

## Central Ohio Watercolor Society – September Meeting Minutes

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021  
Jim Gerkin's home

**Business Meeting** began at 2:05 pm with 19 members attending.  
May, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

### I. New Business/Announcements

- a. Jeff thanked Jim and his wife Sheryl for hosting the meeting and Kate, Sara, and Marsha for coordinating/preparing the food.
- b. **NOTE to Elected Officers and Committee Chairs**
  - i. Please bring your white, position report notebooks to our October meeting.
  - ii. These notebooks will be passed along to our 2022 newly elected Board members and 2022 Committee Chairs
- c. Elected Officer/Committee Chair Nominations
  - i. Elections will take place at our October Annual meeting.
  - ii. Please note that to run for the office of President or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, you must be a member of COWS for 2 years.
  - iii. Nominations are needed for President, 1<sup>st</sup> V-P, 2<sup>nd</sup> V-P, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.
  - iv. Jeri Ellis-Platt and Lavonne Suwalski are working the phones to recruit members to serve in these roles as well as serve as a committee chair
  - v. You may self-nominate or you may nominate someone who has indicated their willingness to serve.
  - vi. Nominations may also be made at our October meeting from the floor.
  - vii. If you are interested or have spoken to someone who is, please contact Lavonne Suwalski or Jeri-Ellis Platt prior to our October meeting.
- d. Proposed Bylaws Revisions
  - i. The proposed revisions to the bylaws were sent out, via e-mail, in the September Newsletter. (The Newsletter is also available on the web site.)
  - ii. The proposed changes will be voted on at our October, 2021 Annual Business meeting.

### e. New COWS Logo



- i. The COWS Board with with Kevin Buckland, COWS member, to develop an updated COWS logo. (They are above)
    - a. Multiple versions were assessed and the above was the final decision.
    - b. Simple, retro feel
  - ii. The original logo was developed by Don Dodrill with the organization began.
  - iii. The updated logo provides a modern look.
  - iv. With the color and black and white versions, it allows for different uses.
  - v. COWS also has the electronic files which allows scaling without loss of resolution
- f. The Board discussed sponsoring an award at the 2022 Ohio State Fair Art Show
- i. COWS can put the parameters on the award
  - ii. More details next year.

### II. Elected Officer and Committee Chair Reports

- a. Membership: Co-Chairs, Bess Alexander and Lavonne Suwalski
  - i. Bess and Lavonne reported that as of the meeting three people have contacted them about being assessed for membership in COWS
  - ii. The jury date is Saturday, October 2, 2021
    1. Take in is at 1:00 and pick-up is at 3:00.
    2. Judging will be held at the New Albany Library on Market St., New Albany.
  - iii. If you know of someone you would like to nominate for membership, please have them contact Bess or Lavonne.
- b. Public Relations: Chair, Tom Masterson
  - i. Tom reported that he has contacted City Scene and is trying to get interest in articles about COWS artists

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- ii. There have been staff cuts so he is finding this to be difficult
- c. Hospitality: Chair, Sara Ballard
  - i. Sara and Kate were thanked for all their work in getting food together for this meeting
- d. Fall Show: Chair, Jeff Stahler, 1<sup>st</sup> V-P
  - i. The show will be at the German Village Meeting Haus
  - ii. Juror: Yuki Hall
  - iii. Take-in: Friday, November 12 – 10a-12nn
  - iv. Reception/November Meeting: Sunday, November 14 2-4 pm
  - v. Show runs from Sunday, November 14 – Friday, December 10, 2021
  - vi. Volunteers will be needed to help with the show
- e. Spring Show: Chair, Kate Hagovsky, 2nd V-P
  - i. The show will be held at the Westerville Community Center in the month of March, 2022
  - ii. Tentative take-in is Fri/Sat, last weekend of February
  - iii. Hanging to take place Sun/Mon
  - iv. Reception TBD
- f. Website/Correspondence/Recording Secretary: Chair, Pam Hartford
  - i. Nothing to report
- g. Finance: Chair, Mitch Masters
  - i. \$5K in checking; \$7K in savings
  - ii. Dues will be collected for 2022 - \$30
  - iii. Dues can be paid with Fall show fees
  - iv. Fees for shows will change as follows beginning with the Fall Show
    - 1. \$20 for one or two painting submission
    - 2. \$30 for three painting submission
- h. Scholarship: Chair, Sandy Gaunt
  - i. There are amendments to the by-laws proposed for the scholarships offered by COWS
  - ii. Once action is taken on the amendments, information will be made available to teachers and students across central Ohio
  - iii. COWS will be submitting to be a sponsor for The Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition (<https://www.govart.org/forms.htm>)
  - iv. \$300 will be the amount
- i. Workshop: Chair, Jeff Stahler
  - i. Yuki Hall is our Fall Workshop artist
  - ii. The workshop is sold out with a waiting list of 8 as of the meeting
  - iii. The workshop is November 15 – 17, 2021 – 10:30 – 4:30 pm each day at German Village Meeting Haus
  - iv. \$200 COWS members; \$250 for non-members
- j. Program: Chair, Jeff Stahler
  - i. October – Carole Genshaft, CAM Curator – “Alice Schille” talk at Glen Echo United Presbyterian Church
  - ii. November – Fall Show opening reception at German Village Meeting Haus – 2 -4 pm
  - iii. December – White Elephant gift exchange – 2 – 4pm at Glen Echo United Presbyterian Church
  - iv. Jan 2022 – Joe Lombardo - Composition
- k. Exhibition and Outreach: Chair, Sylvia Rosenthal
  - i. Nothing to report
- l. Nominating: Co-Chairs, Lavonne Suwalski, Jeri Ellis-Platt
  - i. See above discussion about nominations for voting at October member meeting

### III. Old Business

- a. None

Next meeting is Sunday, October 10, 2021 at Glen Echo Presbyterian Church

Motion to adjourn the business meeting – 2:37 pm business meeting was adjourned.

**Program:** Introduction of the tour of Jim's studio and the Paint-Out