



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOTES

November 16, 2011 9:00 am

Columbia Public Library Meeting Room A
100 W Broadway
Columbia, MO

ROLL CALL

Peggy King Joyce Rosen Vic Barr Jeanne Scott
Martha Greer Mary Beth St. Clair Michael Gaines

Peggy King called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

501 c3/501 c6 Status

We opened discussion regarding the necessity for 501 c6 filing status in order that a legal entity exists for member artists to directly benefit from sales of artwork and that the collection of commissions on sales of their work may be used as a fundraising source for our organization. According to the 501 c3 filing status and Mission Statement of Missouri Artisans Association d/b/a Best of Missouri Hands (The Best of Missouri Hands is dedicated to the development and recognition of Missouri's artists and artisans through education, interaction and encouragement.) this is not possible.

Seeking further clarification on the differences between 501 c3 and 501 c6 capabilities, a December 5 2:00 pm appointment was confirmed with Robert W. Hoffman through VLAA (spell out).

Addendum: Joyce Rosen, Vic Barr, Jeanne Scott and Martha Greer attended the December 5 meeting with Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman provided detailed information regarding the operating capabilities and application procedure for establishing a 501 c6 mirror corporation/board of directors to MAA/BOMH. All relevant information will be forwarded to the full Executive Board and we will proceed with establishing a name and Mission Statement for this new entity in order to begin the application procedure.

Website Status Update

Martha Greer reported that several bids have been received and are now being reviewed. A formal recommendation will be made to the Executive Board and the full Board of Directors at the January 18, 2012 meetings.

Fund Raising Event Status

Joyce Rosen reported that the planning for a spring 2012 fundraiser is moving forward. It was agreed that this event was not feasible for a fall 2011 date but that it should not interfere with the ArtSmart 2012 Conference and should be held before the end of this fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter Editor—Executive Director's Proposal

Terri Merritt and Garnetta Sullivan have submitted proposals to take over as Newsletter Editor. It was generally agreed that Garnetta Sullivan provided a very impressive and professional presentation/offer. The Executive Board determined that Newsletter costs should be limited to a per-issue maximum of \$300 for six issues annually. Martha Greer will follow up with Terri Merritt and Garnetta Sullivan.

SDC Artist Moving Out-of-State

The Executive Board agreed that as defined by the bylaws of our organization we are unable to extend Juried Artist or Juried Studio status for any member who does not maintain a physical residence in the State of Missouri.

Board Members and Contract Services

While it is not currently prohibited for seated Directors to also provide contract services for our organization it was generally agreed that this could provide an unnecessary appearance of conflict of interest and is generally, a poor practice. The need for an amendment to the current Board of Directors contract addressing this situation was discussed and will be made available for the January 2012 meeting.

Approval of Contract for new Bookkeeper

Peggy King will be taking over MAA/BOMH bookkeeping duties officially as of January 19, 2012. Carol Knox is currently performing both bookkeeping and Membership Committee Chairperson responsibilities. It was felt that performing both duties at this time of year was too much of a burden for one person. In order to facilitate a smooth transition of bookkeeping duties during our membership renewal season it was recommended that Martha Greer ask Peggy to take over the bookkeeping responsibilities as quickly as possible, rather than waiting until January 19. Carol and Peggy will work together to transfer all relevant bookkeeping information.

Addendum: As of December 7, 2011 Peggy King has received all bookkeeping materials from Carol Knox and will be taking over as the operating bookkeeper. Peggy has agreed to volunteer her services through the transition period from December 7, 2011

to January 19, 2012. Carol Knox will be compensated according to all active contractual obligations.

Funds Transfer

We briefly discussed the need to separate and better clarify the duties of our bookkeeper and of the Treasurer. In light of having to transfer \$2000.00 from a CD to the general fund some concerns were discussed as to who does and who should have access to the monies of the organization

Exhibition Opportunities

Jeanne Scott was approached by the Kirksville Arts Association regarding a May/June 2012 ceramic art exhibit. Jeanne recommended that KAA contact Martha Greer and use the Juried Artist and Juried Studio members of MAA/BOMH to offer a group exhibit.

A discussion followed regarding using established regional arts organizations as outlets for our artists to exhibit their work. It was generally agreed that this is a good option for showcasing MAA/BOMH artists and also a wonderful outreach and networking opportunity for our organization. MAA/BOMH already divides the state into 8 different geographical regions and that perhaps we should contact existing arts organizations to try to have one show per year in each region in order to further awareness of MAA/BOMH.

Addendum: As of December 7, 2011 Jeanne has been in contact with Linda Colton from KAA to set up meetings before the end of 2011 to facilitate this exhibition.

ArtSmart Chair

There are currently no volunteers for the position of Conference Chair and we were all encouraged to contact anyone who we considered qualified and encourage them to volunteer.

Membership Renewal

Peggy King reminded all of us that our dues are due for 2012 by the end of December and that she expects every active Board Member to renew before the due date. Discussion followed regarding the best way to remind members to renew their memberships including a thank you holiday card for the general members and electronic and/or paper invoices for all Juried Artists and Juried Studios as well as all Corporate members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Scott
Recording Secretary.