

**Full NCECA Board Meeting  
Tuesday December 8th, 2020  
Zoom**

In attendance: NCECA Board members Pete Pinnell (President), Holly Hanessian, Zach Tate, Merrie Wright, Mary Cloonan, Alex Hibbitt, Michelle Castro, Lisa Merida-Paytes, Nancy Servis, Simon Levin, Eliza Weber, Lauren Sandler, Marsha Karagheusian, Brett Binford, Reena Kashyap, Edith Garcia. Ex-officio NCECA board members Chanda Zea, Rhonda Willers. Staff Helen Anderson, Gerald Brown and NCECA Executive Director Josh Green.

7.00pm EST meeting called to order by NCECA President Pete Pinnell.  
A quorum is present.

**Business**

i. **Awards & Honors Motions – (Holly)**

The Board unanimously approved the **Motion: To Approve the Award and nominations committee recommendation -The Award and Nominations Committee made up of past board members, Susan Filley, Michel Conroy, and current members, Simon Levin, Eliza Weber, and Holly Hanessian with outside member, Raheleh Filsoofi, voted to give the Honorary Member Nomination to Amy Gogarty and Janet Koplos, (moved by Holly, seconded by Brett, votes in favor 15, opposed 0, abstentions 0).**

The nominations committee did not award an excellence in teaching award this year as the applications did not meet the criteria set by NCECA for this award.

The board discussed this decision and the work that is ongoing to address these criteria and the need to offer a teaching award that is more focused on K-12 educators, workshop and community The nominations committee plans to bring a recommendation to the board about creating a mentoring and K-12 education fellowship.

ii. **Fellowships & Board Nomination Motions – Merrie**

The Board unanimously approved the **Motion: Three applicants, as recommended by the Nominations Committee, for the NCECA Graduate Student Fellowship: Jihye Han, Malene Barnett, and Marissa Childers, be awarded that fellowship with the requested funding amounts. (moved by Merrie, seconded by Holly, votes in favor 15, opposed 0, abstentions 0).**

The Board unanimously approved the **Motion: Three applicants, as recommended by the Nominations Committee, for the Regina Brown Undergraduate Student Fellowship: Eleanor Foy, Bonnie McEachren, and Lena Coletto, be awarded that fellowship with the requested funding amounts.** moved by Merrie, seconded by Reena, votes in favor 15, opposed 0, abstentions 0).

The Board unanimously approved the **Motion: One applicant, as recommended by the Nominations Committee, for the Helene Zucker Seeman Curatorial and Critical Writing Fellowship: Raheleh Filsoofi, be awarded that fellowship with the requested funding amount.** (Moved by Merrie, Seconded Holly. votes in favor 15, opposed 0, abstentions 0).

The Board unanimously approved the **Motion: The 13 applicants for Multicultural Fellowships, as recommended by the Nominations Committee, be awarded that fellowship with the requested funding amounts. The recommended applicants are:**

- Parvin Peivandi
- Nyasha Madamombe
- Isaac Diaz
- David Mosley
- Minah Kim
- Alex Paat
- Yael Braha
- Grace Gittelman
- Adilene Rosales
- Aida Lugo
- Summer Brooks
- Amrita Puniani
- Asmaa El-Essealy

(Moved by Merrie, Seconded by Lauren, votes in favor 15, opposed 0, abstentions 0).

The Board unanimously approved the **Motion: 4 nominees, as recommended by the Nominations Committee, for the Student Director at Large Position: Isaac Scott, Dina Perlasca, Jamin Shepherd, and Martha Underriner, be brought forward to the membership as board ratified candidates.** (Moved by Merrie, Seconded by Holly, votes in favor 15, opposed 0, abstentions 0).

iii. **Approve Conference Pricing Commercial & Gallery Exhibitors** – (Reena)

The Board unanimously approved the **Motion: to approve the 2021 Virtual/Cincinnati Conference pricing model for non-profit, commercial and gallery expo prices as shown in the Spreadsheet titled 2021 Conference Pricing Summary.** (Moved by Reena Seconded by Simon, 12 votes in favor, opposed 0, abstentions 1)

In discussions with a number of NCECA's long-term commercial, and non-profit exhibitors, the pricing model was well received. Concerns were raised by these groups that the model would

mean a financial loss for NCECA, but they were appreciative of the commitment to more affordable pricing given the impact of the covid pandemic. In addition, all expressed a deep love for NCECA and the community it represents and see it as a vital resource for the ceramic community.

Helen Anderson reminded the board to pay attention to the deferred revenue from carried - over membership and vendor fees from 2020 and for NCECA to have a solid plan in place as soon as possible for refunding or allowing for donations, given that this year's conference will have lower fees attached.

FOLLOW UP: Helen will craft a policy to deal with refunds and deferred applications.

iv. **Approve proposed Plenary Speakers** (Programming Committee)

The board approved the **motion: approve the programming committee's recommendations for plenary speakers as ranked and pursue agreements.** Moved by Edith, seconded by Mary, (14 votes in favor, opposed 1, abstentions 0)

The board discussed the complexity of conference programming given the timeframe, scheduling, commitments made to 2020 programming and the desire of the board to have programming that is current and responsive to the changes that NCECA has been working on. This complexity also impacts the selection of Plenary Speakers and the scheduling of events such as roundtables for keynotes, which are important parts of the in-person conference.

v. **Programming committee report on schedule planning.** (Mary Cloonan)

Mary presented the program for the 2021 conference to the board. Most content will be pre-recorded, with live Q & A afterwards, some panels may be identified to be more feasible dynamic live. The board also discussed the differences between and alignments across domestic and international perspectives on advocacy that NCECA has been working to bring to the fore.

vi. **Approve Conference Schedule** – (Programming Committee)

The board unanimously approves the **Motion: that the NCECA Virtual Conference runs from Wednesday, March 17, 2021, through Sunday, March 21, 2021.** (Moved by Edith, seconded by Simon. votes in favor 15, opposed 0, abstentions 0)

Meeting adjourned at 9.20pm EST by NCECA President Pete Pinnell