

**Olympia Art League
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2023
Zoom Format**

OAL PRESIDENT: Heather McDougall Simons

ATTENDANCE: Ruth Bravetti, Anne-Marie Brown, Karla Fowler, Jan Hansen, Nicki Weber, April Works

QUESTION TO THE BOARD: Anne-Marie started the discussion saying there was a request on Facebook for a non-member to join the OAL Zoom meeting adding she did not drive at night. Anne presented this request for discussion in an email to the Board. There was some response but there was no official decision made. The OAL website says the public is welcome to attend the league monthly meetings. Anne-Marie responded that we will be happy to share our Zoom monthly meeting invitation to her with the hope that in the future she will become a member of the OAL. Then Anne-Marie let all the Board know how she responded to the request.

Heather said that should be discussed by the Board and scheduled a Zoom meeting.

The OAL By-Laws say,

“To become a member, an individual must complete an application form and pay annual dues.”

“Membership is required for the following: to be a Board member, to be a committee chair, to vote at business meetings and to participate in Olympia Art League members only shows.”

There is no mention that you have to be a member to attend meetings, in-person or by Zoom. Of course, the by-laws were written before the pandemic.

MOTION. Nicki moved that the Board proceed to amend the OAL By-laws to read that the public is welcome to join the monthly in-person meetings but after attending two meetings they will be encouraged and required to join as a member. Only OAL members will be able to join the meetings by Zoom. April seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

The reasoning of requiring people to become a dues-paying member is that there are expenses to putting on a monthly meeting. There is the cost of the purchasing the computer and electronic equipment, the meeting room rental, the cost of the presenter at the meeting, and the Zoom package.

The OAL By-Laws say, “Approval of bylaws amendments which must be presented in writing and discussed at a regular League meeting and voted on at the next scheduled membership meeting. Approval of by-laws changes requires a two thirds majority.”

So, presentation to the membership in writing is the next step. Then this amendment will be discussed before the membership at the next meeting.

BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE: Ruth Bravetti was asked if she would consider being an OAL Board Member At Large. Ruth accepted the position and will be a welcome addition to the Board.

The next OAL monthly meeting is Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Lacey Community Center. An invitation will also be sent to all OAL members to join this Zoom meeting.
Minutes by Anne-Marie Brown.