

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday November 9th, 4 P.M. PDT

The meeting convened at 4pm PDT. Participants by phone: Elizabeth Amigo, Dixie Biggs, Kathleen Duncan, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin. Absent Sally Ault, Andi Wolfe.

WIT Events: There have been a number of events for women turners planned in various parts of the county. Generally, these being referred to as WIT events. Some are in conjunction with regional events; others are more local. The question arises: what constitutes a WIT event? We briefly discussed this, deferring a more thorough discussion until the entire committee is present. Things to be thinking about: what is the definition of a WIT event? What about insurance? Kathleen will discuss with the board the questions around WIT events and insurance. Can we develop best practices or guidelines for WIT events?

WIT EXCHANGE at Arrowmont: Dixie got an agreement from Arrowmont to donate flash drives that will be used to store daily project progress images. She said preliminary wood estimates are about \$720 - \$800

- \$120 for (30) 12" bat blank sections
- \$300 for (30) bowl blanks about 2" x 8"
- \$300 for (30) turning squares about 5"x 5" x 8"

We need to find a tee-shirt provider; unisex sizing, short sleeved, soft, retain shape. One company suggest is Triple Crown. It is unlikely that we will need to seek outside grant funding. Arrowmont will handle only the housing registration; we will handle food and event registration.

We reviewed the registration forms and decided to remove question 3,4, 7, 8, and 9. It is better to keep it simple. Kathleen will talk to Andi and see there are other questions to which she will need answers to put groups together.

Jean presented the logo she and Dixie have been designing. Everyone agreed that it is an excellent design. The logo suggests what "exchange" means. It does not include the AAW branding since this was not intended to be another AAW brand. However, if another EXCHANGE event wants to use the logo, the event can substitute whatever is needed for "WIT" and "Arrowmont 2018".

Logo Wear: The committee would like to see logo wear available on the AAW on-line store. The committee preferred shirts are black, short sleeved, M-3X sizes, teal logo and white lettering.

Increasing the Number of Women in AAW: Dixie was asked by the Bayou club how they could actively recruit more women to their club. She and Jean have been discussing the concept of having club have a liaison officer to be in touch with the WIT committee to keep abreast of WIT activities. Possibly WIT grants could be used to support scholarships to hands-on classes or ½ price AAW and/or club membership. Another idea is to have clubs apply for grants and the club distribute the grant towards scholarships.

Agenda items not covered will be discussed next month.

The meeting was concluded at about 5:20.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair

Next meeting: December 14, 2017.