

TSAA January 2022 General Membership Meeting

Held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 via Zoom

(Rescheduled and convened from Monday, January 3, 2022 due to Zoom technical difficulties.)

Lynn Pierson, President, convened the meeting at 12:30 PM EST.

She welcomed all TSAA Members in Good Standing attending. There were no guests.

Opening Discussion: Proposed TSAA By Laws changes drafted by the TSAA Executive Board have been distributed to the TSAA Membership via email. The changes up for consideration clarify the team nature of the President and Vice President positions and responsibilities. A second relevant email will be sent prior to the February 2022 General Membership Meeting. The proposed By Laws changes will be put on the agenda to be voted upon during TSAA's February 2022 General Membership Meeting.

The President invited questions or comments from the floor.

It was asked how many TSAA members will be needed to be present at the February meeting to hold a vote on proposed By Laws changes. After discussion, and reference to the By Laws (edition as revised in 2021), a quorum of members in good standing (in other words, a quorum of members having paid 2022 dues) would be needed to be in attendance (via Zoom if deemed necessary) at the February General Membership meeting for TSAA to hold a deciding vote regarding the proposed By Laws changes. Reference (inserted by Secretary Lynn Hudson Kopala, January 22, 2022): "Quorum for Business..." to be conducted by the Association..." Article V, Section 3 – One-fifth of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for business to be conducted by the Association."

Since we are meeting via Zoom, rather than in person, the question was raised about the closing date that dues must be received to be a considered a "member in good standing." Our By Laws state that dues are required to be "...paid by the January General Meeting (Article III: Membership, Section 2, p. 5.)" Due to the current circumstances, it was determined dues must be received by the end of January.

The President asked for other comments or questions on this topic. There being none at that time, the President declared that consensus was reached to present the proposed By Laws changes formally to the membership, specifying that the changes are scheduled to be voted on during February's TSAA General Membership Business Meeting. (The matters of "quorum" were discussed again later during this meeting.)

Secretary's Report – Lynn Pierson, President, noted that the November TSAA General Membership Meeting minutes were distributed to members via email. Members attending this meeting approved the minutes without comment. (Note: No December General Membership Meeting was held, due to the TSAA Member Winter Show.) (Lynn Hudson Kopala, Secretary, was absent from this January 4, 2022, meeting, due to a prior commitment, and excused by the President.)

Question from the Floor – Peggy McCardle, TSAA Member in Good Standing, inquired whether any members in attendance could make motions during the (TSAA General Membership) meeting. Lynn Pierson, President, replied that TSAA members in good standing may make motions from the floor during TSAA General Membership meetings. Peggy McCardle then noted that Executive Board meetings for 501 (c) (3) organizations must be held as open meetings. Lynn Pierson stated that there is a standing invitation to TSAA members in good standing to attend TSAA Executive Board meetings, which are generally held on the last Monday of each month. She explained that Executive Board minutes are not published on the TSAA Internet page. However, TSAA members in good standing may request to read the Executive Board minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Martha Hickey, Treasurer, reported that she balanced TSAA's 2021 financial books, and transferred them to Patsy Renz, who will review them. (Patsy Renz is TSAA's 501 (c) (3) Agent of Record for tax and organizational records.) Ms. Hickey noted that the TSAA treasury contains about \$1000 less than at the beginning of 2021. It is hoped that the annual dues increase to \$40 for 2022 will bring TSAA closer to matching annual receipts to annual expenses.

Newsletter – The Newsletter was distributed by email. (Reported by Lynn Pierson in Patsy Renz's absence.)

Membership – TSAA gained 3 new members in December. (Reported by Lynn Pierson in Patsy Renz's absence.)

Publicity – Nothing to report. (Trish Gregory.)

Sunshine – (No report in absence of Lynn Hudson Kopala.)

Venues - Lynn Pierson presented Lynn Hudson Kopala's report. The Hospital Venue continues to be closed. The display at Valley Bank will be changed the first week in January, as will the work at Hampton Inn.

Trish Gregory said that the work at the Performing Arts Center was rotated December 28, 2021.

Sherry Orr reported that the Chamber of Commerce display was rotated and looks beautiful.

Lynn Pierson announced that the Tarpon Springs Public Library is ready to receive and display TSAA work for the first time since Covid hit. She is now recruiting artists to display in January 2022.

January 2022 Artist of the Month – Kathy Detrano, Artist of the Month Standing Committee chair, announced that Martha Hickey was chosen by vote as January's Artist of the Month. Her beautiful photograph of a child holding a baby sloth in Peru's Amazonia received the most votes.

Programs and Special Events – Sherry Orr thanked all volunteers and entrants for making the **December 2021 TSAA Members' Winter Show** a success. Twenty-six excellent works were displayed at the Cultural Center. Ornaments made by TSAA volunteers sold well. (Secretary's Note: The successful December 2021 Winter Show marks a milestone for TSAA. Due to civic buildings under repair before the Covid pandemic, and public health measures made necessary by the continuing pandemic, the traditional annual Winter Show had not been held downtown for at least three years. Sherry Orr's outstanding planning and logistics for the 2021 Winter Show resulted in a successful revival of the Winter Show, including an in-person reception for artists, dignitaries, and guests during which people attending felt comfortable and were able to enjoy the occasion.)

Old Business –

Plans for Artist of the Month: Kathy Detrano developed a new schedule and procedures for Artist of the Month (AOTM) competitions to be held from January 2022 – January 2023. Summary: Five competitions will be held online, spread over 12 months, so as not to conflict with other events. TSAA members in good standing will therefore be able to enter work and to vote, regardless of geographic location and/or other concerns. The AOTM chair is donating a special prize to spark interest during the summer months, when TSAA holds no General Membership meetings.

New Business –

Voting at February 2022 General Membership Business Meeting on Proposed By Laws Changes: Lynn Pierson, President, explained the proposed By Laws changes. As stated above, these changes are intended to clarify the team/partnership nature of the President and Vice President positions. During their December meeting, the TSAA Executive Board approved the draft changes for presentation to the General Membership for consideration, discussion, and voting at the February 2022 General Membership Business Meeting. Ms. Pierson invited specific comments and questions regarding the proposed changes, or related matters.

Sue McCubbin read from the bylaws during the discussion of "member in good standing" needed for a quorum.

Kathy Detrano remarked that if TSAA continues to meet online, or through hybrid arrangements, eventually we will need to examine and revise procedures and the By Laws to keep up with personnel and procedures needed for such meeting arrangements.

Peggy McCardle asked if the Executive Board is considering hybrid (combined in person and online) meetings and if TSAA has access to equipment including screens.

Lynn Pierson and Kathy Detrano both noted that several Executive Board discussions have touched on the future need for additional skilled personnel to manage meeting dynamics and information technology in order to implement and manage hybrid meetings. Hybrid meetings and other online technologies offer opportunities to share meetings, demonstrations, and even classes in the future. It was remarked that a future Executive Board will need to pursue these prospects. The customary in person meeting venue, the Tarpon Springs Recreation Center, does indeed have relevant equipment.

There being no further discussion, Lynn Pierson encouraged members to email her with additional questions should they occur.

Proceeding with Online or In Person Meeting for February 2022:

Lynn Pierson, President, posed the question to those attending whether TSAA should attempt an in person General Membership Meeting in February, or whether an online meeting should be planned. After discussion, during which opinion favored continuing in February with an online Zoom meeting, Lynn Pierson declared that the February General Membership Meeting will be held online. Sherry Orr stated she would inquire of Joseph Weinzettle, who was scheduled to be the

demonstration artist when January's meeting was planned to be in person, whether arrangements can be made for his participation in February or in the future, perhaps recorded in advance.

Dates for 2022 Events:

Lynn Pierson met with Diane Wood, head of Tarpon Arts, to schedule TSAA's 2022 special events. The following has been decided:

- Paint and Photograph Tarpon Springs, October 24, 2022, through the first week of November, Cultural Center.
- December Members' Show, December 2022, two weeks, Cultural Center.

Opportunities for TSAA Members:

Lynn Pierson asked members to email suggestions to her regarding demonstrations and programs they would like TSAA to offer.

Lynn Pierson also reminded attendees that the West Pasco Art Guild has offered TSAA members their programs at their member prices.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Lynn Pierson thanked the participants and adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 1:29 EST.

January Program – Tribute to the late Lee Albion, longtime TSAA and Artist of Renown. The January Program followed the business meeting. Sherry Orr presented a tribute with illustrated PowerPoint slides to late member Lee Albion. We were joined by two of Lee Albion's children, Adam Albion and Alexa Albion.

The next TSAA Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for January 31 at 1 PM EST via Zoom. The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2022, via Zoom.

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