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2009 ANNUAL SECAC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 a.m. – SATURDAY, October 24, 2009

Call to Order

SECAC President Debra Murphy opened the meeting at 7:34 noting that we had run out of the 30 agendas we printed (good turnout). 41 people were present at the start.

Introduction of New Board Members

President Murphy introduced the new members of the SECAC Board of Directors: Jason Guynes (Alabama); J. Barry Motes (Kentucky); and Jane Nodine (South Carolina). She noted that Reni Gower (Virginia) is finishing the term of Joe Seipel; and Thomas Brewer (Florida) is finishing the term of Scott Karakas. Also new to the Board is Pat Wasserboehr (North Carolina), who was unable to attend the conference this year.

In keeping with a long-established tradition, Pamela Simpson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from 2008; Don Van Horn seconded. The members approved unanimously.

2009 Conference Director Jason Guynes thanked everyone for coming to Mobile and participating in a successful and full program of sessions, panels, and events. He noted that he will enjoy coming to SECAC in Richmond next year as a participant and not a director.

Rachel Frew gave the SECAC Administrator's Report. She noted that we have members from 43 states and from at least 3 other countries. 75% of our members are drawn from SECAC's core geographical area and 25% from outside of the southeastern states. Student memberships from within our SECAC region comprise 48.5%, while 51.5% are from outside our southeastern states. In addition, Frew noted that we are down about 50 members from last year.

Beth Mulvaney led the assembled members through the Treasurer's Report and the 2010 Budget (attached). Mulvaney noted that the 2010 budget contains membership increases: regular memberships will be \$60, a \$10 increase; student membership will be \$25, a \$10 increase; and retired members will pay \$50 a year. As agreed by the membership, the rate for the retired membership fee is the most recent membership rate, prior to an increase. Mulvaney also informed the membership that the Board of Directors had approved a new registration rate structure (following the model of CAA) for 2010: Early Registration \$145 (Student \$50); Advance Registration \$170 (Student \$70); and Onsite Registration \$200 (Student \$95). Advance Registration will end approximately 10 days before the conference. The move to this new structure is designed to give members an incentive to register in advance, which aids in projections of numbers for catering, helping us to contain costs. She reminded the membership that approval of the 2010 budget also indicates that they accept the conference registration rates for 2010. A motion was made to accept the budget; it was seconded and approved.

Report of the 2010 Conference, October 20-23

Reni Gower spoke on behalf of Andy Kozlowski and urged members to come join VCU in Richmond where SECAC and MACAA will jointly host the annual conference.

Future Conferences

- 2011 Savannah: November 9-12
- 2012 Durham (or Raleigh) TBA
- 2013 Tuscaloosa: TBA



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President Murphy noted that we have received a formal offer from Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida for 2014.

Reports:

- SECAC Review Editor, James Boyles, reported that the 2009 issue is at the printer now with the expectation that it should be mailed to the membership in December. The 2010 issue is in the works right now. Boyles thanked Kristina Olson, exhibition reviews editor, and Preston Fair, book reviews editor for their help in getting the *Review* back on schedule.
- Jenny Hager, Chair of the Artist's Fellowship noted that Kristina West from Georgia State University has received the Artist's Fellowship for the 2010 year. West was selected from 58 strong applications by the Fellowship committee comprised of Hager, University of North Florida; Tony Wright and Nicole Schneider from the University of South Alabama; Kevin Concannon, University of Akron; and Harry Boone, Georgia Gwinnett College.
- Nominating Committee: Floyd Martin, SECAC 1st Vice-President announced that the SECAC Board of Directors elected Reni Gower (VA), Kristina Olson (WVa), and Tina Yarborough (GA) to join Martin as the Nominating Committee. For the 2010 elections, the committee will be seeking nominations for the following positions: Secretary-Treasurer and Board Directors from Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, and one at-large seat.
- Awards Committee: 1st Vice-President Martin urged members to go to the SECAC website to learn more about the Annual SECAC awards and to nominate worthy individuals. In the past the deadline for nominations was late in the semester. We now are moving the deadline back to February 1 (both nomination and supporting materials are due on that date). President Murphy noted that it was a tragedy to not have any nominations in 2009 for the award for excellence in teaching.
- SECAC at CAA: President Murphy noted that Thomasine Miller will organize the 2010 CAA session in Chicago and Jessica Dallow will chair it. The session is titled: The Importance of Art in Economic and Social Revitalization: the Creation of Modern Cultural Economies.

Old Business

- Constitutional Amendment for Retired Membership category: the membership ratified a policy that already had become practice in the past two years. SECAC will now offer a discounted membership and conference registration rate. The membership voted to amend the Constitution, adding #5 under Article II: Membership (below). The proposed amendment was seconded and passed unanimously. The "formula" for determining the retired members' membership rate is the most recent past membership rate for regular members.

Article II: Membership

5. Retired members. Any active member who is now retired.

New Business

- New at-large representative for SECAC Board of Directors: 1st Vic-President Martin reported that we have increased our membership from outside the 12 southeastern states that make up the traditional core of SECAC. Martin said that our first Director at-large was begun 10-12 years ago. Given our growth, we are proposing to add a 2nd at-large seat that would be elected for a 3-year term beginning in 2011. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.



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- SECAC national profile: Jane Nodine (SC) and Helen Langa (at-large) will participate in an ad-hoc committee along with 1st Vice-President Martin to discuss ways to help raise knowledge about SECAC as a nationally-recognized organization. Kay Arthur noted that it is a crucial thing, particularly for younger colleagues. She also noted that it would be great to share the geographic statistics of our membership, including the international scholars who travel to SECAC to present research and creative work. John Schnorrenberg (ret.) urged the membership to loudly, clearly and repeatedly declare what we are, following the example of the Southern Historical Association. Scott Brown (University of North Florida) suggested an analogy might be sports associations that are recognized nationally, even though they originate from a particular region, such as the SEC. Kyra Belan suggested that we might consider changing our name to reflect our national standing. Sandra Reed (SCAD) added that our name also suggests that we are confined to a conference when in fact we had 6 members at the business meeting who were from outside the region.

Other Business:

Jane Nodine suggested that we consider a pdf version of the newsletter and only mail paper copies to individuals who choose that delivery over the electronic version. No action was taken on this.

January 1st is the deadline for the Call for Sessions for 2010 in Richmond.

A suggestion was made to have a list of participants with contact information available at the conference. Another suggestion was made to have members' artwork posted on the website. No action was taken on either of these.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth A. Mulvaney
SECAC Secretary-Treasurer



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Proposed SECAC Budget for 2010

INCOME

Members @ \$125	\$12,000
Members @ 60	38,400
Members @ 50	400
Members @ 25	3000
SECAC Reviews	2000
Conference Income	53,375
Conference Contributions	20,000
Other Contributions	<u>785</u>
	\$129,960 TOTAL

EXPENSES

Artist's Fellowship	\$3,000
Conference	67,625.00
Fees	
Memberclicks	4,000
Credit card fees	4,000
Bank fees	100
Postage	100
Newsletter, design & postage	4000
SECAC Review	17,000
Personnel	
Administrator	18,000
Clerical Assistant	800
Webmaster	2,300
FICA/medicare match	1,300
Supplies	2,135
Equipment	1,500
Tax Accountant	700
Telephone/Internet	2,400
Miscellaneous	1,000
NET	129,960 TOTAL