

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday May 2nd 2019 4:05 P.M. PST

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

Updates: Linda reported the following numbers:

- EXCHANGE registrations -- 28
- Liaison count 77
- Membership grants to date: 15 applications with 1 pending

Diversity:

Kathleen reported that the diversity statement the WIT committee drafted was approved by the BOD. The statement will be included as a preamble to the bylaws. The full statement will be on the AAW web site and reference on the masthead page of the Journal.

There was a discussion regarding how well the committee is able to accommodate diversity at our EXCHANGE. There is a sit-down lathe at Arrowmont, we are unsure whether or not any of the dorms rooms are handicap-ready. Visually or physically impaired participants, we may need a facilitator to assist them.

EXCHANGE 2019: The letter to chapters requesting they consider scholarships was well received. We are aware of three chapters that will be providing scholarships. Kathleen will draft a letter to last year's participants who have not registered this for this year. This year, we'll call the embellishment studio the "Bear Studio".

We need to be collecting more supplies. If you think of something, we can order from Blick. Let Dixie know what should be ordered. Tee shirts will be the same as last year, except for the year. In the first gathering after dinner, we can explain more about how the event works. We will not have a keynote speaker. Come up with ideas for ice-breakers. Lynne will be the collector of words. Elizabeth Amigo may have words that we did not use last year. Kathleen and Andi will discuss ways to put the groups together.

Lynne's article about the EXCHANGE has been bumped to August. She will talk with Josh about putting part of the article in the next newsletter.

Once again, we will have an advance team arriving a day early to set up. Set up includes putting wood bundles together, putting supplies where they need to go.

Symposium WIT meeting: All SIG symposium meetings will be at noon on Friday. The will be limited to one hour. For ours, we make a montage of pictures from those who have had successful events this year: Marie's Chicago EXCHANGE, Colorado's Ladies at the Lathe, Suzanne Kahn's COPS program. Send Kathleen names of anyone else you are aware of having held an event. Most have been reported in the newsletters. Linda can give us the name of someone who can put a video together for about \$50. It could be used by the liaisons.

Survey: Lynne developed a survey. The main intent is to connect women who feel isolated to other women. It will be distributed via Facebook and through a link in the newsletter. The best platform to use will be Survey Monkey since AAW has an account. Lynne and Linda will work on this. We can offer a tee-shirt incentive to those who fill out the survey and enter their email.

Newsletter: Andi wants to talk to Josh regarding payment. Some authors for our articles write for both the Journal and our newsletter. Authors for the Journal and FUNdamentals receive payment. We do not pay for newsletter articles.

Email distribution list: Linda reported that with the new computer system debuting in August, we will not keep separate email lists. Anyone on the WIT mailing list who is not in the AAW database will be asked to sign up for a guest membership. If they are a guest member, even for 2 months, they will be in the AAW database and will be able to receive the newsletter.

The meeting ended shortly after 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6th at 4 pm PDT.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair