

Iowa Artists Board Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2023

Members Present: Ann Carothers, Danna Fruetel, Rabecca Jayne Hennessey, Ly-Lee Konopasek, Dianne Liepa, Gigi Nelson, Delayne Segar, Deanna Skokan, Kathy Strohl

Guests Present: Kelly Schwartz, Stephanie Swilley

President Danna Fruetel called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Fruetel asked Deanna Skokan to give the membership report first since she was traveling. Skokan reported we have approximately 225 members; 50 haven't renewed yet; Regions 1, 4, and 10 gained members and she recommended not splitting 5 at this time. Skokan left the meeting.

There was no Vice President's report.

Dianne Liepa asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of the last two meetings. Rabecca Hennessey asked that the minutes be approved, Ann Carothers seconded and the minutes were approved without objection. Liepa asked for someone to take minutes at the State Meeting in May which she cannot attend. Ly-Lee Konopasek offered to take the minutes.

Delayne Segar asked for comments on the Treasurer's report. The Avila account will be closed after bills are paid for two of the regional shows as well as the state show. When a new treasurer is approved and the post office box is up for renewal at the end of July, Fruetel will communicate with the new treasurer about any changes that should be made regarding the post office box location. The Treasurer's report was approved without objection.

Rabecca reported on the regional shows and suggested that the next newsletter should include a request asking for show coordinator where needed.

There were no Newsletter or Digital Chair reports.

Gigi Nelson gave a report on Regions 1&4 and noted that the Witter Gallery would like to host it next year and that new members were recruited as a result.

Konopasek is working on a watercolor workshop and Fruetel will create a flyer for the workshop.

Carothers is taking over the Iowa Artists Facebook page along with "Show Me Saturdays" and wants clarification on who "vets" people who request to join the Facebook page. Fruetel will make sure she has an updated membership list.

Lori Schmidt joined the meeting at 7:08 pm and gave the Newsletter report. She is compiling results from the regional shows and Hennessey offered to help her with any missing information she is needing.

Old Business:

Fruetel will send out information on the upcoming workshops.

We had a brief discussion regarding the liability insurance quote from State Farm Insurance that Fruetel had received and shared with the Board. The quote was approved on a voice vote. There was no objection.

Fruetel said she will work on a Code of Ethics to present to the Board. Hennessey has looked at other art groups' statements and will compile a list with comments.

New Business:

Fruetel asked for agenda items for the State Show Meeting. We will vote on new board members to fill the Treasurer, Membership, and At-Large positions that are open. In addition, Konopasek's term will be up and she offered to stay one more year if no one offers to fill the position.

Hennessey moved and Konopasek seconded a motion for the At-Large position to be on the ballot at the state show. The motion was approved.

Fruetel suggested we make the Vice President position an assistant to the Regional Show Coordinator as a way to help the process of understanding how the organization operates. We will consider the change at a later date when we update the by-laws.

Fruetel said Iowa Artists received a \$100 donation from Sharon Scandrett in honor of long-time member Dixie Jensen who recently passed away. There was a suggestion for a watercolor workshop to be held in Region 5 or 6.

Fruetel will send out a notice about the next Board meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dianne Liepa, Secretary