

**Olympia Art League  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 17, 2022  
Zoom Meeting, Olympia, WA**

**Olympia Art League President and Chair:** Rick Drescher

**Attendance:** Anne-Marie Brown, Karla Fowler, Jan Hansen, Heather McDougall Simons. Linda Selsor. Martha Trupp, April Works

**Schedule Future Meetings:** According to the bylaws, "The Board shall meet four times in an eight-month period and additionally as deemed necessary by the President." Rick will check the calendar and send out possible dates of the board meetings to get approval by the board members. We still do not have a location for future meetings at this time. Rick said the Elks raised their prices and he is looking elsewhere. He likes the Lacey Community Center and is looking into prices and availability to make a decision about this. There are eight monthly meetings and one suggestion is meeting 4 times together and 4 times using Zoom. However, many members are against using the Zoom format and membership is down to 87 members. On the other hand, having 4 zoom meetings during the dark winter months prevents members from driving at night and on ice/snow. Furthermore, the zoom meetings allow the Program chair to invite non-local artists as presenters.

**Forming New Committee and Backup Positions:** Several positions need a backup person to take over duties in their absence. The new positions were identified as Membership Chair and Website Gallery Manager. Backup positions are needed for the Zoom Meeting Host and Treasurer. April will write the Membership Chair job description and Rick will write the Website Gallery Manager job description for the newsletter. There is a bylaw requirement to create a Budget Committee. This will be headed by the Treasurer April Works and will include two additional members, Linda Selsor and Karla Fowler.

**Safety of Opening Our Zoom Meetings:** Linda talked about safety of Zoom meetings. She discussed this with Mike Kryer who helped OAL with the creation of Zoom meetings. Linda recommended that we continue sending a Zoom invitation by email to the members. Members could invite a friend to view the meeting but after a few invitations they would be asked to join OAL.

**Dues:** April has a list of 25 names delinquent in paying their dues and should be contacted. It was suggested that each Board Member could contact a few. Rick will announce this at the monthly meeting.

**New information on Olympia Armory Building:** Rick announced there will be an Open House at the Olympia Armory. The public is invited to visit the Armory on March 19, 2022 from 1 to 4 pm for a community to celebrate the transfer of the building to the city of Olympia. The actual transfer takes place on February 28 when the deed has been recorded. Turning the Armory into an arts and culture facility is the city's response to public. This could be a place for OAL meetings or studio space in the future.

**Revamp OAL Website:** There was discussion on updating the Olympia Art League Website. Some elements are current; OAL Minutes, OAL Bylaws, List of Officers and Board Members, List of Regional Art Leagues, and Newsletters. Some elements are not up-to-date; Activities and Monthly Meeting Information, Calendar, Paint-Out and Paint-In Schedules, OAL Membership Application, and a Members' Websites List. The Member Gallery is there but has not been added to for two years. Christi McGinley is the web designer and she is not currently charging us.

**Honoring Tony Lirette:** Tony has been the OAL Treasurer from 2004 to 2021 and has now retired and April Works was elected to replace him. It was recommended to recognize Tony by giving him a \$100 Visa Card and a special Thank You letter. Heather will take the lead on this.

**A New Treasurer has been Elected:** After the November 2021 elections April Works is the new Treasurer and has been added to the bank checking and savings account. The Board unanimously authorized the removal of Roxana Caples from all Olympia Federal Savings & Loan accounts. The Board authorized the President, Rick Drescher as the second signer and is authorized to sign checks and transact business on OAL's Olympia Federal Savings & Loan accounts.

**Time concerns for Future Programs and Speakers:** We are able to reach out at great distances for speakers for the monthly meetings because of Zoom. Rick said they will continue to keep our current schedule where presenters speak from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

*Anne-Marie Brown*

Minutes by Anne-Marie Brown

Next Olympia Art League meeting is March 17, 2022.