

**VAST Executive Committee Meeting
February 3, 2005, 2:30 p.m.**

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Jo Williams, President.
 - 2) Present were Ingrid Scobie, Nancy Donley, Vidya Kagal, Millie Johnson, Jo Williams, Fran Shurtleff, Robin Butt
 - 3) Williams asked for a motion to approve the January 6, 2005 minutes, which was made by Nancy Donley and seconded by Fran Shurtleff.
 - 4) Treasurer Nancy Donley reported that she had set up a new Certificate of Deposit at Beal Bank for \$4000 at a rate of 3.1% for one year. She also set up a new Money Market Account at the same bank for \$6000. The current balance in the VAST Checking Account is \$5,201.13, yielding an overall total for the three accounts of \$15,201.13.
 - 5) Executive Director Ingrid Scobie reported that Texas Bank was donating \$1500 towards her salary rather than the \$3600 which was the original agreement. With this reduction her salary will only be paid through May, 2005. If other funding is not found to supplement Scobie's salary, she stated that she may have to cut back her work hours.
 - 6) The monthly report on workshops and upcoming 2005-2006 programs was not available due to the absence of First Vice-President Diane Dorn.
 - 7) In the absence of Mary Emerson, Chair of the Gail Webb Workshop, Williams reported that the Gail Webb Workshop to be held February 28-March 3, 2005, is now full. There is one applicant on the waiting list, and two possible applicants for the June Impson Scholarship spots.
 - 8) In the absence of Erin DeGenero, Chair of the Spring Exhibition, Williams outlined the schedule for accepting entries and provided other information for the Spring Exhibition. Entries will be accepted March 22-24 at the Center for the Visual Arts. Workers are needed to uncrate work and be responsible for the accepted pieces, and someone must be present all day. Williams proposed that a worker be hired for \$8 an hour.
- The slides submitted to juror Jesus Moroles for the Spring Exhibition have been returned to VAST and Williams requested some help with sorting these out for return to the artists. She stated that she would ask for this help again at the General Meeting. Seventy-five pieces were accepted for the show, but it is unknown how many will actually be shipped for the exhibit. Letters of acceptance and rejection will be out by next week and slides returned.
- 9) Ingrid Scobie reported on the status and progress of the Gala Reception honoring Jesus Moroles to be held April 1, 2005. Scobie stated that at least \$2000 would be needed to cover expenses, including \$750 for food and \$1200 for invitations. The fee for the lecture

by Mr. Moroles after the Gala will be covered by Texas Woman's University. Wells Fargo Bank has been contacted and is considering a commitment of \$300 towards payment for refreshments. Scobie is also pursuing more financial support from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The Chair of this group, Jorge Urbina, stated that they would want their logo on all mailings and invitations. Wells Fargo Bank also stipulated that if they make a donation that they will want their logo on all printed materials. Scobie reported that at least 2000-2500 invitations will be sent out through the mail, and Donley suggested an additional e-mail mail-out. Discussion of the Gala included the expectation that classical guitarist Carlo Pezzimenti should be a big draw for the occasion, and that Mr. Moroles had had five exhibits in Dallas last year, suggesting the possibility that there might be many individuals who would like to meet him. Scobie noted that if 200 people attended the Gala, with the cost of tickets \$15 per person or \$25 a couple, approximately \$3000 would be collected.

Additional discussion of how to promote ticket sales to the Gala, Donley suggested the idea of more "enticements", such as offering door prizes, which could possibly be a donated piece of work.

Another suggestion was to enclose an addressed envelope in the envelope with the invitation for convenience in returning money for tickets. Extensive discussion ensued with suggestions and ideas for Scobie to consider on how to save money with printing and purchase of envelopes and invitations.

Scobie stated that she was still in the process of asking for food donations, and that it might be necessary to hire a caterer to work at the Gala.

10) Membership Chair Vidya Kagal reported that there were two new members, making the total membership to be 179.

11) Volunteer Coordinator C.J. Solberg was not present for any further report.

12) In the absence of Newsletter Editor Devon Wattier, Williams reported on several requests from Wattier. For a monthly column in the Newsletter, called "Spotlight" that has been suggested featuring a VAST member and their work, Wattier would like some input from the Board. She wants to know how the featured artist would be chosen, what she is supposed to ask them, and how to find those who would like to be interviewed for the column. It was suggested that it would be nice to have a picture of the artist's work included with the interview. Final discussion suggested the possibility of choosing artists for the column by lottery, and Wattier could contact these people and determine their interest in being a featured artist in the Newsletter. The Board randomly selected 5-6 possible members to feature in the next newsletter.

13) Williams introduced Robin Butt as the new VAST Historian.

14) Williams reported on finding a new Webmaster to replace current Webmaster Beverly Sipos. She stated that one possibility was Mandy Mets, who is highly

recommended by Sipos. A new Webmaster will be needed to fill this position on June 1, 2005.

Further discussion of the website and use of computers concerned changing the procedures for entering VAST exhibits from the use of slides to submitting work on computer disks. It was noted that slide projectors are not being widely manufactured at the present time.

15) Williams gave information on the Silent Auction benefit for tsunami victims to be held as a co-sponsored event with VAST and the Denton Independent School District. The benefit will be held at the CVA on March 24, 2005 and VAST artists will donate pieces on that date. It was noted that the Red Cross has issued a request to not send additional money at this time for tsunami relief, since they have collected over a billion dollars.

Williams stated that donated pieces for the auction may be either matted or framed.

16) In the absence of Calendar Chair Kathy Mendes, Williams led a brief discussion of the Calendar competition and informed Board members that additional information was available on the VAST website. The deadline for slide entries is now April 29, 2005, for the 2006 Calendar.

17) The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Johnson, Secretary