

OWAC TELECONFERENCE AGENDA – April 11, 2022

I. Call to Order

7:10pm by Carrie Wilson

II. Roll Call by Carrie Wilson

Attending: Tom Martens, Peter Schroeder, Bob Semerau, Betsy Senescu, Barbara Steinberg, Don Vachini, John Williamson, Carrie Wilson, Risa Wyatt.

Minutes taken by Risa Wyatt.

III. Review and approval of previous Board minutes (March 15, 2022)

Motion by Don Vachini: To accept the minutes

2nd: Betsy Senescu

Approved: Unanimous

IV. Call for Additions to Agenda

Additional items: Discussion of the Endowment and creating an “In Memoriam” section on the website.

V. General Account and Endowment

Bob Semerau reports the balance in the general account is \$16,778.71

Peter Schroeder reports the Endowment fund is now \$17,400, up \$1,000 from the previous month. The fund receives 4.5% dividend return and has earned \$3,300 since it was established five years ago in 2017

VI. Spring 2022 Conference Big Bear Lake, California May 9-12, 2022

a. Registration: To date, 11 members and 4 guests have registered. Additional OWAC Board members stated they will register soon. Outreach is planned to members who have not yet signed up. Conference invites extended to OWAA, NOWA, BATW. An e-mail blast to members will go out Friday, April 15 and two weeks before the registration deadline. Registration deadline was TBD after discussions with Big Bear hosts. [Subsequently, deadline announced as 4-25-22]

b. Craft Improvement: Rick Saez and Donald Quintana will be presenters.

c. Raffle: Barbara Steinberg reports everything shapes up well. Still need to decide which higher-priced items will be in the silent auction rather than the ticketed raffle.

d. Legal issues: Tom Martens has resolved the legal issues of OWAC’s 501C3 status with the State of California.

VII. OWAC Fall Conference

Bob Semerau and Barbara Steinberg are talking with Catalina and Stockton as possible hosts. Camarillo is also a prospect.

VIII. Review Board of Directors terms and elections

Because there was no OWAC Annual Conference in 2021 due to the Covid pandemic, there are technically several Board vacancies.

Motion by Peter Schroeder:

To extend the Board member terms of Tom Martens and Barbara Steinberg, whose terms continue to 2024.

To extend the one-year Officer terms of Carrie Wilson, President, and Bob Semerau, VP & Treasurer to 2022.

2nd: Don Vachini

Approved: Unanimous

Other director terms: Williamson and Schroeder expire 2022; Vachini, Senescu and Wyatt expire 2023. At the Big Bear meeting in May 2022, members will elect/re-elect officers and three directors.

XI. Website/ Membership Update / John Williamson

Williamson provided a complete membership list: 56 active members, 67 including expired. He will check with Gigi de Jong about a problem with the website not sending automatic dues reminders.

X. In Memoriam listings / Barbara Steinberg

Discussion about the desirability to honor deceased members, with a brief obituary and comment section. Bob Semerau will talk with Gigi de Jong how to handle.

XI. Pat Vachini High School Contest / Peter Schroeder

Entries are more than double last year's numbers: Writing: 9 in 2022 (5 In 2021), Photography 10 in 2022 (4 In 2021)

Cash awards will be: (1st) \$50; (2nd) \$30; (3rd) \$20

Money for the awards will come from the Endowment Fund; Don Vachini is contributing \$250 and Barbara Steinberg is contributing \$100.

Contest recap (articles, photos, students names and schools) will be posted on the website, newsletter, and Facebook.

XII. Instagram?

Bob Semerau will discuss with Gigi de Jong how to enable Facebook posts to also appear on Instagram.

XIII. EIC Contest

Entries closed April 10, 2022. John Williamson reports that the 2022 EIC drew 60 entries from 18 people. Income \$613.56 (as of April 1, 2022). In addition, there were two entries that were entered manually. Carrie Wilson says NOWA will provide judges; she is requesting a turn-around time of two weeks.

XIV. Newsletter

Next publication date is May 1, 2022. Bob will handle it. Peter will again get people to post to www.owac.org

XV. Next Meeting Date

Monday, May 9, 2022 at Big Bear

XVI. Adjourn

Motion by Don Vacchini

2nd: Betsy Senescu

APPROVED: Unanimous

Adjourned: 8:27pm

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