

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday March 7th, 2019 4:05 P.M. PST

The meeting convened at 4:05pm PDT. Participants by phone: Marie Anderson, Dixie Biggs, Kathleen Duncan, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, Andi Wolfe and Lynne Yamaguchi

AAW News: Kathleen announced that Harvey Rogers had resigned from the AAW Board of Directors. In a special meeting on Wednesday, March 6th, the board appointed Janet Collins to serve the remaining 9 months of Harvey's unexpired term. The committee unanimously agreed to invite Janet to attend further WIT committee meetings, not as a committee member, but to learn about WIT activities.

EXCHANGE 2019: Linda reports that 18 people registered within the first three days. This includes 9 previous attendees and one new AAW member. Kathleen has made all committee room reservations. AAW has sent a deposit of \$2,550 to Arrowmont. Dixie and Kathleen signed the contract with Arrowmont. Committee members need to send Linda their tee-shirt size preferences.

We will continue advertising through social media. Kathleen asked everyone to help keeping the post about the EXCHANGE active. Lynne told us that the June issue of the Journal will have another article about collaboration. On Fridays, Linda will send the committee an update with the number of registrations. At the end of each month, she will send a list of the names. Marie will post activity pictures to Instagram. She noted that the pictures from the EXCHANGE in the Dropbox had disappeared. Andi was able to restore them during the meeting. She will change the password protection.

Tracie Malady Video: Every viewed the video by Tracie Malady (Australia). Kathleen will post a link to the video on Facebook. Since she is not wearing a face shield in the turning sections, we will add a disclaimer that AAW recommends face shields.

Regionals: Kathleen will be representing AAW at the Oregon Symposium. There will be a WIT meeting. Linda will be attending the pen turning symposium in Chicago. Barbara Raymond LaPrease will conduct a WIT meeting at Totally Turning. Marie will be participating in a "Ladies Night" at Rockler in conjunction with Women's Day, March 8th.

Documents: The committee has reviewed and approved the WIT section of the Raleigh Symposium Handbook and the WIT section of the AAW BOD Handbook. Andi will revise the WIT brochure and replace the RAP section with a liaison section. She will also remove verbiage about the EOG collaboration.

Liaisons: The next liaison letter should go out by March 28th. It needs to cover the legality of soliciting scholarships from chapters for the underserved. The ongoing problem of how to get women into the chapter is pervasive everywhere. Jean stated that when a chapter reaches a "critical mass" of women, it is easier to attract and retain women. The problem is reaching that critical mass. Chapters need to see the desirability of having more women in the chapter. There was a suggestion to try to pair women on Facebook with other women in their vicinity. This could be done with Survey Monkey. Lynne discussed mentoring the mentors. This is in

line with the education objects of AAW. The Oversight committee is working on that as part of Vision 2020.

Linda will post liaison emails on the website.

Scholarship and Diversity: Both Andi and Kathleen were made aware of a problem concerning chapter sponsored women-only scholarships. One woman approached her chapter about providing scholarships for women to attend the EXCHANGE and the Raleigh Symposium. One of her chapter board members objected on the grounds that, as a 501-c (3), a chapter could not discriminate and designate a scholarship as "women only". This is not true. Greg Schramek responded to this. His response needs to be carried to the liaisons and chapters. This will be a topic in the next liaison email.

The accentuates the lack of diversity within the chapters and the need for education about diversity throughout AAW. Linda pointed out that of the 368 chapters, only 19 have women presidents. Andi suggested that AAW develop a PSA video about diversity. It was also suggested that there be an article in the Journal and something in the chapter officer's monthly emails. Kathleen will ask to place the item on the AAW BOD agenda for discussion and action. This is also a topic that should be discussed at the Chapter meeting at the symposium.

Newsletter: Andi has received several articles for the next newsletter including one by Barbara Dill. She will put out a call for images of multi-axis turnings. She would like anything to be included by March????

The meetings ended at 5:24 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4th at 4 pm PDT.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair