

INTERNATIONAL GUILD OF MINIATURE ARTISANS, LTD.

Annual General Board Meeting, via ZOOM

Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 2:00 PM-EST

The Board of Trustees and General Membership of IGMA met for a Board Meeting on Sunday, September 27, 2020 via Zoom.

Audrey Tripp called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM EST

Call for Approval of the Minutes: Audrey Tripp, President, 2nd Cary LeGeyt

APPROVAL of Annual Meeting Minutes for 2020

Approved unanimously.

Reports:

President's Report and Speech, Audrey Tripp

In a normal year, this meeting would take place the Sunday morning of our Guild show, before we all enjoy the final hours of shopping and selling. This year, however, we have the unique opportunity to welcome anyone interested in hearing how the Guild is doing regardless of your location. Who knows, maybe this is the way of the future.

In February we celebrated the retirement of our long-standing Guild Administrator, Carol Hardy and welcomed by IGMA member, Sophia Harris as our new Guild Administrator. While she had reviewed the job description, I believe staying with Carol for a week of training, really opened her eyes to the job's scope. Our Guild office was relocated from California to Florida. There have been some hiccups with that. About the time we were ready to open a local bank account, the banks closed to in-person transactions due to Covid-19. There were also mailbox and postal permit forms to wade through. Sophia met each challenge and found a solution that worked for us. Sometimes new eyes provide opportunities never expected.

In April the Board was asked to vote on the School committee's recommendation to cancel school. With heavy hearts we agreed that international travel bans would severely affect the experience and the pandemic situation was forcing our hand. In May, the Guild Show committee brought a similar recommendation based on Connecticut's limit on meeting size and social distancing rules. With no alternative, the Board again voted to cancel the opportunity for miniaturists to gather. With both of our Guild events cancelled, we began the process of planning for 2021.

I want to thank the Board for working as a team through these trying months. Zoom has proven to be effective means of coming together for meetings. Seeing each other even virtually is so much better than disembodied voices through a telephone. We have a nicely diverse set of members – some are volunteering for the first time; others are return members. With all the member changes the board has seen in the past three years, one of my goals is to get through a 12-month period with no resignations. Another goal is to find revenue streams that can produce income despite the current landscape of cancelled shows. At this point, membership dues are supporting the organization's costs

Introduction of New Board Members, Cindy Adams

The Board of Trustees selected the following nominees to serve for the 2020-2023 term.

Cindy Adams

Ruth Clay

Pat Hartman

Isabel Leininger

Kate Ünver

The Board of Trustees appointed the following to serve as officers on the Board for the coming year 2020-2021. This has certainly been an unusual year. Because of this, the Board chose to keep the same Executive Officers through the year. They are as follows:

President: Audrey Tripp

1st Vice President: Cindy Adams

2nd Vice President: Ruth Clay

3rd Vice President: Peggy Tyler

Treasurer: Cary LeGeyt

Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Kraft

Recording Secretary: Diane DeGan

Financial Report, Cary LeGeyt.

I assumed the role of Treasurer and Chairperson of the Finance Committee in July 2020

and continue to familiarize myself with the role. FY 2019-2020 was impacted by COVID19, necessitating the cancellation of many IGMA activities and the inability to increase

income. Fortunately, membership income increased slightly and our new Guild

Administrator was able to secure a PPP loan to help with the financial burden. We

ended the year with a slightly higher deficit (\$249.08) than FY 2018-2019.

Your IGMA Board of Trustees voted to roll forward the same budgets for FY 2020-2021

as were approved for FY 2019-2020 but note that FY 2020-2021 is still an unknown

regarding the types of gatherings and activities that we are used to. If we are able to

return to our gatherings and activities in 2020-2021, we will have the ability to increase

income through our auctions and in-person Gallery of the Guild sales.

Guild School Report, Barbara Davis

The 2020 Guild School, Minis Make Me Smile, scheduled to be held June 13-19, was canceled due to the pandemic COVID-19. The instructors, all Artisans and Fellows of the Guild, and classes were rolled over to Guild School 2021 with the same theme, Minis Make Me Smile. Students registered at the time of cancelation have priority to remain in their 2020 classes. Fees paid by students were refunded or forwarded towards their 2021 registration.

Education Report, Pete Boorum

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Guild Study Program for 2021 was cancelled and the plan is to have the program in 2022 with the same teachers if possible.

There is consideration to have a Study Program in the Fall of 2022. The Mini Time Machine in Tucson and MESDA in Winston Salem, North Carolina are possibilities.

There are currently no Guild Study Programs scheduled until 2022.

The Education Committee held a Zoom meeting on August 2 regarding the possibility of expanding Guild educational efforts into on-line classes. Further investigations have included meetings with Betsy Roxby, IGMA's webmaster and Ann Pennypacker, who organized the very successful NAME online classes and theme luncheons for their recent virtual gathering. Ann has been asked to submit a proposal for the on-line program including a budget estimate.

This year, the Artisan and Fellow Selection committees did not accept applications

The Board thanks Show Director Christine Engel and her committee for the work they put in for the show that wasn't. Christine chose to not renew her contract for 2021. Linda Zechel will become the new Show Director of 2021.

Meeting adjourned 2:35 PM EST

Respectfully submitted,

Diane DeGan

IGMA Recording Secretary

August 9, 2021