

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday April 5, 2018 4:00 P.M. PST

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

Updates: To date, we've had 35 people agree to be WIT liaisons. We have 13 registrations for the eXchange. Linda also clarified statistics about women members in AAW. AAW is getting more valuable information on actual demographics. This information may prove helpful when applying for grants.

Newsletter: Andi asked for a topic for the newsletter that will be available prior to the Portland Symposium. "Beads of Courage" boxes were discussed. Linda suggested that the BOC contact can provide lots of information that would be helpful. It was also noted that there will not be a formal craft room at the symposium, but there will be sewing machines available. These purpose of these is for non-attendees to make fabric bags to be donated to the BOC program. We also discussed the possibility of having the newsletter profile a young woman turner.

WIT eXchange : We agreed we need to start heavily marketing the eXchange. Emails will be sent out next week. There will be a separate email for the new WIT liaisons asking them to tell women club members about the event. One suggestion is to encourage liaisons to get their chapter to put up scholarships for the eXchange. We need a better description of the event. Sally agreed to put a description together. **Please send Sally YOUR comments on what you think the event is.**

Elizabeth has about 50 adjectives and less than 50 nouns. If you have additional words, send them to Elizabeth.

Linda said that tee-shirts will need to be ordered at least 3 weeks in advance, 5 weeks would be preferable. We should have a few extras orders to accommodate those who may want to purchase additional shirts.

In discussing transferring project images, Andi said there are several options available. We will collect the images through a DropBox. Each group will be asked to submit 5 images. If more are submitted, only 5 will be used for the evening presentations.

Jean has compiled a list of tasks that will need to be reviewed and assigned. This will be a main agenda item at the next meeting.

We will ask Betty Scarpino if she will be our opening ceremonies speaker.

Post-event feedback will be helpful. We will prepare evaluation forms to be distributed at the event. For a small event, we agreed this would be preferable to Survey Monkey. Responses can be anonymous.

Will we be handing out room assignments with check-in materials? This is a question for Nick.

WIT at Portland Symposium: We will use the symposium WIT meeting to promote it. Once again, we will have 200 copies of the newsletter available. We'll get 100 copies each of two of the newsletters. We will also have the revised brochures available.

Our WIT meeting is schedule on Thursday evening of the symposium. There was discussion on seeing if the time could be changed, since the SIG meetings compete with the featured speaker. Kathleen will talk to Jeff and see if the meeting time can be changed. Suggestions were: after the featured speaker on Thursday, a breakfast meeting, or a lunch meeting. Andi will facilitate the meeting and follow much the same format as in Kansas City last year.

Dixie and Sally will be attending the gallery opening and artist's talk for the "Women in Wood" in Port Townsend, WA. Kathleen plans to attend the artist's talk at the gallery.

Next meeting May 3, 2018

The meeting concluded about 5:00 pm Pacific Time.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair