



**Society of
North American
Goldsmiths**

SNAG
Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 18th, 2015
6:00pm-7:00pm

GREETINGS:

The Board of Directors meeting (via conference call) of the Society of North American Goldsmiths was called to order at 6:00pm on February 18th, 2015 by Renee Zettle-Sterling, President.

PRESENT:

Gwynne Rukenbrod –Executive Director
Renee Zettle-Sterling - President
Nicole Jacquard - President Elect
Anne Havel – Treasurer

Sydney Brown (E) - Volunteer Liaison, Symposiums Liaison
Dianne Debeixedon (E) - Education: R2S Liaison, Tech Articles Liaison
Karen Lorene (E) – External Fundraising/Outreach
Brigitte Martin (E) - Community Liaison, Fundraising Chair, PDS Liaison
Sharon Massey (A) - Student Programs and Services Liaison
Lauren McAdams Selden (E) - Guild Liaison, Archiving
Becky McDonah (E) – Secretary, Lifetime Achievement Award Liaison
Pam Robinson (A) – Conferences
Jen Townsend (A) - Online Presence Committee/PR and Marketing Committee
 Jim Bove (E) – Exhibition Planning Committee Liaison/Board Speaks Out - JOINED 6:44pm
 Angela Bubash (E) – Metalsmith Editorial Advisory Committee - JOINED 6:44pm

ABSENT: Tedd McDonah (A) - Conferences

MISSION MOMENT: Karen

The Society of North American Goldsmiths advances jewelry and metalsmithing by inspiring creativity, encouraging education, and fostering community.
Inspired by a gathering of gallery owners Karen was thankful for the abundance of passion and the sense of community.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Confidentiality

The Board was reminded that everyone is encouraged to speak their minds during these meetings, and that opinions and comments are to remain confidential.

b. Fall 2015 Board Meeting update-Gwynne/Renee

Locations for the Fall Board Meeting have been researched and results have shown Arrowmont to have the best prices. The dates would be October 16 - 18, 2015 from noon on Friday to noon on Sunday.

At this time Master Weekend will be going on at Arrowmont.

The Board was instructed to let Gwynne or Renee know if they have a conflict for these dates, as reservations will be made at the end of next week.

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<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the following Board Meetings were distributed via google docs and were presented to the Board for a vote of approval.</p> <p>January 23, 2015</p>	<p>After a recap of the meeting minutes a motion was called for.</p> <p>Motion: (Nicole) To approve the minutes from the January 23, 2015 board meeting. Seconded: Lauren</p> <p>The President called for a vote. All in favor: unanimous Minutes Approved. Send to Tara to post on SNAG website.</p>	<p>Becky</p>
<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS: Student Committee - Sharon</p> <p>Scholarship Updates</p> <p>Exhibition Updates</p>	<p>In response to the SNAG Conference Student Scholarship call there were 42 applicants representing 23 schools. Funds are available to award 13 scholarships with the possibility of adding more. Jessica Armstrong will serve as a contact for the recipients.</p> <p>The Educational Endowment Scholarship call is still open and receiving many inquiries as the deadline approaches.</p> <p>The deadline has past for SNAG’s Digital Presentation of Student Work: <i>Mass & Velocity</i>. Over 40 schools have submitted materials.</p>	

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<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS: Student Committee - (Cont.) Sharon</p> <p>Exhibition Updates</p>	<p>Due to a glitch in the application process with the Annual Juried Student Exhibition: <i>Momentum</i> the deadline has been extended. There are 55 entries so far with more expected by the end of the week.</p>	
<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS: Volunteers - Sydney</p>	<p>Will be drafting a report to circulate to the board at a later date.</p> <p>Thank you cards are being sent to volunteers. Please email Sydney with names of volunteers you are working with to make sure that they are put on the list.</p>	<p>All board members</p>
<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS: Treasurer's Report - Anne</p> <p>Educational Endowment</p>	<p>It was noted that the Treasurer's Report regarding the Educational Endowment fund's performance for 2014 was circulated to the board. At this point the numbers support the Board of Director's decision to increase scholarship offerings that will benefit our membership.</p>	
<p>CURRENT ISSUE OF THE MOMENT: Lifetime Achievement Award - Becky</p> <p>Announcement & Endorsement</p>	<p>The Lifetime Achievement Award Committee's choice for this year's recipient was presented to the board for endorsement. Paul Smith (chair), Lola Brooks and Bruce Pepich put forward the name of Fred Fenster noting his accomplishments as a metalsmith artist, his influential role as a teacher and educator, and his long association with SNAG as a Founding Member.</p> <p>The board endorsed this selection and plans were discussed for the next steps in the process including bio and headshot to Monica, registration & travel plans, and presentation details.</p> <p>The SNAG president will notify the recipient by phone and letter.</p>	<p>Becky</p> <p>Renee</p>

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<p>CURRENT ISSUE OF THE MOMENT: Exhibition in Motion - Gwynne</p> <p><i>Rapid Jewelry</i> - partnering with Design Museum Boston</p>	<p>Gwynne has teamed up with Sam Aquillano, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Design Museum Boston for this year's EIM event. Rapid Jewelry: A Design Competition of Rapid Jewelry Prototyping will have applicants submitting a design file of their objects.</p> <p>There will be 15 prestigious judges and plenty of exposure for the accepted applicants as Exhibition in Motion serves as an opening night for a bigger project. Chosen designs will be printed. There will be cash prizes, an online gallery, a national travelling fashion show, along with an exhibition and retail experience. It was noted that this event represents previously discussed opportunities to link with the design world.</p> <p>It was questioned if SNAG could get mentioned more on the Design Museum's website pertaining to this event. Gwynne will look into this.</p>	<p>Gwynne</p>
<p>CURRENT ISSUE OF THE MOMENT: Tool in the Hat - Dianne</p> <p>Tool Collection</p>	<p>Dianne reported that she has been collecting items for the event and asked board members to bring things for the table to support this effort. Any old/new tools and materials that you may no longer need or have in excess would be appreciated. Donation forms can be found on the SNAG website.</p> <p>These items will be placed on tables with a corresponding container to deposit tickets into. At the end of the event winners will be drawn and announced.</p>	<p>All Board Members</p>
<p>CURRENT ISSUE OF THE MOMENT: NEC - Renee</p> <p>Upcoming election</p>	<p>The Nominations and Elections Committee has a master list of potential board member candidates for the upcoming election in Boston. The current make-up of the board could allow for appointed members as we are currently at 8 elected and 4 appointed members.</p>	

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<p>CURRENT ISSUE OF THE MOMENT: NEC - (Cont.) Renee</p> <p>Recruitment</p>	<p>There was discussion over the development of a form to help search for members throughout the year and targeting past board members to run for the Nominations and Elections committee. Their first hand experience and past knowledge of the workings of the board could prove helpful in answering questions and recruiting.</p> <p>The importance of creating an archival document of board members was discussed.</p>	

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Wednesday, March 18th, 6-7pm

Wednesday, April 15th, 6-7pm