

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Telephone Conference
Thursday, February 13, 5 P.M. PDT

The video meeting convened at 5:05 pm PDT. Participants were Marie Anderson, Dixie Biggs, Janet Collins, Kathleen Duncan, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, Andi Wolfe, and Lynne Yamaguchi.

WIT EXCHANGE: The proposed dates of the next EXCHANGE are during Sept 17-19. The advance team could come in the 15th, dorm rooms could be ready by the 16th. A few things that need to be decided and discovered: cost, registration opening dates, cost of wood, registration price. Currently we are looking at March 8th as the opening of registration. (This has been set subsequent to the meeting) Prior to that, we will send a letter and email to previous attendees. Marie will draft a letter and send it around. She also volunteered to draft a letter to liaisons – thank you, Marie. We need to start talking about the EXCHANGE on Facebook and Instagram.

We need to start circulating a list of supplies needed. Marie will forward everyone last year's donors list. Donations will be clear with Janet who is this year's symposium chair. Kathleen will determine who will be on the advance team within the month. Jean is looking for sources of wood. Our wood budget is \$350. This will be the same types and sizes used previously. Kathleen will contact Lou Kinsey to find out her source of baseball bat blanks. We will also need a source of 12/4 soft maple platter blanks. Keim lumber in Ohio has 37" blanks available.

Marie announced that the Chicago chapter is providing two full scholarships to sponsor new attendees. Andi's fund raiser raised enough money to fund 2-3 scholarships. We discussed the idea of raffling off 1 or 2 of Andi's scholarships at the WIT meeting in Louisville only first time attendees would be eligible for the raffle. This would also be incentive to get more attendees at the meeting.

TEACHER'S WORKSHOP: While at a class in Florida, Andi created a video of some of the participants. She used her new iPhone and those who have seen the video said the quality is excellent. We had further discussion on the vision for the workshop. One thing to consider is to work with a very small group, video the class and make it available for viewing.

Discussion included:

- need to establish curriculum – what are we trying to do?
- Demonstrate wrong ways as well as right ways to teach
- Write up a script or content storyboard
- Needs to be 15 minutes or less
- Script should address 5 points to be included

Jean will continue her conversation with Beth Ireland and we will try to schedule a conference call with her in March.

Newsletter: Information is coming in in dribs and drabs. The next one will be mid-March but there is no feature article yet. One possibility is to get Betty Scarpino to write an article on eggs. Andi would like to see more reports from groups around the country.

Other: Marie mentioned two AAW members that just recieved organ transplants. She suggested that AAW arrange for tissue testing at the Louisville Symposium. Marie offered to get more information from Gift of Hope a company that handles transplant donations to find out what this would entail so AAW could determine if this is feasible. If this is not possible, Linda said we could have information at an information table in the registration area.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5th, 2020 at 4pm PST.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair