

**WPW Board Meeting**  
**Online via Zoom**  
**March 2, 2022**

Members in attendance: Judith Heim, Susan Miller, Sandra Kahler, Julie Fisco, Nancy Grigsby, Susan Walker, Marilyn Charlat Dix, Carol Ross, Susie Wind, Marsha Lippert, Sarah Guthrie, Judy Perry, Beth Betker, Sharon Grader, Julie Creighton and Karen Quint

**President** Judith Heim called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Judith began with a discussion of our need to retain a knowledgeable tax professional to ascertain the organizational classification category attached to our IRS tax identifier # and how to proceed re: possible changes and/or liabilities. The accountant we have had for years (she came recommended by Allied Arts) has not been helpful in pursuing this.

In order to work with the IRS, Aleta Woodworth (a tax professional who Judith has known for years and has a lot of organizational tax experience) needs to have power of attorney to represent WPW. Judith estimated the cost of Aleta's services to be \$200-300, and Sandra Kahler said that \$400 had been budgeted for it. Judith requested a Board vote to approve this action. Beth Betker made a motion to grant Aleta Woodworth the power of attorney to research the issue with the IRS and prepare any appropriate filings. Judy Perry seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

In a follow up discussion it was determined that WPW should seek a new accountant, given the probable retirement of our current one and the limitations on the services she is able to provide WPW.

**New Membership** co-chair Marilyn Charlat Dix reported that the committee was delighted to have received 31 applicants, with an excellent variety of locations, ages and styles represented. She acknowledged the special effort Eastern WA made, as six of the 21 accepted applicants are from there. Also among the 21 accepted applicants are six from Seattle, and one each from: Tacoma, Lake Forest Park, Port Townsend, Redmond, Edmonds, Kirkland, Snohomish, Snoqualmie and Woodinville. All 31 applicants will be notified by mid-March of their acceptance or, for the 10 not accepted, encouraged to apply again in the future.

Co-chair Marsha Lippert spoke about the work the committee has done to update, streamline and consolidate information new members need into a single PDF. They are also working hard to improve the professionalism of the acceptance letter that new members receive.

Per the bylaws, Beth Betker made the motion to accept the slate put forward by the New Membership committee. Karen Quint seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Marilyn then introduced the idea of using the initiation fee that new members pay to cover their cost of the May Luncheon. After a brief discussion, Beth Betker so moved. Marilyn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Nancy Grigsby asked whether the initiation fee could also be used to buy name tags for new members. The result of that discussion is that Nancy will get a mockup from the printer of a rectangular name tag, with just the WPW logo and member's name on it for review by the Board.

**Mentor** Chair Julie Creighton really wants to be able to offer new members a 1:1 relationship with their mentor and to do so she still needs seven more volunteers. She is doing everything possible to match new members and mentors geographically and/or with specific personal requests. She will be making another plea at next week's general meeting.

**Vice President** and **Nominating** Chair Susie Wind said that her many calls and emails have largely resulted in 'no thank you.' She was glad to have had Kathy Kimball (gallery) and Larine Chung (program support) step up. Sarah Guthrie reiterated that while she can provide 3-6 names for possible presenters, that is the limit of what she is able to offer at this time. Nancy said she could, in addition to handling the Zoom functions, assist with intros and presenters' rehearsals.

Then Judy Perry said she would be Program Chair and Judith Heim said she would take over as Publicity Chair. Marsha brought up Amy Ferron's idea about giving new members a year to get acquainted with the various committees. While they would not have to sign up for a specific job, they could work with the Gallery team (e.g., hanging committee) or get involved in other ways. Marsha noted that the new membership handbook will help them become familiar with WPW committee functions. (Editor's Note: WE STILL NEED A NEW RECORDING SECRETARY!)

**Programs** Chair Sarah Guthrie noted that our March speaker is San Francisco artist Cheryl Derricotte. Cheryl will be talking about how to write proposals to secure grants and residencies. Member Roxanne Everett will also be on hand to describe how she can assist members with their proposals. The April presenter will be Chelsea Lang. A North Carolina artist with millions of viewers on her YouTube channel, Chelsea teaches how to paint alla prima with oils.

**Gallery** Director Julie Fisco said that six paintings in the “Flower Power” show have sold. She is excited that Kathy Kimball and Diana Grant have agreed to help with gallery management and the Hanging Committee. She noted that her biggest issue is the need to increase gallery participation. While there are 25 artists in the current show, there were only 18-19 in the previous two shows and only 17 signed up for “Northwest Style.” Without more artists participating, the gallery can’t move to being open four days a week, and the walls are barely filled.

**Treasurer** Sandra Kahler reported that the checking Balance as of 2/28//22 was \$19,904.54. As for the **website**, Sandra said that the online gallery for the Matzke show will be up Saturday morning and the awards will be posted Sunday evening.

**Juried and Special Exhibits** Co-Director Carol Ross happily reported strong interest and good weather for the Matzke Gallery reception this Saturday, March 5, Thanks to Janice’s work in procuring awards, they have enough to split them with the Larson Gallery show and maybe find a way next year to share them with the WPW Gallery, as a participation incentive, As for the Larson Gallery show, Carol said that Gayle Scholl and Darcie Roberts have done outstanding work with the prospectus and promotion. Gayle will be offering members information about related activities to get everyone excited about heading to Yakima. Carol also thanked Judith for her work putting together the Matzke reception. It is planned to be outdoors and, given the recent weather, “rustic”, so plan your attire accordingly.

Judith adjourned the meeting at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Miller  
Recording Secretary