

American Association of Woodturners  
WIT Committee Telephone Conference  
Monday November 12, 2018 4:00 P.M. PST

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

**Symposium WIT, SIG meetings:** The symposium committee is working on moving the SIG meetings from Thursday so as not to conflict with the keynote speakers. After looking at numerous scenarios, the committee is proposing the 90-minute lunch period on Friday. Meetings are scheduled for 60 minutes. For the WIT committee, the problem with Sat lunch is that Andi needs to be photographing the Lighthouse session and Intimate Critique. There also may be a problem with taking business from the vendors. The committee proposed Thursday 3:30. That is prior to the opening ceremonies and keynote speakers. Kathleen will contact Jeff with our proposal.

**eXchange 2019:** Jim Scarsella gave us a number of potential dates for the next eXchange. The committee selected the week of Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 (Labor Day week). We will request advance eXchange team room comps and actual eXchange days Thurs, Fri, and Sat with participants arriving on Wednesday. Kathleen will contact Jim with our requests.

**Regional Collaborations:** Linda suggested that we encourage regional symposium collaborations by providing information to anyone who wants to under take the project. We could set up a webpage with some guidelines for what needs to be done and some possible themes (tea time, bouquet, etc.). Sally would like to spearhead a collaboration for the Utah symposium. Linda will contact women in Utah.

**WIT Grants:** There was discussion about the AAW change of consolidating all grants under a single application site and awarding committee. The awarding committee would be comprised of one member from each committee that has a grant program. Recommendations to the awarding committee would be through the individual committees (POP, WIT, EOG, etc.) Under the new pilot, the grant request deadline would be Dec 31<sup>st</sup> for all grants. Since WIT grants are for events that may not be planned a year or more in advance, this may not be a good idea for WIT grants. Our events tend to be small and more spontaneous. Kathleen will talk to Greg and Phil about handling WIT grants as we've handled them in the past. She will try to get it on the agenda at the upcoming BOD meetings.

Sally expressed concern over a grant that was not awarded. The grant in question was received after the deadline and did not clarify who all was making a financial contribution to the event. She suggested that in the future we clarify the deadline dates.

**Liaison letter:** We need to get the drafted letter out to the liaisons soon. Kathleen will send out a revision and will send the letter before leaving for St Paul.

**Contacting Liaison:** Kathleen suggested that the committee members divide up the list of liaison and have personal contact with them. This could be initiated as an email stating that the committee member would like to call them and ask for a good time to call. In the conversation,

we could ask the liaisons to contact the women in their chapter, find out if they're AAW members and offer them membership if they are not. The liaisons could also tell them about our newsletter and the eXchange. Kathleen will divide the contact list up and sent it out. There should probably be a follow up to find out how it went for them.

**Other:** Dixie wanted to know if we have a list of the original \$500+ donors. Linda can get the list. Dixie feels that we need to follow up with them and tell them what we've accomplished. That list should include: grants, membership grants, the eXchange and community building events. Dixie will draft the letter and send it to everyone for edits. The letter should be accompanied by the last newsletter which featured the eXchange.

Next newsletter will be mid-December. Kathleen will contact Kate to get an article on the "Lathe-to-Table" event she hosted in Florida.

The meeting concluded at 5:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 pm PST.

Kathleen Duncan  
WIT Committee Chair