

**Thursday, October 25, 2013—NCECA Full Board Meeting**

Board members present: Patsy Cox, Deborah Bedwell, Keith Williams, Lee Burningham, Glenda Taylor, Linda Ganstrom, Steve Hilton, Cindy Bracker Sturm, Garth Johnson, Sam Chung, Dandee Pattee, Paul Sacaridiz, Mel Buchanan, Jay LaCouture, Kevin Ramler, Maccabee Shelley  
Josh Green, Dori Neilson, Leigh Taylor Mickelson

8:00 am Board Meeting—Approval of Agenda: Moved- Cindy, Second- Garth; Passed.

8:45 am Consent Agenda – The following **BOLD** items were recommended by the Executive Committee and approved as consent agenda items. All items were approved by unanimous board vote:

**1. Approved combined board reports** which included the following motions that were submitted for Board votes from our May 2013 meeting until October, 2013 via surveymonkey:

1. Minutes of May, 2013 Board meeting in Milwaukee were approved 16-0. Sent to staff for posting to website. June 12, 2013
2. Approved the following motion made by Steve, seconded by Cindy, with friendly amendment by Glenda: I move we increase the compensation for demonstrators by \$300 to bring their total honoraria to \$1,300 each, and to approve a \$1200 budget variance for 2014 to cover the additional honoraria for 4 demonstrators. 14 in favor, 1 abstention. July 16, 2013
3. Approve the nomination of Leigh Taylor Mickelson as Exhibitions Director 2014. 15 in favor; 0 opposed. July 16, 2013.
4. Motion made by Jay, seconded by Deb, that the NCECA Board endorses the working theme of "Lively Experiment" for the 2015/Providence Conference. 13 in favor – 0 opposed. August 1, 2013.
5. Approved the motion made by Linda, seconded by Maccabee that we approve a budget variance up to \$10,000 to cover the cost of developing the CIE program in Milwaukee. 13 in favor, 1 opposed. Sept 3, 2013.

**2. Benefits of Honors and Fellows awards will become transferable to surviving spouses.**

NCECA will reach out to surviving spouses of deceased Honors/Fellows.

**3. Gifts for board service** to former board members: Anna Holcomb and Brian Ransom will receive Irma Starr plate, those will be the last plates. In the future, board members will receive a cup of merit and certificate at the end of their service. Cups of merit awards will be increased from 3 to 5 beginning in 2014.

**4. Adoption of updated Guide to the Board** to reflect last year's bylaws changes. To be distributed by Josh.

**5. Membership for requirements for CIE's :** To submit a CIE proposal, you must be an NCECA member. Other exhibitions organized outside of NCECA CIE process will be given a choice of becoming an NCECA member or paying a \$55 fee to be listed in the guide. Both policies will be instituted in 2015.

**6. Accept the bylaws changes to more accurately define officer responsibilities.** (updated by Glenda)

**7. Recommendation for an Honors and Fellows exhibition for 2016. NCECA will commit to this exhibitions, details to be determined.**

Lee gave Treasurer's Report stating that investments are doing well. He encourages board and member gifts to increase operating funds. Investment funds are not used for budget, only to balance loss at conference. Our cushion of projected survival timeline is 15 months. We use investment gains to balance budget when conference loses money. Last year conference shortfall was \$192,000.

The Executive Director review Committee (Deb, Patsy and Glenda) reported they had met with Josh and discussed relocation of the Erie NCECA office. The board accepted the report and charged the ED with doing research to transform to an interim virtual office solution with the possibility of ultimate relocation. A goal was established to limit renewal of the present office lease for no more than one year.

Communications Committee (Cindy) Logo use: **NCECA logo and conference logos require written approval from E.D., currently Josh Green. Only member logo is available for use and will be dated annually. Message from office when membership is due will remind members of their ability to use the membership logo.** Keith moved to accept this policy, Glenda second. One friendly amendment: to add name of current Executive Director to the policy. Motion as amended passed.

Policy on Electronic and Social Media:

Candice and Cindy currently handle social media contacts and posts. Member moderators will be given access to various platforms, Com. Dir. checks and reviews moderator activity. The Com Director, ED and Staff member will determine appropriate platforms annually. **Cindy moved, Lee second to approve the electronic and social media policy. Motion passed.**

Green Task Force update and strategy (Maccabee) GTF hopes to remain visible to members, connect interested conference attendees with each other, share information through booth which can be a forum for information. GTF also looks to have a presence in Connections, and Topical Discussions. **It was suggested to put a green leaf icon on the program to indicate GTF content.**

E-voting: Glenda summarized the process. Members will need to know login and member info for access to e-vote. **Cindy, Josh, and Patsy are charged with scheduling the roll-out of e-vote.**

Paul updated Board about Collectors Tour: 18 slots are already filled. Leslie Ferrin connection seems to encourage participation. Tour will include Chicago and Milwaukee galleries, Racine Art Museum, Chipstone Foundation, Milwaukee Art Museum and Kohler factory and Art Center. **Paul suggested that the Past President be involved with the Collectors Tour program and donor cultivation. It is important to make direct connections between collectors and NCECA Board.**

**OSCL was approved for 2017.** Location and on-site conference liaison will be held in confidence until necessary contracts are in place.

Keith reported on the Nomination Committee:

Nominations Committee recommends 2 Director At Large candidates: **Rebecca Harvey and Jane Shellenbarger** as board candidates. **Motion to name board candidates passed.**

All Student DAL candidates will be listed: **Eleanor Heimbaugh, Jennifer Chua, James Alexander Ferrante.**

Secretary: vote to approve 2 board candidates : **Jill Oberman and Donna Rozman, motion passed.**

Programs Director 2014 None at this time. Presidential appointment. In process at this time.

Vote to approve President-Elect 2014: Vote of confidence for pres elect to become president. **Keith moved. Jay 2<sup>nd</sup>, to approve President Elect Deborah Bedwell as next NCECA president. Unanimously approved.**

**Presidential appointment of President Elect: Keith moved, Maccabee second, to support Patsy's appointment of Paul Sacaridiz as President Elect of NCECA 2014. Unanimously approved.**

Honors, Fellows, Outstanding Achievement, Excellence in Teaching and Regional Awards:

Honors: NCECA's highest award, contribution to the field of ceramics, **Keith moved that Peter Held receive the Honors award at 2014 conference. Cindy second. Motion passed. Keith moved that Richard Notkin receive Honors award, Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.**

Fellows: award for service to NCECA - none this year.

Excellence in Teaching: Keith moved, Garth 2<sup>nd</sup>, that **Mark Burns receive the Excellence in Teaching award. Motion passed.** Keith moved, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, that **Randy Johnston receive the Excellence in Teaching award. Motion passed.**

Regional Award – will be recommended by OSCL's.

**Steve moved that all past and future Excellence in Teaching awardees receive the same benefits as Honors and Awards. Cindy second. Passed.**

Outstanding Achievement Award – an individual who has recently accomplished a singularly impactful achievement.

**Keith moved that Carolyn Cheng receive the Outstanding Achievement award. Cindy second. Motion passed.**

Dandee presented recommendations of Curatorial Task Force:

Donate NCECA collection of ceramics: Collection includes pieces that were purchased, gifts, and damaged works. No particular purpose or mission to our collection. History, provenance of collected pieces is sometimes unknown. We have approximately 95 pieces. One institution will not take it all. Collection is not part of NCECA mission statement.

**Garth: move that NCECA cease the purchase award policy from NCECA biennial exhibition once currently binding contracts are satisfied. Deb second. Motion passed.**

Recommend that the CTF and Exhibitions Director consider appropriate prizes for biennial exhibition. CTF recommends issuing a press release regarding the end of purchase award and dispersal of the collection.

Recommend creating informal relationships with curatorial study training centers to add additional programming opportunities to benefit NCECA practices. CTF expressed desire for Exhibitions Director to have a flexible role in curating, collaborating, or supporting the host institution. Desire to keep responsibility for Student exhibition with SDAL.

Meeting in recess 5:15 p.m.

#### **Friday, October 26 8:00 am, NCECA Board meeting resumed**

Curatorial Practice continued: Dandee will take suggestions from discussion of CTF back to TF for refinement. Reduce the # of CIE's. Exhibitions Director and CTF to shape new call for entries. Curated exhibition should be rigorous and reflect the curatorial view/theme. Co-curated with Exhibitions Director, perhaps one other curator. Think about including 2 biennials and one curated exhibition in each 3 year cycle. Gives the Exhibitions Director more time develop relationships and seek artists.

**Keith moved (Maccabee 2<sup>nd</sup>) to accept CTF task force recommendation to introduce Curatorial Practice to the Aesthetics, Critical Theory and Practice program thread. Motion passed.**

Much discussion followed on CIE's. Needs much thought and planning. Charge CTF to develop specific recommendations. Ask Patsy to thank non-board members of curatorial task force for their service.

Discussion of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Projects: We need a decision about what projects will be focused on, budget for each, set priorities. Need to develop overall budget for 50<sup>th</sup> and projects.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honors and Fellows Exhibition as proposed by Harris Deller NCECA agrees to *Commitment, oversight and strategy*. Honors/fellows exhibition will occur in KC – details to be worked out with reps from Honors/fellows, OSCL and curator.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Image Collage as proposed by Eva Kwong. NCECA needs more information for this project - *Vision, Commitment, oversight and strategy*

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video Project (Cindy) 50 videos – individual, but also combined into one product. Cindy is heading up this project. Need to stick to budget – Establish fundraising goal. Need gender balance, project needs to fit budget, how to use in classroom. The most interesting part is the people, recommend fewer videos. Use 5- 10 minute videos, footage from 50<sup>th</sup> conference. Timeline for some video released after 2016. Concern for editing costs. Might be venue for student participation. **Cindy will proceed with the above considerations.**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Project (Garth) Proposal is to change to NCECA publication based on Journals, as a scholarly update to 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary history. Provide appendices of honors, fellows, etc. Based on format of Glen Adamson's Craft Reader. The reader preserves legacy for organization. \$20,000; would like to partner with academic publishing house. Essays available for download, e-version revenue to meet costs of production. Limited publication. Could evolve as Kickstarter project for \$10000, grants outline, approach publishers. 18 month timeline. Extremely academic in nature – include subject matter from all content areas of journals. Mark Shapiro is interested in writing. **Garth charged with beginning the project.** Who is involved with selections: Holly Henessian, Glen Brown, Dandee and Garth.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collaborative Art Projects (Deb and Michael Strand) Need a more defined proposal from Michael and clear outline of outcomes, development of budget and timeline. Ask him to communicate with board members re: focus and purpose of the project. Aesthetic component? What is the deliverable outcome? We need clarity about how it functions. Entrust Deb with listening to board concerns and conveying concerns to Michael. Support with modifications. Moving forward in principle. Send info to Deb regarding scope, intent, purpose. One charge already given: the passionate reason to get involved. People, hubs, and pots. **Skype call with Michael as TF for the project: Josh, Paul, Garth , Deb.**

Board giving challenge and donations by fiscal year end –\$10,000. **Development goal of 100% giving by Board.** "Sacrificial Giving." Provides impetus for matching giving by other groups or individuals. Giving to occur in FY 2013/14. Keith: increased giving to support programming for 50<sup>th</sup>, etc. Target groups: Collectors, former Board members.

Meeting in recess at 5:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, October 27**

8:30 – meeting resumed

Site locations for 2018 (Deborah) Considerable discussion on several cities as sites for 2018. No final decision at this time. Dori/Deb will continue research after board input.

Regional Awards of Excellence:

Paul moved (Mel second) to select Virginia Groot for the Regional Award of Excellence, motion passed. (Administers Virginia Groot Foundation.)

Paul moved to select Bruce Robbins for the Regional Award of Excellence, motion passed. (Founder of Lill Street, early founder of SOFA)

Awards for Biennial:

Keith - budget line is still available - \$6000 available for purchase award?

**Cindy moved (Garth second) that we allocate prize money for 2015 NCECA biennial, 12 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion passed.**

Getting Excited about Milwaukee OSCL Report (Paul and Mel) - Updated board on plans , exhibitions, and programming.

Discussion of Kohler Reception: Kohler is planning special events for a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibition. Reception 6 to 9 pm. Conflict with Board Dinner which usually includes tech staff and spouses as well as board members and spouses. Traditionally, we have a board meeting after the conference. Kohler seeks a relationship and support. Diminishes the normal board experience, but it's a great opportunity for development. Powerful gesture to show up with the full board. Make the Kohler visit happen.

11:30am - What to expect as we head toward the Conference (Steve)

Duties, Introductions, attendance at receptions and front row at key sessions.

Business meeting. Roundtables. Awards. Past Masters. Booth Duties. Closing.

Discussion of when to do the Providence promo.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.