

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday March 15, 2018 4:00 P.M. PST

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

WIT Liaisons: To date, we've had 25 people agree to be WIT liaisons. The WIT Liaison page is on the web site. Basically, this is the same information that went out to the chapter presidents about the WIT chapter liaisons. The next newsletter should include an article about liaisons. The piece on the web page can be used.

If possible, WIT committee members should **NOT** serve as their chapter WIT liaison. Even though they know the workings of AAW and WIT, it is our goal to get more people involved.

Fostering of women only events is not what WIT is about. If we are promoting segregation, we've not done our job. We need an official statement about "why WIT" that emphasizes women are often uncomfortable in situations where there is only one women. What we need is a "critical mass". With that, the level for discomfort disappears. This can be tied to "Topsy Turvy", the grants, opportunities for women to get involved. For a statement, start with our mission statement. Kathleen agree to start work on a statement and pass it on to the rest of the committee

WIT Membership Grants: We agreed to change the membership incentives from 100% to 50%. It seemed reasonable to expect potential members to have some investment in their membership. Linda will make that change on the web site. So far there have been 2 requests granted.

Newsletter: The next newsletter will include a section of exhibits: Appalachian Center (Dixie), New Horizons (Andi), Pt Townsend (Helga)

WIT EXCHANGE: Registration for the eXchange opened March 7th. In the first week, we picked up 6 registrations. One of the things we need to do is all of us need to comment periodically on the Facebook page to make sure that the eXchange is one of the top posts. We agreed that we will announce the eXchange to everyone at the AAW symposium in Portland.

The advance team will arrive Monday. General check in will be Tuesday. We will have a table set up near the office to hand out registration materials (tee's, thumb drives, group assignments, etc.) Possibly Linda and Elizabeth.

Collection of photos: Andi will set up a dropbox. We'll ask each group to submit 6 photos/group. Every group will have a separate dropbox. We need to write up a procedure for uploading to dropbox

Words/phrases. Teams will draw phrases from two buckets: one for adjectives, adverbs, etc, one for nouns. **Please submit 5-10 of each to Elizabeth!**

Popup demos:

- Demos involving everyone is time consuming.
- Anyone can show anyone how tools can be used (i.e., milk paint, colored pencils, etc.)

Last day – self-selecting or optional signup for groups. Sign up if they want to work together; not limited to groups of three

Interaction is important part of event. Loose social time – wine (B.Y.O.B.), chips, etc.

Explain – beginners not to be isolated or handicapped

The meeting concluded about 5:00 pm Pacific Time.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair

Next meeting: April 4th