

American Association of Woodturners  
WIT Committee Telephone Conference  
Thursday December 8, 4 P.M. PST

Participants: Kathleen Duncan (chair), Sally Ault, Dixie Biggs, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, Andi Wolfe

**Newsletter:** Andi will be working on the newsletter this weekend. Once completed, she'll send it around for comment. Please get back to her as quickly as possible. She is waiting on an article from Betty. She can also use more images of bowls.

**Demonstrator Form:** Linda has separated the demonstrator form from the vendor area demonstrator form. Kathleen will upload a template for the bio with instructions how to include pictures in the document. The preferred format is PDF, but Linda can accept Word format.

**WIT Outreach Grants:** Initially, Kathleen proposed having three evaluators (WIT chair, AAW board member, WIT committee member). After much discussion, we agreed that 5 members might be better. The composition: Kathleen (WIT chair), Sally (WIT committee member), (Molly) AAW board member, two members-at-large. Members-at-large will be asked to serve for one quarter, with a possible renewal after the first quarter has been served. The chair will serve as moderator. Kathleen will contact the two proposed members-at-large and see if they are willing to serve on the evaluation team.

Criteria – the initial grant proposal written by Jean and Dixie included some criteria for the grants. There is a need to clarify what the exact criteria is and what type of events we would like to offer financial assistance to. During the next few days, each of the committee members should email the entire committee their suggestions for criteria. Sally will compile these. We will pass them on to the grant evaluators for refinement and then back to this Committee for final review. For this year's budget, we've proposed \$5,000 for the WIT grants. Part of the criteria specification may be to suggest monetary limits. If we find we would like to use more of our funds for grants, we can submit another budget request to the Finance Committee. Since we've not done this before, there are many unknowns.

At the November AAW board meeting, it was agreed that Kathleen would represent WIT on the EOG Grant Committee. With the new board, some of the committee chairs have been reassigned. Kathleen will contact Greg and Molly with a request that one of the WIT Committee members serve on the committee to be involved with the lathe distribution grants.

**New WIT Committee member:** There was considerable discussion as to who we should add as a new committee member on the WIT Committee. Kathleen will contact the proposed member and see if she is willing to serve on the committee.

**Arrowmont:** Due to time limitations, all discussion about the symposium at Arrowmont will be tabled until January. In the meantime, Dixie, Sally, and Andi may be able to share their insight on which of the facilities might best meet our needs. Since the fire has probably disrupted all their schedules, Kathleen will email Nick DeFord to find out how soon he will be able to start talking with us about the symposium.

**Other:** It was noted that the lathe sent to Oregon State University was damaged in transit. Sara Robinson is working with the shipping company and NOVA to correct the problem.

The committee agreed that, since the private Facebook page is not an official AAW page, we will not as a Committee make a Committee statement or respond to posts. As individuals, we will continue to use that page as members of the page. We encourage all members of the Facebook page to contact any of the WIT committee members directly, if they have a concern.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2017 at 4pm PST.

Kathleen Duncan  
WIT Committee Chair