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Annual All - Membership Meeting Sunday, September 19, 2010

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Christine Bossler at 1:05PM at Briggs Hall, Eastern Michigan University. Board members present were: Christine, Jennifer, Ericia, Bill, Kathy, Richard, Steve, Skip.

2. **Minutes of last year's annual meeting** were made available and read by those attending. One correction was made to the membership report - it should read : "There were 26, new memberships, 57 renewals...". Motion to accept as corrected, seconded, passed.

3. **Report of Recording Secretary** read by Jennifer Thomson. A summary of the year's minutes was presented. Main topics included: last year's election, progress of getting 501(c)3 status, review of holiday party+ workshop, Ann Arbor art fair, new facebook page up and running. The report was accepted.

4. **Treasurer's report** read by Richard Locke. Beginning balance: \$6,988. Ending balance: \$8,480 . A question was raised about how much cash the Board likes to have on hand at any given time. Christine and Richard explained that we are State mandated to keep our bank balance under \$10,000. Also, once we have attained the non-profit status, we plan to start using the extra funds for scholarships, etc. The report was accepted.

5. Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Christine reported. There were 43 new memberships, 46 renewal memberships 6 life time memberships, for a total of 95 members for the 2009 - 2010 membership cycle.

A further break down is: 45 active members, 4 family memberships,

40 students, 6 life time.

Christine added that more and more members are electing to receive MSG communications only electronically - no hard paper copy. She also noted that the facebook page is a great way to communicate with non-members and perhaps potential members. She urged people to upload images of their work to the website so that she can continue with the "member of the week" section of the facebook page. She is willing to help members do this.

Newsletter: Jennifer reported that the newsletter went out quarterly. She also mentioned that she is always looking for articles, recent accomplishments, pictures, etc. to add to the newsletter.

Historian: Skip reported. He continues to go through MSG papers and decide which things should be added to our archives. He asked that anyone who has anything related to MSG should send them to him to add to the archives. (pictures, posters, etc.)

6. Dues Structure Recommendation: Christine reported that the Board is recommending a \$5 increase to active member dues, which would take effect in the 2011 - 2012 membership cycle. Vote passed unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business - none

8. New Business - none

9. Election of Officers - Ercia handled the election. Paper ballots were passed out to all members in attendance. Nominations were accepted from the floor. Danielle Blanchard was added to the ballot. Other nominees were Dan Neville and Alan Ardizzone. Mary Kernahan is nominated for re-election. The ballots were tallied and all 4 nominees were elected.

Board members stepping down: Bill and Kathy Fitzpatrick, Skip Hunter, Juanita Bitonti. Board members serving the 2nd year of their 2-year assignment : Christine Bossler, Ercia Bartels, Jennifer Thomson, Richard Locke, Steve Tracy and Tiffany Massey.

This makes a total of 10 Board members for 2010-2011.

10. Program Projections:

President's Report: Christine reported that the work for gaining 501(c)3 status is nearly complete.

VP Projections: Ercia reported that she has made a tentative schedule of events for 2010-2011. In November, Nicky Dechent will do a workshop to teach pearl stringing. In January, we will have a tour of one of our sponsors - G&S Metals - followed by our holiday party to be held somewhere in Ann Arbor. In March 2011, Renee Zettle-Sterling

will do a 1 day workshop to explore mold making, epoxies and flocking. The next day, Ericia will provide an informational afternoon learning about epoxy resins. In July or August, we will have a 2 day workshop in conjunction with the J&O Show awards ceremony. The show juror, Marilyn da Silva will provide a 1 day workshop about color on metal and her husband Jack will teach anticlastic forms the 2nd day.

In addition, Ericia is working on providing a workshop during next year's annual meeting. To be announced.

Ann Arbor Art Fair: We have been accepted for the summer 2011 show to be held July 20-23. The new application will be sent out around the beginning of 2011.

Jewelry + Objects Show: Steve reported that the 2011 J&O Show will be held at the Midland Center for the Arts from July 13 - Sept 25. The opening reception has not yet been scheduled. The call for entry is available here today and will be mailed out to the entire membership in October. In addition, MSG will have 2 other shows. In early 2011, we will have a student exhibition at the Gifts of Art Gallery at the University of Michigan. Details will follow. There will also be a salon style exhibition at the Ann Arbor Art Center tentatively scheduled for October 7 - Nov. 11, 2011.

Christine invited everyone to enjoy the food and beverages and to attend the lecture to be given by Masako Onodera at 2:45.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Thomson, Recording Secretary