

October 10, 2021
NCECA Annual Members' Meeting
Vfairs/ZOOM Platform

Prerecorded Board updates started at 3.00pm

Peter Pinnell, President, gave a welcome and overview meeting of meeting content. Touching on the challenges and successes of the last year and looking forward to the Hybrid conference in Sacramento in 2022, Pete also reiterated NCECA's commitment to putting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the forefront of all decisions, and outlined the ongoing work of the board this year to address these issues.

Merrie Wright, Board Steward reminded board members about NCECA's Fellowships and awards and board nominations procedures.

Rhonda Willers, President Elect shared policy updates that promote a respectful culture within NCECA. She shared NCECA's Values commitment and outlined the updated community guidelines, and changes to how members report harassment to the respectful culture committee. She also touched on strategic planning for upcoming year,

Josh Green, Executive Director gave a reflection on the first virtual conference, and the ways NCECA board and members have had to think creatively in response to the continued uncertainty to the covid19 pandemic. He gave an overview of the work NCECA has done this year, as well as ongoing and future planning. Josh outlined the measures that NCECA is taking to present the in-person part of the hybrid conference in Sacramento, including the hiring of a pandemic compliant event advisor.

Reena Kayshap, Treasurer took members through a breakdown of NCECA's Financial Health, including income, expenditures, investments and the impact of covid19.

Heidi McKenzie, Collaboration and Engagement Director introduced the Collaboration and Engagement committee and gave an update on its vision and initiatives.

Michelle Castro and Dina Perlasca, Student Directors at Large introduced opportunities for students including open Student Director at Large positions, fellowships and critique rooms at the conference.

Chanda Zea, Programs Director introduced the *Cultivating Community* symposium

Edith Garcia, Communications Director, gave a communications update, introduced the communications team and talked about their work this year. She introduced the NCECA Conference 2022 in Sacramento.

Nancy Servis and Ray Gonzales, Onsite Liaisons for Sacramento Conference shared their work on planning the conference and their excitement at being able to bring the NCECA community together in Sacramento and virtually to celebrate the clay cultures of the region and beyond.

Live Members' Meeting Q and A called to order by President Pete Pinnell at 3.36 pm

Board members in Attendance: President Peter Pinnell, Rhonda Willers, Chanda Zea, Edith Garcia, Heidi McKenzie, Lauren Sandler, Mapó Kinnord, Merrie Wright, Michelle Castro, Nancy Servis, Pam Kravetz, PJ Anderson, Ray Gonzales, Reena Kayshap, Simon Levin, NCECA Staff Tammy Lynn, Helen Anderson, Kate Vorhaus, Jacqueline Hardy, Allyson Hoffelmeyer and NCECA Executive Director Josh Green.

NCECA Members

(50 participants total). A quorum is present.

Pete Pinnell welcomed the members.

Several Members thanked and congratulated the board on their work through the pandemic.

One member asked if NCECA could think about some conference planning further in advance, that might support more internationally based presenters from economically disadvantaged countries in planning and obtaining visas and funding. The board is open to looking at this question and exploring options for working with host institutions in the future. It was also noted that technology such as zoom can help connect artists with folks from across the globe. In relation to this, there was a question about long term planning and the participation of regional museums in NCECA exhibitions such as the NCECA Annual, Multicultural Fellows, and NCECA Juried Student Exhibition. Josh responded that working with museums is a complex challenge, and although NCECA does plan several years in advance, it is not always possible to work with local museums for a number of reasons. Covid has made this more challenging. This is an issue that NCECA continues to review.

There was a question about conference fees. These will be set at pre-covid levels for the in person conference and virtual pricing for the virtual part of the conference. California State health guidelines for large gatherings are being reviewed by NCECA's legal advisor before the fees and terms are finalized. An announcement about registration will be made soon.

The meeting was adjourned by NCECA President Pete Pinnell at 4.01PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Hibbitt, Secretary, Nov 1, 2021