



Sacramento Fine Arts Center
 5330-B Gibbons Drive
 Carmichael, CA 95608

WASH Board Meeting
 February 10, 2025
 Via Zoom

Attendance	
Present:	Absent:
President: Chris Knopp Secretary: B.J. Taylor Treasurer: Cordi Sogge Show Co-Chair: Kristi Warren Show Co-Chair: Susy Soulies Membership: Sally Bostley Workshop Co-Chair: Sandy Mele Webmaster: Chris Harper Triplett David Kalbach	Marketing & Promotions: Vacant Program Co-Chair: Rose White Program Co-Chair: Alyssa Gorman Social Media: Vacant Newsletter: Ronnie Rector Workshop Co-Chair: Vacant SacArts Liaison: Vacant

Meeting called to order.

Chris Knopp called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chris Knopp began the meeting with some business items:

1. Welcome to Chris Harper Triplett our new Webmaster.
2. Barbara Schneider has stepped up to work with Kristi and Susy on the Show. She may be the person to be the new chair next year.
3. We still have some vacancies:
 - a. SFAC Liaison
 - b. Workshop Chair. Sandy Mele has the name of Lisa Flannery who has expressed an interest in doing Workshops. Sandy will give her a call.
 - c. Sally B. will continue to send names as members renew and express interest in volunteering.

Secretary Meeting Minutes: BJ Taylor

Final minutes were sent out with two corrections.

Motion to accept: Sally Bostley

Second: Susy Soulies

Motion passed, minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: Cordi Sogge

As of January 31, 2025, the income for the month is \$2,608.87. This includes:

- \$450 for 18 paid memberships from the previous month
- \$50 donation from Bruce Leino
- \$65.15 in cash collected for the Scholarship fund during January's general meeting.
- \$1,000 anonymous donation to the Scholarship fund (Our scholarship fund total is now at \$1,670.53.)
- \$1,043.72 total Stripe deposits for the Members Show

The expenses for the month total \$767.55. This includes:

- \$26.50 for monthly Mail Chimp subscription
- \$250 for David Lobenberg's January demo
- \$23.17 for GoDaddy domain name (yearly charge)
- \$25 bi-yearly filing fee for the CA Secretary of State
- \$142.88 for Members Show ribbons
- \$300 for the Members Show judge

The income exceeds expenses— **a gain of \$1,841.32.**

With the carryover of \$15,363.53 from December, the balance at the end of the month is **\$17,204.85**. The bank records show a balance of \$ 17,754.85; this amount does not account for 2 outstanding checks totaling \$550. When this amount is subtracted from the bank balance, both balances are reconciled.

In January, the treasurer filed WASH's 2024 income to the IRS and the CA Franchise Tax Board via e-postcard. She also filed the "Corporation Statement of Information" to the CA Secretary of State (along with the previously mentioned fee).

On January 31, the treasurer received a notice from the CA Dept. of Justice stating that WASH's petition to be reinstated in the "Registry of Charities and Fundraisers" has been granted. (The petition, along with accumulated filing fees and penalty fees, was mailed back in November of 2025).

A couple of question led to discussion on the treasurer's report.

1. Are the Scholarship funds in a trust account that will accrue interest?
 - a. No, currently just a line item in the books.
2. It might be a good idea to have a CPA do the taxes that Cordi does now to protect the board from contingent liability. CPA could also cover the audit requirement. The audit is required in our Policy and Procedures. A suggestion to change this from “audit” to “review”. David agreed to take a look at the P&P and make recommendations for changes to keep us on the right track and following our own rules. At this point, Cordi does not find the taxes to be too difficult as we are a small group, but she would welcome a review to make sure she is doing everything correctly.

Program Report: No report

David Petersen will be doing the demo at the General Meeting this evening. BJ is going to ask Alyssa and Rose for a copy of their calendar with who is doing the demos for the rest of the year. Sally would like this information too so that she can make bookmarks with the information.

Show Chair Report: Kristi Warren and Susy Soulies

We have 98 paintings for the show opening Feb 18. Kristin Fuller helped with the show and may be the perfect match for handling Smarter Entry for next year.

Discussion about having music at the receptions. David Petersen asked why we don't have it. Several people don't like music because it is hard to talk over and the acoustics are not very good in the center. The other objection was the cost. Kristi and Susy have been very careful about how the money is spent. This did lead to a discussion about the budget. Cordi pointed out that the new budget was done with costs projected from past shows. But that a discussion should be had on what the expected costs could be and what our objectives were for bringing in money from shows. Chris Knopp will set a Zoom call for the show budget with Kristi, Susy and Cordi.

Workshop Chair Report: No Report

Some discussion about having David Lobenberg do a virtual workshop. He has his workshop set up to do this and said he would be interested in doing this with us. Chris Knopp will follow-up with David to see how we could do this. It would take the pressure off having to use the SFAC facility which is very busy and hard to book.

Membership Report: Sally Bostley

138 members

Liaison Report: BJ Taylor

Big Day of Giving is May 2.

There will be an all-board luncheon on Saturday, March 22. NCA kind of challenged us; last year all of their board members came, WASH had 3. It is a pot-luck, and Angelia would like a head count. If all the board members would please send an email to BJ and let her know if you are coming or not, she will let Angelia know.

Committee Updates

Website: BJ Taylor

The new site is coming along, we are scheduled for a meeting with the developer on Friday, Feb 14. At that time, we will be picking a date to do a demo for the board. Chris Harper Triplett has taken ownership of the project plan and double checking that requirements are being met. Thank you to Kristi, Cordi and Chris for sending photos of your work for us to use with the site work.

Chris also recommends that we look at changing our URL. The one we use now does not reflect who we are and is hard to find. She will look into some suggestions that match who we are.

Scholarship: BJ Taylor

BJ has been hesitant to push the scholarship information because all of our documentation says to use the Website to enter, and we are not ready yet. It was suggested that I ask Angelia if SFAC can post this so it can be downloaded. We still need to decide where to have a small show. Sally said that formerly we awarded the scholarship at the June 2nd Saturday Reception and the winner had a show for a month in the foyer. I will work toward that. And see if we can get a spot to hang the winners work in the Gallery for a time after the award.

New Business:

Chris Harper Triplett brought up a discussion topic. Why do we not allow collage in our shows. There was discussion about the use of collage, being 3D and our work is only 2D, that collage gives the painting a depth that just watercolor cannot do. But there is no reason why we cannot change our rules if we want. Chris is a collage watercolor artist. It was suggested that she bring one of her paintings to the General Meeting so that everyone could see it and we could then have another discussion about making any changes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,
B.J. Taylor, Secretary

