

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday April 25, 4 P.M. PST

Participants: Kathleen Duncan (chair), Sally Ault, Dixie Bigg, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, Andi Wolfe. Absent: Elizabeth Amigo unavailable until after their move.

WIT meeting in Kansas City: Andi has agreed to be the moderator again this year. Kathleen suggested that we not go around the room and have everyone introduce herself – it used a lot of time last year. Kathleen would like to briefly discuss the WIT outreach grants and the symposium. Hopefully we will be able to find out how much interest there is in a WIT symposium. Dixie will discuss the EOG “**Open and Shut**” piece and the upcoming exhibition. Linda will have a power point presentation that we can run in the background prior to the meeting. Linda suggested we have a discussion and/or report on the successful RAP gatherings. Public speaking included.

Kathleen suggested that we try to have a discussion this year. Jean proposed a topic: “**What strategies do local clubs use to recruit new women members?**” A follow-up could be a discussion of what might we do that’s not being done. The goal would be to gather anecdotal evidence of successful means used so that we can distribute the information to all local clubs so they would not have to reinvent a method that works. We might ask for a volunteer to write up suggestions in the form of a “Best Practices.” If we are more pro-active, send it to all chapter presidents at least once a year for a while.

WIT KC Information table: Kathleen will send around a schedule. The times that we will need someone at the table are morning and afternoon breaks and during the lunch hour. The lunch hour is long, so sign up for half the time. We will be on the table Friday and Saturday, not Sunday. Linda has not had a response from any of the RAP leaders. We’d like them to participate in the table, too.

The tri-fold flyer we discussed earlier was not created. Linda will have a poster and WIT postcards available. Basically, the table should be a meeting place for women to connect with other women. We can also run the powerpoint at the information table. (Addendum: this may not be possible unless we can use someone’s battery-operated computer. AAW computers will be in use and there is no electric at our table.)

WIT Outreach grants: Four grants were awarded for the first quarter. Part of the grant procedures require the recipients submit a report following their event. Andi would like the reports, with pictures, to put in the newsletter.

The second quarter for grant applications has begun.

Printed WIT/RAP materials: At some of the WIT events, the persons hosting the event have paid for printing materials themselves. The printing should be covered by WIT. Linda said that there are number of ways we can have WIT pay for the materials. One way would be to have the printing done locally at Kinkos or FedEx and have the bill changed to an AAW account.

Arrowmont WIT symposium: Ana Lappegard joined us to discuss progress in planning the WIT symposium. Ana had to step back, due to her husband's serious illness. He is recuperating and she can resume work. Kathleen and Ana have been working on a budget for the event. Ana expects to have a preliminary budget available to the committee in the next week. One thing we discussed was how we want the costs defined. We agreed that Arrowmont will handle the housing. We will handle symposium and meals billing. They will be billed together.

We also discussed evening activities. Evenings might be a good time for panel discussions, slide shows, group activities such as problem solving, have a docent give a tour of the IG. We might also want to use that time for intimate critique. One ice breaker was proposed: match the bark to the wood.

New Business: Due to a recent surgery, Elisabeth Ross needs help in her booth. We've had very few people sign up as vendor demonstrators. Kathleen will ask Jeff if the vendors are aware that we are trying to get a list of demonstrators.

The meeting was concluded at about 5:05 p.m. PDT. Next meeting: May 11, 2017.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair