

2002 SECAC Board of Directors Meeting Adams Mark Hotel, Mobile Alabama

23 October 2002

President McDowell called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

Present: Peggy McDowell, President; Charles R. Mack, 1st VP; Pamela Simpson, 2nd VP; Arthur S. Marks, Sec.-Treas.; Robert Lemon, Past-Pres.; Kay Arthur, VA; Michael Aurbach, TN; Ann Conner, NC; Betsy Fahlman, At-Large; William R. Levin, KY; Robert Lyon, SC; Floyd W. Martin, AR; Debra Murphy, FL; Roger Rothman, GA; Elise Smith, MS; Janet Snyder, WV; Saul Zalesch, LA; Donald Van Horn, SECAC Artists Fellowship Committee, Larry Ligo and Ross McClain (Webmaster), visitors; Anne W. Thomas was present in her capacity as SECAC Administrator.

Affiliate Representatives in attendance: Scott Betz, FATE; Kyra Belan, CWAO; Liana Cheney, ATSAH; Charles R. Mack, SESA.

Present and Future Conference Chairs and Committee members in attendance: 2002, Mobile AL, Phillippe Oszuscik; 2003, Raleigh, NC, Charles Joyner, Lope Max Diaz, and Beth Mulvaney; 2004, Jacksonville FL, Debra Murphy.

On a motion by Fahlman, seconded and passed by voice vote, the agenda was adopted.

President McDowell introduced Board members re-elected or elected for the first time: Kay Arthur, VA to serve a second term; Robert Lyon, SC to serve a first term; Roger Rothman, GA to serve a first term; and Janet Snyder, WV to serve a first term.

Prior to the arrival of Phil Oszuscik, 2002 Conference coordinator, Administrator Thomas provided preliminary registration figures. She reported a total of 236 pre-registrations with 183 being SECAC and 53 or 22% being SESA. Of the 236 registrations, 24 were student. Total conference income received as of October 16 was \$24,515.00.

Oszuscik joined the meeting at this point. He offered welcoming remarks on behalf of the University of South Alabama and reviewed the conference program. He presented a report (attached) detailing some of the problems he had encountered in the course of his planning. Oszuscik also raised some of the issues involved with regard to the Graduate Student Travel Grant, while also announcing the two grants awarded this year by a committee comprised of himself, Janice Gandy and Robert Bantens.

As the minutes for the 2001, Columbia, SC Board meeting had been distributed by mail, Robert Lemon moved that any reading be dispensed with and that they be accepted as distributed. His motion was seconded. In response to a call for corrections or amendments, Pamela Simpson pointed out the repetition of the word "committee" in the first paragraph of Charles Mack's report for the Bosch Committee. She also noted the need for a correction in the next to the last sentence in that paragraph which reads "an amount equivalent to two percent of the annual interest rate for reinvestment as part of the equity." She indicated that the appropriate phrase would be "interest income." Zalesch moved adoption of the substitution; his motions were seconded, and when the question was called the minutes, as corrected and amended, were passed by voice vote.

Administrator Thomas presented her report (attached). She reviewed several recurring issues with regard to conference policy. Foremost, is that of the administrative fee to be charged to the conference budget when SECAC meets jointly with another organization, as was the case in meeting with MACAA at Louisville in 2000, with SESA at Columbia, 2001, and again this year at Mobile, and with Tri-State Sculptors, Raleigh, in 2003. She noted that a satisfactory formula for arriving at that fee had not been determined and that she had sought advice from the Continuing Education staff at the University of North

Carolina. Working with their recommendations, she proposed the following schedule of fees:

15% of attendance or less, \$750.00

15-25%, \$1000.00

25-35%, \$1500.00

35% or more \$2000, \$2000.00.

SESAH's attendance this year is 22%, resulting in a fee of \$1000.00. Charles Joyner, anticipating the Raleigh 2003 meeting with Tri-State Sculptors, noted that he found this formula satisfactory. It was suggested that the figures should be changed to read 16 - 25%, 26 - 35% and 36% or more. A motion was made by Lemon to approve the fee schedule as corrected. It was seconded. Kay Arthur moved an amendment that the Executive Committee review the arrangement in three years. Following a second, the motion as amended was approved by voice vote.

Thomas addressed the recurring problem of persons submitting papers in multiple sessions and the complications resulting from multiple acceptances. In how many sessions can one person participate? The form for multiple submissions that was developed last year had not resolved the problem. Thomas recommended review of the form. Also, there is a problem of overlap for joint meetings. Presently overlaps are to be controlled by program chairs. President McDowell asked Betsy Falhman, Pamela Simpson, Beth Mulvaney, and Ross McClain to serve as a committee, review the problems and report their recommendations to the business meeting on Saturday morning.

Arthur Marks presented the Treasurer's report (attached). He noted income through the end of October 2002, and projected income for the remainder of the year including monies anticipated from the Mobile conference. A surplus of \$6553 is projected. He recommended delaying action on the budget until the 2002 conference report was made. Marks also reviewed the present state of the organizations investments. With the significant drop in interest rates, the organization's interest income that provides a significant part of the annual budget, whether for staff, awards or publications, has seen a marked drop. He recommended that the SECAC develop some organizational means to manage its investments.

Report on the 2003 Conference, Raleigh NC, October 21 to November 1, 2003: Charles Joyner of North Carolina State University, Chair of the conference committee, introduced his committee members, his colleague Lope Max Diaz, the SECAC exhibition coordinator, and his co-Chair, Beth Mulvaney, chair for art history. He distributed a general information sheet, attached, and reviewed the group's plans, including details of the coordination with Tri-State Sculptors. The keynote speaker will be Alison Saar, and he is making arrangements for a reception at the North Carolina Museum of Art as well as for an art walk through the Raleigh galleries on Friday evening. The convention hotel will be the Sheraton Capital Center where the convention room rate is \$129.00/night. Joyner presented a conference budget that projected registration fees as follows: Pre-reg, \$90.00 and \$30; Late-Reg \$105.00 and \$45. The projected income was \$36,750 and projected expenses \$33,750 leaving a net of \$3000.

Marks, plugging in these figures, then presented the 2003 SECAC budget (attached). He again remarked on the anticipated drop in interest income and also noted that the graduate student grants are included with the Artist's fellowship rather than being listed as a separate line item. Robert Lyon moved adoption of the budget; his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Report on the 2004 conference, Jacksonville FL: Debra Murphy of the University of North Florida, Chair of the conference, reported and distributed various brochures on the city and its cultural institutions. The convention hotel will be the Adams Mark and the room price of \$99.00 has been locked in. She reviewed the various museums that are interested in hosting the group and discussed possible speakers. Murphy is also working in conjunction with Flagler College in St. Augustine. Plans are for a Friday night reception at the University of North Florida and a possible river cruise for the Saturday Party. The preferred dates that Murphy proposed for the conference are subject to confirmation by the hotel. The alternative dates that she proposed were not in conflict with SESA meeting dates, so were acceptable to the Board.

Invitation for 2005 University of Arkansas at Little Rock: On behalf of the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Floyd Martin extended an invitation to meet there. By 2005 the Clinton Library will be open and other new arts facilities will have been expanded or established. Pamela Simpson moved to accept the invitation; the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Review: Editor, Roy Sonnema not present.

Artist's Fellowship: Chair Van Horn reported for the committee that included Patricia Wasserboehr, Lope Max Diaz, and Gary Keown. Eleven applications were received. The committee will meet on Thursday and their selection will be announced prior to the keynote speaker on Friday night.

Nominating Committee: Chair Charles R. Mack reported for the committee. Nominees are need for the following expiring terms: NC, AL, KY, and LA. He noted that it is healthy for the organization to have multiple nominees for each position.

Professional Awards: Chair Charles R. Mack reporting for the committee, noted that there were two recipients: for artistic achievement, Billy Lee, and for teaching excellence, Amy Lixi-Purcell, both from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The awards will be announced prior to the keynote speaker on Friday night.

Affiliates:

SESAH: Charles R Mack noted SESAH's satisfaction with the joint meeting last year and that they look forward to a repeat this year. Oszuscik has put together an excellent SESAH program and they will have an awards luncheon, Paul Sprague as a keynote speaker and an architectural tour on Saturday. As usual all SECAC registrants are welcome to participate in their events.

CWAO (the Coalition of Women in the Arts) Kyra Belan reported that they would have one panel at the meeting. She also noted that CWAO now has its own website.

VRC: In the absence of Tina Updike, Kay Arthur reported that the VRC will have 2 sessions, a business luncheon and will tour the USA visual resources facility.

FATE: Scott Betz reported that FATE would have a diverse program in Mobile. He also announced the presence at the meeting of two participants from Mexico and other international visitors.

ATSAH: Liana Cheney reported that ATSAH has one session, "Art, Artists, and the Wages of Time" which is scheduled for Friday.

Old Business:

Thomas thanked Webmaster, Ross McClain, and for the organization offered an expression of gratitude. She also noted the success of the list serve he had established. The 2002 ballot was very successfully voted by email, and consequently it is anticipated that much benefit will result from this service.

New Business:

With the forthcoming retirement of Thomas, discussion followed regarding her replacement. An advertisement for the position has generated one application, that of Rachel Frew, who was encouraged to apply by Thomas and Marks. Her letter of application is attached and specifies her credentials and administrative skills. Following extensive discussion regarding the candidate and the position, it was decided to offer the Administrator's post to Frew. She would begin on a part-time basis in 2003, attend the Raleigh meeting, and in the course of 2004 take full charge.

Aurbach, currently President of the CAA, announced that the CAA will be meeting in Atlanta in 2005, its first meeting in the south in many years. He encouraged SECAC to look to that date and to think about how to impact on the meeting. He further reminded the Board, that SECAC as an affiliate organization has the right to sponsor a panel at CAA as well as hold a business meeting. Given the time constraints, he asked Fahlman to organize the panel which will be "Southern Art: Issues of Region and Identity." Betsy Fahlman announced that participants in the session would be Pamela Simpson, Saul Zalesch, and

Carol Leake.

There was discussion of a proposal by Charles R. Mack for an official SECAC lapel pin (attached) but the motion to adopt one failed to get a second.

Marks raised the issue of future meeting sights. He suggested that SECAC should have invitations in hand well beyond 2005 and noted that it presently has none. Furthermore, there are cities, such as Nashville, Charlotte and Atlanta, that would be very suitable for meetings, but SECAC receives no invitations for these locations. With this lack of invites and the necessity of finding proper convention hotels, given the increasing size of our meetings and related factors, he proposed creation of a committee charged not only to look into possible site selection but to consider other ways of organizing conferences, such as SECAC being the initiator by selecting a site and then working with local colleges and universities to plan the conference. President McDowell named Floyd Martin, Betsy Fahlman, Robert Lyons, Tina Updike and Phil Oszuscik to this committee.

On a motion to adjourn, McDowell adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Marks, Secretary-Treasurer