

Minutes of the 2005 ANNUAL SECAC Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 26
Peabody Hotel, Arkansas Ballroom

AGENDA

In attendance:

Directors: Heather McPherson (AL), Floyd W. Martin (AR), Scott Karakas (FL), Tina Yarborough (GA), Stephen Driver (KY), Saul Zalesch (LA), Elise Smith (MI), Larry Ligo (NC), Robert F. Lyon (SC), Janet Snyder (WV), and Helen Langa (at-large). Absent: Carol Crown (TN), Kathleen G. Arthur (VA).

Representatives of Affiliate Organizations: Christina Updike (VRC), Alison Denyer (FATE); Pamela Simpson (SESAH). Absent: Liana Cheney (ATSAH), Kyra Belan (CWAOW).

Other: Jane Brown (UALR), Michael Aurbach (Vanderbilt--2006 Conference Chair), Phil Laber (MACAA President), Maria Velasco (MACAA rep), John Richardson (MACAA rep), Mysoon Rizk (MACAA rep), Pat Wasserboehr (Chair, Artist's Fellowship), Michael Duffy (Editor, *SECAC Review*), Rachel Frew (administrator), Ross McClain (Webmaster), Donald Van Horn (President), Debra Murphy (1st Vice-President), Pamela Simpson (2nd Vice-President), Beth Mulvaney (Secretary-Treasurer)

Call to order and recognition of new Board members

Don Van Horn

President Don Van Horn called the 2005 SECAC Conference to order and introduced new SECAC Directors on the Board: Tina Yarborough (Georgia College and State University), first full term from Georgia; Robert Lyon (University of South Carolina, Columbia), serving a second term from South Carolina; Joe Seipel (Virginia Commonwealth University), serving his first term from Virginia; Janet Snyder (West Virginia University), serving a second term from West Virginia; Carol Crown (University of Memphis), who is serving a second term from Tennessee; and Scott Karakas (Florida Gulf Coast University) from Florida (who is finishing an unexpired term that will conclude in 2007).

Anne Thomas, former SECAC Administrator sends her best wishes.

Van Horn announced that there is a new representative from one of our affiliate organizations: representing FATE is Alison Denyer, from Appalachian State University.

Also in attendance are guests representing MACAA (Mid-America College Art Association), who will hold a joint meeting with SECAC at the 2006 Conference in Nashville: Phil Laber from Southwest Missouri State University, Maria Velasquez from the University of Kansas, Mysoon Rizk from the University of Toledo, and John Richardson from Wayne State University.

President Van Horn moved that we adopt the agenda.

Welcome to Little Rock and 2005 conference report

Floyd Martin

Van Horn introduced Floyd Martin (UALR), 2005 Conference Chair. Martin credited his colleagues for helping to bring a successful conference together. Registration is good; already ~300 pre-registered. Martin estimates that we may make a little bit of money on this conference. He talked about some details of the conference program and the layout of the conference rooms. He also noted that only 40 artists submitted for the members' exhibition.

Minutes of 2004 meeting

Beth Mulvaney

There was a motion to accept the 2004 minutes from Board of Directors' Meeting; it was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report

Beth Mulvaney

Mulvaney led the Directors through a summary of Income, Expenses for 2005 and the proposed Budget for 2006 (see summary below). There was a motion to approve the budget; the motion was seconded, and discussion ensued about the budget. It was noted that we have switched to non-profit bulk mail to save money on postage—Van Horn expressed concern that if people are not getting the newsletter we may not be saving money. Elise Smith asked whether we had considered an electronic newsletter. The Board voted to accept the Budget to present at Saturday's business meeting. Mulvaney reminded the Directors that approval of the Budget by the membership at Saturday's Business meeting would set the 2006 Registration fees.

Administrator's report

Rachel Frew

Membership is up for individuals and institutions. Frew started emailing notices to members with an attached electronic membership form. Frew and her assistant worked to update the student database, which is now current. The Board of Directors applauded Frew for the conscientious work she has done this year of transition.

Conference—Nashville

Michael Aurbach

Michael Aurbach, 2006 SECAC Conference Chair distributed Googoo Clusters, perhaps one of the only products still manufactured in Nashville, along with folders previewing the facilities and arrangements for the Conference in Nashville. Aurbach announced that he has raised more than \$34,000 in donations for the Conference and believes he may approach \$40,000. Aurbach is planning on the usual 60 sessions, which may include "Sponsored Sessions," which are predetermined sessions, but something mandated by Vanderbilt's funding arrangement. Aurbach asked about the possibility of the day pass permitting students or local residents to purchase a one-day admittance to the sessions. His budget for the Conference was built on the following (which was built into the SECAC 2005 Budget): Conference registration fee will be \$100 maximum pre-registration; \$130 Late registration; Student registration \$35 maximum; \$50 student maximum late registration. There was a motion to approve registration fees, which was seconded and passed by a voice vote. Aurbach asked that that undergraduate student registration be waived for host institutions. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the Executive Committee of the Board would meet (Friday, October 28) to discuss and draft a revised policy regarding host institutions and their students that might attend as well as the possibility of day passes.

Future conferences:

- 2007: Don Van Horn, Charleston WV, Oct. 17-20, jointly hosted by Marshall University and West Virginia University. Van Horn announced that he had secured a \$99 rate at the Marriott Charleston. A motion was made to accept; motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.
- 2008: Lawrence Jenkins, New Orleans LA, September 24-27 [or March 18-21, 2009]. Motion made to accept New Orleans, seconded and approved by a voice vote. It was agreed that a Spring date would conflict with too many other conferences. Jenkins has a Marriott Hotel rate of \$165.
- 2009: Joe Seipel said that VCU would be willing to host a joint meeting of SECAC and MACAA at Richmond (or they would consider 2010). An invitation will be forthcoming. Furman University at Greenville, SC had considered 2009, but this is not the right time for them.
- 2010 Savannah? Sandra Reed from Savannah College of Art and Design was not able to make it to the Board meeting. Reed earlier had expressed interest in hosting the Conference in 2009.
- 2012 Scott Betz (Winston-Salem). We have not received a formal invitation from Betz and Winston-Salem State University.

Committee reports

- *SECAC Review*: Editor Michael Duffy reported that the 2003 volume came out in August 2005; the 2004 issue is being prepared for the printer, and he is aiming to print the 2005 issue during summer 2006. Van Horn asked for a committee to look at whether the *Review* should continue the practice of printing the Conference abstracts and come back to the Board in October 2006 with a recommendation. Beth Mulvaney, Pam Simpson and Carol Crown volunteered to look at the issue
- SECAC Artists Fellowship Committee: Pat Wasserboehr announced that last year's winner, Carol Prusa, has followed through with her proposal, a solo exhibition at the Arkansas Arts Center, and a forthcoming interview with the *SECAC Review*. Wasserboehr reported that this year we received 14 applications (in 2004 it was 12, in 2003 it was 18). She is looking for ways to increase the applicant pool. From the entries, 7 states were represented. Three jurors will judge this year's applicants: Andrea Wheless of Highpoint University, Win Bruhl, Chair of the Art Dept. at UALR and Pat Wasserboehr of UNC-G. The winner will be announced on Friday night.
- Nominating Committee: Debra Murphy reported that there are four Directors whose terms are expiring, three of those are eligible to stand again for office: Larry Ligo from North Carolina, Heather McPherson from Alabama, and Steve Driver from Kentucky. Saul Zalesch, representing Louisiana, is not eligible to run again because he has served two consecutive terms. Murphy urged the Directors to encourage colleagues to consider running for the open positions. The goal is to always have at least two candidates for each position on the ballot.
- Professional Award Committee: Debra Murphy announced that the Awards committee had received materials nominating 8 individuals and the committee would bestow 4 awards. Members of the Committee include last year's recipients, Jane Nodine, Tina Yarborough, Bill Levin, and Randy Mack, as well as Debra Murphy. Murphy suggested that we might consider improving the design for the award certificate. She engaged a group of students from the University of North Florida to design the certificates for the 2005 recipient.

Affiliates and Friends

- SESA (http://www.sesah.org/): Pamela Simpson, past-President of SESA, reported that the organization had its yearly meeting in Fort Worth, Texas; Auburn University will be the host in 2006, and Nashville in 2007.
- CWAO (http://www.cwao.freehomepage.com/index.html): There was no report this year since Hurricane Wilma had prevented representative Kyra Belan (Broward Community College) from attending the conference.
- VRA (http://www.vraweb.org/): Representative Christina Updike (James Madison University) reported that VRA had a conference in March 2005 in Miami, FL as well as a successful Summer Education Conference held at Duke University. Updike also advised that a new publication would be available soon on the VRA website: *Strategies for transitioning to digital collections*. Updike recommended the publication for all institutions in the process or considering the switch to digital collections.

- FATE (<http://www.foundationsinart.org/>): Representative Alison Denyer (Appalachian State University) noted that FATE is sponsoring an Open Session at CAA in Boston, February 2006 and two regional one-day meetings in 2006: March 24th in Winston Salem, NC and April 8th in Milwaukee, WI. FATE hopes that these one-day conferences will attract more graduate students and adjuncts instructors (in addition to full-time faculty). The submission deadline for *FATE in Review* is May 15, 2006. The next National Conference for FATE is March 28-31, 2007 in Milwaukee, WI.
- ATSAH (<http://www.uml.edu/Dept/History/ArtHistory/ATSAH/>): Representative Liana Cheney was unable to join the Board meeting.

Old Business

None was noted.

New Business

Don Van Horn announced a goal of having a recommendation for the Board next year about Life Members (will have a committee look at this possibility).

SECAC at CAA—Debra Murphy and Heather McPherson organized a session, “Off the Pedestal,” which currently has 3 panelists and could possibly accommodate a 4th. Van Horn asked Heather McPherson to set up a process for SECAC to regularly submit proposals to CAA.

MemberClicks: Administrator Frew described an electronic service called MemberClicks.com that would provide online membership and renewal, conference registration, online payment, directory of members, and listservs. She noted that an affiliate organization, VRA, currently uses it and members are pleased with it. Van Horn instructed Frew to provide concrete cost estimates so we can weigh its feasibility. (MemberClicks charges \$1.70 for each transaction; MACAA is paying SECAC \$7.50 administrative fee for each member who attends the 2006 Conference.) Van Horn directed Frew to come up with a firm dollar cost before we consider adding this to the SECAC budget.

Member’s Exhibition/SECAC membership: The Directors discussed whether we needed to have a set policy about the Members’ Exhibition and the submission fee. The Directors also discussed the registration rates for “other” participants at the Conference. Van Horn decided that the Executive Committee of the Board would meet on Thursday, October 27 to discuss Exhibition fees, the issue of day passes, and Conference registration fees for host institutions’ students and faculty. Members of the Executive Committee are: SECAC President Van Horn, 1st-Vice-President Debra Murphy, 2nd Vice-President Pam Simpson, 2005 Conference Chair Floyd Martin, 2006 Conference Chair Michael Aurbach, Administrator Rachel Frew, and Secretary-Treasurer Beth Mulvaney.

Bob Lyon told the Board about a reception that was held in honor of Randy Mack at USC in Columbia, which began an endowed scholarship at the University. Lyon formally requested that SECAC consider sending an amount towards this endowed scholarship. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Van Horn noted that next year, (and those following), we need to reserve 3 hours for the Business Meeting; two hours does not allow the Board to finish a year’s worth of business.

Floyd Martin reminded the Board that a reception awaited us at the Historic Arkansas Museum.

Van Horn adjourned the 2005 Board of Directors’ Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth A. Mulvaney
SECAC Secretary-Treasurer