

The Society of North American Goldsmiths  
2006 Annual Membership Meeting  
Grand Ballroom, Downtown Marriott  
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, May 24, 2006

1:45 Call to order (Shaw)

Verification of a quorum (75+)

President Shaw thanked the out going board members: Barbara Minor, Jim Cohen, and past president Ken Bova. He also thanked the current board.

Treasurers Report: (Gleason)

Gleason began by reporting that all of the figures for 2005 were recorded. She encouraged anyone with a question to feel free to talk to her.

#### 1. Revenue

Gleason showed a pie chart, which illustrated the SNAG 2005 actual revenue of \$828,759. It was divided into 24% conferences, 21% membership, 9% subscriptions, 42% Metalsmith magazine, 3% development and 1% other revenue.

#### 2. Expenses

Gleason showed a pie chart, which illustrated the SNAG 2005 actual expenses of \$833,979, with a deficit of \$5,220 or 6%

She explained that the deficit has a direct correlation to the start up of the new SNAG business office and hiring of two additional staff people.

She showed an illustration, showing the last eight years financial performance, and reserve fluctuations. She said that the up and down changes were minor in both cases.

Gleason concluded by saying that SNAG was financially healthy and it was a major goal to pay back the reserves used for the office start up costs.

Executive Director's Report (Singer)

Singer began by saying that the biggest event of the year was the opening of the SNAG home office. That for 7 years SNAG's business needs had been outsourced and that the database, membership and such had been managed long distances. She said that this management was not working out very well. She said that in December a 700 sq ft. building in downtown Eugene was rented and two staff people were hired. She then introduced the new Associate Director Tina Rinaldi and Operations Manager Tara Jecklin. She said that if there is a question or problem with magazine subscription, directory,

SNAGnews or membership one would call Singer also said that more information was available in the annual report, which was available, but the office was the big news.

Associate Director Tina Rinaldi gave a PowerPoint presentation of the new space and thanked the University of Oregon students for painting and cleaning and hanging the first show in the gallery space.

#### Nominations and Elections Committee: (NEC) (Keyes)

Keyes thanked committee members Joe Wood and Claire Sanford for their work.

She introduced the following slate: candidate for President Kris Patzlaff, candidates for the board (2 seats open) Kristin Lara, Nancy Shapiro, James Thurman, and Sara Washbush, candidates for the Nominations and Elections Committee (1 seat) Kristin Beeler and Patrice Case. She reminded that their platforms were printed in SNAGnews and also available at the Nominations and Elections table.

#### Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC)(Zilker)

Zilker described the function of the EAC, which was to advise to the Magazines Editor. She said that the committee met in April in Portland OR. She also reported that the EiP (Exhibition in Print) jury met in February. She said that the next year the EiP would be using a commissioned curator and that Ellen Lupton had been secured. She concluded by saying that a call for proposals for the next show would be posted and that all that were interested should consider submitting.

#### Lifetime Achievement Award (LAAC) (Cohen)

Cohen reported that the 2006 recipient was Kurt Matzdorf and that the award presentation would be on Friday at 11:45. He thanked Cynthia Eid who designed and made the award for her beautiful work and the committee (Marilyn da Silva, Lynda LaRoche and Susan Ewing) for their work. He ended by asking if anyone felt strongly about someone who would be a great example and deserve this award to please talk to someone on the committee.

Shaw asked that any SNAG members who were interested in running for office or were interested in being part of a committee to come forward and run for election.

**Motion to adjourn:** (Bova), Second. Adjourn.

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Saturday May 27, 2006

1:30, Call to order (Shaw)

Nominations and Elections Committee Report (Keyes)

Keyes thanked board Tina Rath (the board liaison), Joe Wood, Claire Sanford and all those ran and those who voted. She reported that 197 ballots were cast, 136 at the conference.

She reported that Kris Patzlaff was voted President, Kristin Lora and James Thurman were elected to the board, and Kristin Beeler was elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee.

Keyes said that for more information about the election one could talk to Joe Wood or any committee member.

Shaw thanked everyone who ran.

Education Endowment Scholarships (Gleason)

Gleason reported that the full list could be found in SNAGnews and thanked volunteer coordinator Ben Neubauer, and the jurors Rachelle Theiwes, Kris Patzlaff and Sayumi Yokouchi for their help.

She then thanked all who applied and said that \$ 3,000 will be awarded this year. She showed slides of the two graduate winners for 2006 Gary Schott and Masako Onondera, both from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign recipients awarded \$1,000 each.

The undergraduate winner was Kristi Rae Rader, from Stephen S. Austin State University in Texas awarded \$600.

The two honorable mentions were Sungyeoul Lee, also from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Corey Ackelmire, from Kent State University each receiving \$200.

Verification of a Quorum

Unfinished Business:

Shaw announced that there was still a live motion on the floor

## Responsible Mining committee report (McCreight)

McCreight thanked the members of the committee (Barbara Minor, Jim Cohen, Christina Miller, Susan Kingsley, Bryan Park and Jim Wallace), and said that they all worked hard on the charge given to them and that the Resolution had been re-crafted.

Shaw read it:

### “RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE MINING

Whereas, the Society of North American Goldsmiths is an organization of individuals who take great pride in their work as metal artists, jewelers and educators; and

Whereas, our organization seeks to advance the field of metalsmithing in a manner that is consistent with the highest ethical standards; and

Whereas, the use of irresponsible mined gold that harms people, communities or the environment does not reflect our values; therefore be it

Resolved, that we do hereby call upon there mining industry to work within an authenticated framework of responsible mining practices; and be it further

Resolved, that we will support and encourage the use of gold that is independently certified to reflect that it has been responsibly sourced according to broadly-accepted environmental, social and human rights standards.”

Shaw added that the board overwhelming supported the reworded resolution.

Miller then retracted the previously proposed resolution in place of the above.

**Motion:** To adopt the redrafted resolution. Second

Q: How will we know we are buying gold that is ethical?

A: Gold suppliers said they would be interested in this issue.

A: The certification process will be in place soon and gold origins can be tracked. With that one will be able to pick what kind of gold to buy.

Q: How can we promote this issue to further the cause?

A: That has not looked at that at this time, but a path will become clearer in the years to come.

C: Look at the ethical Metalsmith.org gold website for more information and additional links.

C: Words like "our values", and "our beliefs" are a worry with regards to our professional organization.

C: We are professionals and one does not preclude the other.

C: Should this organization make "ethical" statements? Please do not ask me or anyone else to determine what is right or wrong.

C: I support this as an individual but do not wish to speak for our whole membership.

C: Protocol is such that the committee reports to the membership. The charge of any committee is bringing that information and a recommendation to the membership. You are all here because you want to vote.

C: We should make information public, shouldn't we?

C: We have a quorum we to conduct business and will.

C: This issue was brought up a year ago, if someone wanted to weigh in, they would have.

C: I make a motion to move this to move this to a ballot vote.  
(To Miller)  
Will you be willing to withdraw the first motion?

Miller: Yes

C: We are trying to speak for an organization; this should be moved to ballot vote.

C: We will not get many additional votes, and it will cost money to do that. I think we should vote this down now.

C: We could put this in the SNAGnews and it will cost us nothing.

C: What are the financial impacts of this resolution?

C: It was not the charge of the committee to find out how merchants would be affected.

C: It is time to take a stand and make a statement. We should vote on the resolution now.

C: There has been a lot of press on this subject; we have a lot of information.

C: This is the largest conference we've ever had, and look at how many members are at this meeting. Those who care are here. The resolution does not impose anything on any one member or on the organization. We do not need to wait.

Call the question: to take the issue of responsible mining to a ballot. (a Yes vote will take the issue to a ballot). Not passed.

Motion to return to the original vote:

C: We have an opportunity to have a voice on this issue now. The resolution says that we have a choice of where we buy gold and we want to know where the gold comes from, a voice and a choice.

Call the question:

**Motion (Gans) For SNAG to adopt the resolution stated above:**  
86 in favor, Passed.

Shaw asks if there is any New Business.

Motion, to have the last year's resolution added to the minutes.

C: Are you asking for the old resolution to be added both this year's and last year's minutes?

C: Last year's minutes do not include the full text.

C: Minutes were approved but so does that make it impossible to add the text?

C: We could amend the minutes to include the full text of the last resolution that is not uncommon.

**Motion:** To amend the minutes of last year to include the text of the proposed resolution on responsible mining.  
Passed

Shaw invites the members to come and talk to the board.

Motion to adjourn: Eng. Second, passed.