

American Association of Woodturners
WIT Committee Video Conference
Saturday November 7th, 2020

The video meeting convened at about 4 pm PDT. Participants were Marie Anderson, Dixie Biggs, Linda Britt, Janet Collins, Kathleen Duncan, Linda Ferber, Jean LeGwin, and Andi Wolfe (joined late).

WIT Presents: *WIT Presents*—our next presenter is Kristin LeVier on December 5th. Marie has been contacting other potential presenters and is filling out the schedule. Kathleen proposed modifying the survey to include only feedback for the presenter. It was suggested we also add “How did you hear about WIT Presents?”

At the last AAW board meeting, the board did not agree to making WIT Presents free to everyone, but wanted to charge \$5 for non-AAW members. Kathleen will reintroduce this at the next board meeting. We can add “Donate” buttons in email announcements and registration pages, promote AAW at the beginning of presentations, and advertise more heavily on social media. With the chapter enrollments declining during the pandemic, we cannot rely on chapters as a source of new members or to recruit women.

We discussed contacting lapsed AAW liaisons. Kathleen will request a list.

Dixie will send both a jpg and pdf announcing Kristin’s presentation. We are going to try to open registration 2 weeks before presentations. Marie’s standard operating procedures document was approved, but it would be nice to also have it in grid/calendar format.

WIT Community: Kathleen and Linda Britt discussed creating a new WIT community on the AAW site. After much discussion, it was decided to use the community for those attending the virtual EXCHANGE. They can use it to ask questions, obtain feedback, upload pictures, etc. Kathleen will contact the office with the initial list of community members.

Virtual EXCHANGE: There has been a fair amount of discussion on social media regarding the virtual EXCHANGE. Linda Ferber and Marie will host orientation sessions on Wednesday and Friday (11/11 and 11/13).

Endowment: One of our members contacted Kathleen about setting up endowment to donate approximate \$500 to WIT annually. The money will most likely be reserved for WIT Presents and membership scholarships.

The meeting adjourned promptly at 5:00 pm Pacific so that everyone could watch a political speech.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 3rd 4 pm Pacific. This is a back to our usual Thursday meeting.

Kathleen Duncan
WIT Committee Chair