



## Michigan Silversmiths Guild

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Annual All - Membership Meeting  
Sunday, September 18, 2011

### MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Christine Bossler at 1:05 PM at Briggs Hall, Eastern Michigan University.

2. **Minutes of last year's annual meeting** were made available and read by those attending. Motion to accept, seconded, passed.

3. **Report of Recording Secretary** read by Jennifer Thomson. A summary of the year was presented.

4. **Treasurer's report:** presented by Richard Locke. Last year at this time, we had \$8,480 in our account. This year our balance is slightly higher at \$9,760. We also have more assets than last year - a lap top, more display cases and jewelry displays. He was concerned about the account being over \$10,000 at certain times during the year. Richard will be stepping down as Treasurer.

#### **5. Standing committee reports:**

**Membership:** Danielle Blanchard reported. We now have 142 members as compared to 95 last year. This is partly due to the J&O show. She is working hard to make the membership enrollment process easier by putting forms on-line, etc. She also noted that many more members are opting to have communication by pdf rather than by snail mail.

**Newsletter:** Jennifer reported. She would welcome any comments, articles, suggestions, etc.

**Webmaster:** Christine reported that she would like to pass this responsibility on to someone else this year. We had 9,548 unique visitors to our web site, over 111,000 total hits. We also have 226

“likes” on facebook.

**Historian:** Skip Hunter summarized the duties of this position in the hopes that a new Board member will take this over. This position was not filled last year.

**J&O Show:** Steve Tracy, Exhibition Chair reported. He said the show was a big success, the venue was very nice, the show was beautiful and we had a lot of positive feedback from Bruce Winslow, Director of Exhibitions at the Midland Center for the Arts. He also suggested that the show travel to other museums throughout the state and beyond. We will consider this for another year. Steve thanked the sponsors and his committee.

**Ann Arbor Art Fair:** Jennifer read the Mary Kernahan’s report (art fair chair): The fair was a big success in spite of the awful weather. There were 12 regular exhibitors, and 6 additional artists providing demos. The demos were very popular and Maggie Ladd, director of the South University Art Fair, requested even more demos for next year and she will promise to give us the same booth location. In terms of accounting, the art fair actually made about \$316 this year.

**6. Dues Structure Recommendation:** The Board is recommending an increase in student membership dues of \$5 (from \$10 to \$15) and a \$5 increase for the “additional family member” category (from \$5 to \$10). A motion was made, seconded and passed. This will take effect for the year 2012-2013.

7. **Unfinished Business:** none

8. **New Business:** Gretchen Otto (EMU Head of Metals Program) told us about an EMU facility in Lake Ann, 13 miles W of Traverse City. This is a property donated by Jean Parsons and houses 12 people, has an industrial kitchen, studio/classroom space. The charge for staying there is \$25 per night. She is recommending that MSG look into having a meeting or workshop there.

9. **Election of Board members:** Dan Neville (chair of nominating committee) handled the election. Paper ballots were passed out to those in attendance. The slate presented was:

President: Christine Bossler  
VP: Ercia Bartels  
Treasurer: Jennifer Thomson

Board Members at Large: Julie Sanford, Christine Bolhuis, Jiro Masuda and Christine Haddox.

Nominations were then taken from the floor - Eric Okon and Ginger Chase were nominated for members at large and Danielle Blanchard was nominated for Secretary. All were elected.

## **10. Program Projections**

**President:** We will finish the application for 501(c)3 status. Then we can start dreaming a lot larger, look at grants, etc.

**VP:** Erica is open to new ideas for workshops. She is looking forward to working with Julie Sanford to possibly have a workshop on the west side of the state. She is looking for a new venue for our holiday party and sponsor tour. She also passed out a sign up sheet for volunteers. Even 5 hours during the year makes a huge difference for the Board. She also thanked Christine for her tireless work throughout the year.

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm. Christine invited everyone to enjoy the food, shop with vendors CR Hill and Rich Day and to look at the tool swap items. She also announced the lecture to be given by Renee Zettle-Sterling at about 2:45.

Minutes taken by Jennifer Thomson, Recording Secretary