
- Nominating Committee Debra Murphy
Helen Langa, Carol Crown, Janet Snyder and Beth Mulvaney served with Debra Murphy to collect nominations for the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents. Floyd Martin has accepted the nomination for 1st Vice President and Pam Simpson for 2nd Vice President. This coming year there will be four state directors positions open: Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, and North Carolina. Heather McPherson (AL) and Steven Driver (KY) are both finishing their second two-year terms and are not eligible for re-election. Garry Keown (LA) is eligible for a second two-year term. Larry Ligo, who is finishing out the term of James Boyles (who stepped down to become the SECAC Editor), is eligible to stand for a (first) two-year term.
- Awards Committee Debra Murphy
The Awards Committee was comprised of Randy Mack (SC), Amy Kirschke (NC), Sandra Reed (GA) and Joe Seipel (VA). Fourteen nominations were received from a total of six states. The awards given were:
Excellence in Teaching: Ute Wachsmann-Linnan, Columbia College; Robert Lyon, University of South Carolina
Excellence in Scholarly Research and Publication: Tracy Miller, *The Divine Power of Nature: Chinese Ritual Architecture at the Sacred Site of Jinci*; Robert Craig, *Bernard Maybeck at Principia College: The Art and Craft of Building*
Outstanding Exhibition and Catalogue of Contemporary Materials: Kevin Concannon, *Yoko Ono: Imagine peace featuring John and Yoko's Year of Peace*; Joseph Mella, Carlos Jauregui and Edward Fishers (editors), *Of Rage and Redemption: The Art of Oswaldo Guayasamin*
Outstanding Exhibition and Catalogue of Historical Materials: Betsy Fahlman, *Chimneys and Towers: Charles Demuth's Late Paintings of Lancaster*
Award for Exemplary Achievement: Kathleen G. Arthur, James Madison University

Murphy urged all members to return to their institutions after the conference and to recognize the wonderful work being done within your departments and to nominate those deserving people for any of the awards offered by SECAC.

- SECAC at CAA Debra Murphy
Murphy regretted that SECAC did not sponsor a session at CAA in Dallas, but we will develop a more organized approach to the CAA submission process. The theme for this year's CAA session in Los Angeles is *Southern Themes/Southern Inspirations*. Papers will be given by Jessica Dallow, Cynthia Marsh, Christopher Luhar-Trice, Cheryl Rivers and Lealan Swanson. Next year Jessica Dallow will organize the CAA session.

As an affiliate society at CAA we are given a slot for a Business Meeting. We will be using our slot to host a reception room in a prominent place to bring us more visibility.

Affiliates

- SESAH (<http://www.sesah.org/>) Pam Simpson
SESAH will meet this year in Greensboro on October 1-4, 2008, just a week after SECAC. Catherine Bisher, the new SESAH president, begins her two-year term, taking over from David Gobel. SESAH continues to publish the scholarly journal ARRIS and Steven James of the University of Houston is the new editor for that. Future meetings are in Jackson, MS, Oct. 28-31, 2009 and Chattanooga Oct. 20-23, 2010.
- CWAO (<http://www.cwao.freehomepage.com/index.html>):
Kyra Belan could not join us this year at the conference.
- VRC (<http://www.vraweb.org/>):
Tina Updike was unable to join us at the conference this year.
- FATE (<http://wwwFOUNDATIONSINART.org/>): Scott Betz
Scott Betz reported on FATE for Debra Ambush, FATE representative, who was unable to attend the conference this year. Betz noted that FATE's biennial conference would be held in Portland, Oregon April 1-4, 2009.
- ATSAH (<http://www.umt.edu/Dept/History/ArtHistory/ATSAH/>): Liana Cheney
Liana Cheney was unable to attend the SECAC Business Meeting.

Old Business

- Gulnar Bosch Travel Assistance Awards
There were 16 recipients of the travel award this year (New Orleans supplemented the \$750 budgeted by SECAC).
- Website design for SECAC
The contest deadline is in mid-November with a \$1,000 award for the design chosen.

New Business

- Election of 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents: Floyd Martin was elected 1st Vice President by acclamation; Pam Simpson also was elected by acclamation to the position of 2nd Vice President.
- Nominating Committee Members: Jane Nodine, Heather McPherson and Steven Driver will join Floyd Martin to secure nominations for the directors' positions open this year.
- Liability Insurance: We are investigating whether we need to have a liability insurance policy.
- Proposed Constitutional Amendment: President Van Horn distributed copies of the proposed Constitutional Amendment and the proposed by-law change.
The Executive Committee decided to recommend a change to the Constitution. It takes the Past-President off the Awards Committee, bringing the total number of members down to 5. It was unanimously approved (see below, page 6).
- Proposed By-Law (see below, page 6)
The proposed by-law describes affiliate societies, how affiliate status is awarded by SECAC, and institutes a review process. This by-law came to us through a committee chaired by Scott Betz. The Executive Committee brings it to you. Joe Seipel asked if "visual arts and design" could be added to the first paragraph. The change to the wording was accepted. A motion to approve the by-law with its amended language was seconded and adopted unanimously by the members.



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- Eisenman & Associates proposal
The Board of Directors voted to enter into agreement with Eisenman & Associates, who will assist us (at no cost) with the contracting of hotels, beginning with 2013.
- Carol Crown has graciously agreed to chair a committee to investigate how SECAC can better engage and be relevant to students (undergraduates and graduates). Jane Nodine and Heather McPherson have signed onto the committee and any other interested members of the organization are invited to join them. It has been suggested that the 16 current recipients of the Bosch awards would make a good focus group.
- Installation of New President: Out-going President Van Horn turned the gavel over to new SECAC President, Debra Murphy. Van Horn noted that the gavel was presented to him by out-going SECAC President Charles R. (Randy) Mack four years ago.
- A motion was made to adjourn at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth A. Mulvaney, SECAC Secretary-Treasurer



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Proposed SECAC Budget for 2009

INCOME

Members @ \$125	\$12,500
Members @ 50	40,000
Members @ 35	210
Members @ 15	1875
SECAC Reviews	2000
Conference Income	49,000
Conference Contributions	<u>3,000</u>
	\$108,585 TOTAL

EXPENSES

Artist's Fellowship	\$3,000
Conference	49,000
Fees	
Memberclicks	3,000
Credit card fees	3,000
Bank fees	100
Postage	1,500
Printing/design	4,000
Personnel	
Administrator	18,000
Clerical Assistant	800
Webmaster	2,300
FICA/medicare match	1,300
SECAC Review	17,000
Liability Insurance	1,000
Supplies	2,135
Tax Accountant	600
Telephone/Internet	<u>1,850</u>
NET	108,585 TOTAL

Article III **13. Committees**

c. Awards Committee: The Conference Awards Committee shall be comprised of the First Vice-President, the immediate past President, ~~and four additional members from the membership with attention given to disciplinary and geographic diversity.~~ *The First Vice president shall serve as chair. as chair who will select four additional committee members from the Conference membership with attention given to diversity in disciplines and geography.*

(Rationale: This reduces the committee membership to five, thus preventing tie votes. The immediate past President will have served on this committee as the First Vice-President and removing that person as a prescribed member achieves an odd number of committee members and it facilitates greater committee diversity. Moreover, there is nothing that would prevent the First Vice President from appointing the immediate past President as a member of the committee.

Lastly, in practice, the First Vice President has always appointed members of the committee even though the original language did not specify that. This codifies that practice.)

Article V: Affiliated Societies

1. SECAC Affiliated Societies are groups of art professionals and other organizations whose goals are similar to those of SECAC. An affiliated society must be primarily, or in large part, committed to the serious practice and advancement of the visual arts and design or to the study of a major area of the history of art.

2. An affiliated society must possess a formal organizational structure including elected officers, an identifiable membership, and evidence of ongoing activity, e.g., newsletter, periodical, exhibition record, or other documentation.

3. The application for affiliated society status is available on the SECAC website and in hardcopy from the SECAC Administrator. Applications are screened and acted upon by the SECAC Executive Committee. Executive Committee rulings may be appealed to the SECAC Board of Directors.

4. The SECAC President and the SECAC Administrator will review the status of affiliated societies every two years.

5. The SECAC President and the SECAC Administrator will serve as liaisons with a designated representative of each affiliated society. The designated representative of each affiliated society will be invited to the SECAC Board meeting, held at the annual SECAC Conference. An affiliate representative to the Board will serve as a resource person when, in the opinion of the SECAC President, issues arise in which his or her expertise is needed. Affiliated society designees will give a brief annual report during the SECAC Board meeting.

(Rationale: SECAC has enjoyed partnerships with a number of affiliated societies over the years with nothing in the Constitution and By-laws addressing how interested societies can officially affiliate with SECAC. This proposed by-law addresses that and also establishes a process for regular review of affiliated status.)