

Virginia Watercolor Society
Annual Business Minutes
Hampton Marina Hotel
September 15, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Dees, who greeted the members and congratulated them on the splendid 2007 exhibition. He expressed his gratitude to Exhibition Director, James Warwick Jones, and juror, Christopher Schink, for their extraordinary cooperation and thorough professionalism.

Recording Secretary Catherine Mein did not read the minutes of the VWS 2006 business meeting. Instead, they will be made available to the membership.

The State Treasurer's report was given by Martha Rhodes for Jack Hooker. Balance on hand for VWS business checking account, as of August 31, 2007, is \$23,973.97. Balance on hand for the Creasy-Johnson Educational Fund, as of August 31, 2007, is \$10,457.85. Total amount on hand, as of August 31, 2007, is \$34,431.82.

Exhibition Treasurer Yvonne Boone, reported that the awards for the 2007 exhibition totaled \$12,102 (cash, gift certificates and art supplies). Total income was \$28,400. The expenditures to date are \$26,095. The current balance is \$2,305.

Exhibition Director James Warwick Jones expressed his appreciation for working with the 2007 VWS exhibition committee. He commended the quality of the show and stated that he would welcome hosting the VWS annual exhibitions at The Charles II. Taylor Arts Center again in the future. He thanked his CHITAC staff - Debbie Maida, his assistant, and Amy Hoover, who prepared a video of the workshop and show.

Membership Chair Martha Rhodes reported that VWS has 405 members as of September 11, 2007. This is an increase in membership. She thanked the 2007 VWS exhibition committee for recruiting so many new members. We currently have 66 members from the Hampton, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg and surrounding areas.

The following slate of nominees for 2007 and 2008 Board were presented and elected:

- Co-Presidents – Vera Dickerson and Nancy Stark
- Vice-Presidents – Tracy Budd and Gari Stephenson
- Recording Secretaries-- Frances Boyd and Evie Robison
- Directors-at-Large – Sandi D'Alessandro, Julia Hartman, Robin Poteet and Angela Shields

Old Business:

Exhibition Entry Format (photo/slide/digital image): It was moved to leave the decision on the format of exhibition entries to each year's board, in consultation with the juror. The motion was amended to stipulate that at least two formats would be allowed. The amendment and the motion were passed.

New Business:

1) Jim Dees announced that Pat Lawson Memorial Fund donated by VWS Members for the 2007 show totaled \$1,210. In addition, the Albertson Family (Pat Lawson's three children) is donating \$10,000 to VWS for awards in Pat's honor over the next 10 years, including \$1,000 for 2007.

2) There has been a suggestion to amend the By-Laws to allow *artist members* who move out of the state to retain their membership in VWS. This will have to be voted on at next year's meeting with a 60-day prior notification to the membership.

3) A motion was made and passed to post the *Waterlogue* on the VWS website. This will be done only after hard copies have been mailed to the membership.

4) Creasy-Johnson Educational Fund Chair Jane Iten sent a report from the committee.

In 2007, grants were provided to Hidden Valley High School in Roanoke for \$1,000 and the Arts Center in Orange for \$980 for watercolor workshops. The Arts Center in Orange sent pictures of the workshop that were circulated during the meeting. Sandi D'Alessandro and Nancy Stark gave a brief power point presentation on the Hidden Valley workshop. In addition, a booklet from Elkton Middle School was circulated showing pictures of a VWS-sponsored workshop that took place in 2006, after last year's annual meeting.

Jim Dees emphasized the importance of the Creasy-Johnson Educational Fund as a significant outreach to bring art to the youth of Virginia.

The 2008 Presidents, Vera Dickerson and Nancy Stark, were introduced. They reported that they have their committees formed for the 2008 show, which will be held at the Shenandoah Valley Club in Roanoke. The juror will be Donna Watson. She is a signature member of the AWS, NWS and the NWSWS. Donna Watson has won numerous awards in national juried exhibitions as well as best in show awards. She has articles and paintings published in *American Artist*, *The Artist Magazine*, *Watercolor* and *Watercolor Magic* magazines. Her website can be found at www.donnawatsonstudios.com. The workshop will be held September 22-26 and the VWS events will be held the weekend of September 26 - 28. 100 paintings will be accepted into the show. The 2008 committee will be actively searching for hosts for the VWS show for the next 4 years. Vera Dickerson announced that her committee is planning a retrospective of the works of Norris Coleman, John Will Creasy, Ernest Johnson and Pat Lawson. This will be a tribute to the deceased, founding members of VWS.

President Jim Dees thanked the 2007 exhibition committee members for their excellent work.

Vice-President/Workshop
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Director-at-Large
Exhibition Treasurer
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Nancy Midgette / Chesapeake
Yvonne Wilson Boone/Poquoson
Apryl Altman, Williamsburg
Carol Anne McErlean/Hampton
Jeanne Weaver, Hampton

The meeting was adjourned 11:00 a.m.