

VAST Executive Committee Meeting January 2004

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jo Williams.
Present: Ingrid Scobie, Ruth Keefer, Evalyn Coulter, Jo Williams, Deanna Wood, Donna Lewis, Nancy Donley, Jo Nash, Mary S. Morris, and Joan Hart.
2. Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2003 meeting. Motion made by Nancy Donley and seconded by Donna Lewis. Lewis also took minutes until Acting Secretary Mary S. Morris could arrive.
3. Treasurer Nancy Donley reported checking account balance of \$2,287.26, CD \$5,248.30 for a total of \$7,535.56.
Williams reported that affiliate membership of \$250 has been paid to Greater Denton Arts Council and dues of \$30 were paid to Visual Arts Coalition of Dallas.
4. A) Program Chair Ruth Keefer reported that the Michael Mentler Workshop, February 6 and 7, is full and that there is a waiting list. Keefer will provide a cheese tray for the wine and cheese reception. Beverly Sipos will provide brown paper to cover the windows while the modeling is in session. Mentler will provide easels as well as the models.
B) Keefer also reported on the Sharon Zimmerman Watercolor Workshop, June 10, 11, and 12, which has been arranged by Beverly Sipos. Hours will be 9 a.m to 4 p.m. Fee is \$125 with \$65 deposit on registration. Deposits, which are transferable, are only refundable up to May 1, 2004.
C) Keefer reported that guest demonstrators/ speakers are in place for September, October, November, December 2004, and January 2005. February through May are as yet unfilled or unconfirmed.
5. Second Vice President Donna Lewis gave a follow-up report on the High School Art Competition. Some of the teachers would prefer to have the show in February or March as many students have not completed enough work by December. Nancy Donley volunteered to assist in this project. Donna Lewis made a motion to change the High School Art Competition to February each year. Motion was seconded by Nancy Donley and passed by "Yes" vote of all present. Lewis also plans to revise her letter to the schools and to do all but the first and final contacts by e mail. Lighting and easels for this show were not adequate and it was determined to investigate and invest in better equipment. Jo Nash will help with this.
6. Williams will be filling in as Membership Chair in the absence of Vidya Kagal at the General Meeting.
7. Spring Exhibition Chair Deanna Wood reported that some entries have been received. She will meet with Sarah Harvey the week of January 12 to plan about using the slides to make the final catalogue. Question was asked about the use of colored mat liners which are sometimes used beneath the white or off white outer mat. It was determined that this will be alright, at least for this year as it had not been addressed in the prospectus. Wood

will also be in contact with juror Carol Benson about getting the actual slides to her to judge. Slide night will be Friday, January 23 at 7 p.m upstairs at the CVA. All slides received by that time will be previewed to see what has been entered.

8. Webmaster Beverly Sipos was absent but Jo Williams requested that a notice be included in the next newsletter that the Executive Committee voted to charge \$20 per member for web page. (All others grandfathered in).

9. By-Laws Committee report was given by Executive Director Ingrid Scobie. Others on the Committee were Sigrid Dubiel, Judy Uebelacker, and Jo Williams. The name of our organization could not be changed from North Texas Area Art League to Visual Art Society of Texas until the By-Laws were changed to allow this. Scobie is working towards filing application for 501 c3 tax exempt status which will allow our donors to deduct donations from their taxes. She also was able to determine that we do not need to change our current tax I.D. number. As of December 1, 2003 we are no longer able to use GDAC non profit status. We will be able to apply for our own postal permit when we have a 501 c3 status. The By-Laws were changed substantially to reflect the organization and its members today. There is more clarity in the wording and better outline of duties for officers and committee chairs. The entire list can be found in January 2004 issue of VISION and changes will be voted on by the membership present at the General Meeting, January 8, 2004, at 7 p.m.

10. Williams passed around a calender she had received from the Wise Count Art Association with the suggestion that VAST might be interested in doing the same. Paintings representing each month of the year were done by members of the group. Maybe having a competition, deciding - or not - on a theme for the year, and possibly a juror were all ideas that were tossed around. Advertising space might be sold to help cover the cost of publication. It will need to be ready by summer to be sold to members and others for the coming year. Scobie will check on printers and fees. Ruth Keefer moved that we do the calender and this was seconded by Evalyn Coulter. More details will be worked on at the next meeting.

11. Finance Committee scheduled to meet Thursday, January 15 at 11:30 a.m. at The Finance Committee, in accordance with the By-Law revisions to be voted on tonight, are President (Jo Williams), First Vice President (Ruth Keefer), Spring Exhibition chair (Deanna Wood), Treasurer (Nancy Donley) and 2 other members (Sigrid Dubiel and Ingrid Scobie).

12. President Williams asked that the Executive Board members write out plans and goals that they have for NTAAL/VAST for the next 5 years and turn these in to her.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by acting Secretary Mary S. Morris