

MINUTES FROM THE 2006 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Staunton - Saturday, June 3, 2006

In her welcoming remarks, 2005-06 President Sylvia Gibbs summarized the year's and the weekend's events, including October 2005 and May 2006 workshops for art teachers and students, and this week's Skip Lawrence workshop, held in space donated by Mary Baldwin College. She thanked the volunteers who installed this year's art exhibit in the R.R. Smith Center, and she stated that Staunton embraces its history and supports an active arts community. Sylvia introduced David Cooper to present the meeting's agenda items.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes of the 2005 Annual Business Meeting were amended as follows by motion of Helen Barsalou: under "Old Business", Amanda Lee's name was listed as a member of the committee which produced the new VWS membership brochure; since Amanda did not in fact participate on that committee, her name was removed from the minutes. With that change, minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The balance in the Society's account at 12-31-05 was \$16,877.12 (plus \$12,836.17 in the Creasy-Johnson Fund), making a total of \$29,713.29 and after expenses which included the new brochure, the balance at 5-31-06 was \$18,783.53 in the regular account. The Society's accounting books were scheduled to be audited the week after the annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS:

Article II was modified as follows:

Section 5. POSTAL SECRETARY

- A. The term of office shall continue from the date of election until the Membership Chairperson shall give notice in writing to the President of intention to resign from office effective on the date of the next annual meeting following such notice. Notice of intention to resign shall be given at least 120 days prior to the next annual meeting.
- B. The duties of the Postal Secretary shall be to disseminate to the membership issues of the *Waterlogue*, the annual exhibition catalog, the annual membership list and such other VWS publications as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 6. TREASURER

- A. The term of office shall continue from the date of election until the Membership Chairperson shall give notice in writing to the President of intention to resign from office effective on the date of the next annual meeting following such notice. Notice of intention to resign shall be given at least 120 days prior to the next annual meeting.
- B. Present accounts for audit by a Certified Public Accountant designated by the VWS President at the end of every third fiscal year and during the quarter of the calendar year prior to the resignation of the Treasurer.

Section 7. HISTORIAN

- A. The term of office shall continue from the date of election until the Membership Chairperson shall give notice in writing to the President of intention to resign from office effective on the date of the next annual meeting following such notice. Notice of intention to resign shall be given at least 120 days prior to the next annual meeting.

Article IV COMMITTEES

Section 1, subsection B.2 was modified to read as follows: Present names of persons nominated to the President at least 30 days before the annual meeting

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Section 2. EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

- A. This committee shall plan and manage the annual VWS Exhibition.
- B. The Director of the Annual Exhibition shall be appointed by the President.
- C. The Director shall function as the chair of the Exhibition Committee and shall appoint such committee members as the Director considers necessary.
- D. The Director shall appoint an Exhibition Treasurer who will maintain a separate bank account for the Exhibition. The Exhibition Treasurer shall maintain the accounts of the annual exhibition and shall furnish a complete final accounting of the exhibition to the VWS treasurer within 90 days of the closing of the exhibition.

ARTICLE VI OTHER ACTIVITIES is retitled and amended to read as follows:

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- A. The VWS shall have an annual jurored or juried exhibition.
 1. Whenever possible, the annual exhibition shall be held in a part of Virginia different from the part in which it was held in the prior year.
 2. The juror or members of the jury shall not be members of the VWS.
- B. VWS may fulfill its purposes by scheduling other appropriate activities. Only those activities and their funding approved by the Board may be promoted, presented or advertised as official activities of the VWS.

NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion, the members voted to amend Article II to create a new position of "Membership Chairperson", and voted to incorporate a new Section 7 as follows:

Section 7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

- A. The term of office shall continue from the date of election until the Membership Chairperson shall give notice in writing to the President of intention to resign from office effective on the date of the next annual meeting following such notice. Notice of intention to resign shall be given at least 120 days prior to the next annual meeting.
- B. The duties of the Membership Chairperson shall be to:
 1. Maintain the record of current members of the VWS;
 2. Maintain the record of current Artist members of the VWS;
 3. Receive and record membership renewals and new membership applications, and transfer to the Treasurer all membership dues payments;
 4. Furnish a complete list of current members to all VWS members at least once per calendar year and to the President upon request.

(Current By-laws Article II, Sections 7 and 8 are renumbered Sections 8 and 9, respectively.)

After further discussion, it was voted to make the Membership Chairperson a member of the Board of Directors. Additional proposals for changes to the By-Laws will be sent to James Dees by David Cooper

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Beverly Perdue Jennings thanked Jim Dees for offering to serve as President of this historically vital artist's association for 2006-07.

Robert Carter gave a short presentation encouraging members to make contributions to VWS to be placed into a mutual fund, through which earnings would be earmarked for awards compensation. Robert will bequeath \$15,000 to VWS in his will for this purpose. All present thanked Robert for his idea and generosity.

Much discussion took place regarding proposed changes to methods of entry for art works in future annual exhibitions. Slides are getting more expensive to do (although an inexpensive and convenient online source was described). Slides were problematic for this year's juror: some fell apart, some were too thick for the projector, shipping cumbersome. Digital photograph has the advantage of color manipulation for accuracy. This year, the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community show (Harrisonburg) required artists to submit 4" x 6" color photos. It seemed clear that the trend nationally is toward digital media and hard-copy photographs. The outcome of this discussion was that the new President will talk to next year's juror and make an appropriate decision about the method of entry for 2007.

The chronic problem of identifying future exhibition sites, Presidents and Exhibition Directors more than one year ahead of time was briefly discussed. A number of measures - including mandatory rotation among regions - have been suggested. This topic was, however, tabled until next year for President Jim Dees to consider.

The slate of nominees for the 2006-2007 Board of Directors was presented and approved with the addition of Martha Rhodes/Roanoke as Membership Chair.

*President	James Dees/Hampton
Vice President	Betty Anglin/Newport News
*Recording Secretary	Catherine Mein/Virginia Beach
State Treasurer	Jack Hooker/Roanoke
Postal Secretary	Gari Stephenson/Roanoke
*Webmaster	Karen Schwartz/Williamsburg
Membership	Martha Rhodes/Roanoke
Historian	Judy Bates/Salem
Waterlogue Editor	Pam Ogden/Salem
*President Ex-Officio	Sylvia Gibbs/Staunton
Directors at Large	James Warwick Jones/Hampton
	Nancy Midgette/Chesapeake
	Bill Crute/Newport News
	Maggie Sobataka/Williamsburg

*present at the meeting

JULIE DRINKARD FOX
SECRETARY