

Washington Conservation Guild
Annual Membership Meeting
May 8, 2014

Jane called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the membership business meeting and raffle. First Jane extended a big thank you to Curtis.

Copies of the membership business meeting May 2013 minutes were distributed. Jane asked if there were any questions. Sarah Stauderman suggested that the nominating committee members name be included on the minutes. The nominating committee was Hugh Shockey, Taylor Blocker and Emily Jacobson. Sarah made a motion to pass the minutes if these corrections were added. Lisa seconded and the minutes were approved.

Jane congratulated the interns who were accepted into graduate school. Accepted into the WUDPAC program was Leah Bright, Julie Commander and Samantha Owens. Andrea Hall will be attending John Hopkins Material Science Program. Stephane Spence, Lisa Ackerman, and Sophie Hunter were accepted into the Buffalo program. Gabi Irving was accepted in the University of Northumbria program.

Jane presented the budget for the upcoming year from July 2014 to July 2015. There is an increase in expenses as 3-ring may be more expensive this upcoming year. Everything else is about the same as previous years. Sarah had a question about some of the figures which was due to the way Rick merged categories. Next year the budget will show a membership category that will not be labeled by year. Under the vendor refreshment category there was a question about this money as we do not serve the vendor refreshments. This category is to reflect the income from the vendors. We have a goal of 7 paid vendors and last year we have 8. AIC is not charged as they are a sister organization. Sarah moved to approve the budget, Stephanie Spence seconded and the budget was approved.

Jane had a meeting last month with past WCG presidents. This meeting provided great insight into where we are as a guild and she wanted to have a similar discussion with membership. The discussion she wanted to start was to get options about the guild correspondence being all digital. Would the members like anything in print such as a post card, refrigerator magnet, sticker or decal? The cost for these materials would be from membership dues. The printed material would have a save the date for future meetings and would remind people to renew their memberships.

Everyone at the meeting discussed these ideas and there were a few different opinions. One suggestion was that printed material is not environmentally friendly. Another suggestion was could a vendor donate something that they could advertise and have our meeting schedule printed on their material. There was a debate among members as to if printed or digital is a better method for reaching the most people. Topics in this debate included full email boxes, lack of email access and the fact that the guild used to print out more material in the past. For the people in favor of printed item it seemed most people were in favor of a post card as it is the cheapest to print and send and can be displayed at various locations including the booth. People in favor of only digital methods asked for a more exciting PDF or email of the meeting announcement that they could print as needed. One question raised was who would receive these printed materials, current members, past members, and/or museums? Another suggestion was to charge more for people who request printed materials when they sign up for membership. The discussion ended without a clear answer to the question due to time constraints. Someone suggested we vote on this topic through email.

Jane asked the membership if there was anything else the Guild could be doing better. Email your thoughts to the Guild as we are open to suggestions. Someone suggested a possible twitter page and to stay current with the Facebook page. To be current on Facebook may mean adjusting your personal setting to see the page in your personal newsfeed.

Jane introduced Mark Wamaling who works for Artex. Mark introduced the group PACCIN which stands for Preparation, Art Handling, Collections Care Information Network. PACCIN is reaching out to other groups and will be having a workshop at AIC. They offer creative options for packing collections that involve lower costs, no crates and recycled materials. They will be offering a workshop in Pittsburg this fall and will have a conference next year in Texas. PACCIN donated a ticket to workshop at AIC for the guild raffle this evening.

Nominating Committee: Hugh Shockey, Chair
Andrew Robb

Results:

Membership Secretary: Justine Bello

Directors: Im Chan, Anne Marigza, Ed McManus, Steven O'Banion, and Cathy Zaret

The bylaws passed unanimously.

Jane thanked the past board members and asked all new board members to introduce themselves to her. For those not elected there are ways to help with the Guild and contact Jane as she will help you get involved.

The nominating committee for next year is Hugh Shockey (Chair), Helen Ingalls and Rebecca Johnson.

Steven O'Banion made a motion to close the meeting. Liz Fedowitz seconded. The business meeting is closed.