

Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: virtual via Zoom

Date: 1/26/22, 6:30pm

In attendance: Jon Siegel, Mike DiMaggio, Jim Forbes, Peter Breu, Dave Foote, Peter James, Claude Dupuis, Elliot Savitzky, Gary Canning, Bob Wyatt, Tony Immorlica, Jim Seroskie, Bill Munch, Stan Paras, Rick Mangenello, Mike Mahar

1. **Jon Siegel – President** The opening hour of this meeting is a discussion of the subgroups and hence the subgroup heads are in attendance. There were 65 meetings in 2019 which were almost entirely subgroup meetings indicating their importance to the guild. The heads were asked to introduce themselves.

Bill Munch head of *Woodworking Fundamentals* explained that Bob Lacivita ran the meetings at his shop with a typical attendance of 9-10 members.

Mike Mahar head of the *Luthiers* explained that they meet 6 times a year with show and tell. Also they join the New England Luthiers every other month at their meetings.

Stan Paras head of the *Boat Builders* group explained that they have had very few meetings because of Covid. Typically they meet in member's shops to see current projects. Once a year they meet at the boat shop in Strawberry Banke (and they make a donation to that shop from their budget.)

Rick Manganello head of the *Granite State Woodturners* (they are also a chapter of the AAW) explained that they try to meet once a month.

Elliot Savitzky head of the *Period Furniture* group explained that they have scheduled meetings for this coming year, and had several successful meetings last year including the Governor Wentworth home.

Peter James head of the *Metal Working* group explained that they have had no recent meetings due to Covid.

Bob Wyatt head of the *Intermediate Project* group explained that Owain Harris had done an amazing job of creating a project that lasted over many meetings, but it is not expected to ask him to do another such project given how much preparation and work that demanded of Harris.

David Foote, Subgroup coordinator detailed the 5 points for discussion.

1. Grant Policy – in the past the monies granted depended on the amount of participation in the subgroup. Going forward monies will be granted according to need with requests coming twice a year – January and July. The criteria for spending those funds are detailed in the bylaws. Transfers of current funds held by the subgroups are possible. There is no answer yet from the League (director Miriam Carter) about our participation this coming summer. David will continue to try to speak to her to understand what the Guild can expect. At the moment the subgroups in total hold about \$4,000.
2. Video Program – Gary Canning would like to expand our video teams so that ideally all meetings could be simultaneously live streamed and recorded. Even still photos from meetings are helpful, and Jim offered to edit raw footage to put on YouTube or on our website.
Jim continued, making clear the importance of getting meetings on the Event Calendar which must be done for insurance coverage. Using email to contact subgroup members, while useful, is not enough. Jim will contact the subgroup leaders to help them with this so that the meetings are covered by our insurance policy.
3. Mentoring Program – Mike DiMaggio is creating a simpler survey that he hoped to put out to all Guild members to learn who would like to act as a mentor. A previous survey was not successful. There was considerable discussion about both the best way to survey as well as the entire mentoring program. It is clear that this needs more work and Mike encouraged the BOD members to contact him with suggestions.
4. Covid Policy – Jon made it clear that to attend subgroup meetings all attendees need to be fully vaccinated and must properly wear the best masks (N95's and the like.) Social distancing where possible is desired. It was decided without a formal vote that the Guild will provide funding for masks to be available at all meetings. David F. will contact all subgroup heads to continue the conversation about Covid safety at meetings.
5. All BOD meeting minutes will be sent to Subgroup heads

2. Election of new secretary. Peter Breu was nominated by Mike DiMaggio with a second from Tony Immorlica. The vote was unanimous in approval.

3. Minutes of the meeting 12/29/21 taken by Jim Seroskie were approved unanimously with a motion by Peter James and a second by Bob Wyatt.

There are meeting minutes missing that perhaps the outgoing secretary Phil Glover has. Jim S. will research this.

4. **Treasurer's Report** – Jim F. gave the treasurer's report which had previously been emailed to the board.

General fund	\$10,921
Grant Program	\$26,923
<u>Subgroup funds</u>	<u>\$4,591</u>
Net all accounts	\$43,635

5. **Membership Report** – Jim S. made the report. Currently 716 members with approximately 60% as 2 year members. Jim showed the Guild Service list and suggested that the board should make better use of this resource. The next Journal will be 88 pages and the deadline for articles is the end of February. It will likely be in members' hands by the middle of May.

6. **Home Show**, Manchester 3/5-6 – Mike D. described the show and our role. It is free to us with a generous space. While sales of individual's works can be sold, the focus is on education. He will coordinate and organize the Guild's participation.

7. **Sign Up Genius** – this is good for our Sunapee tent.

8. **Furniture Masters Gala** They have approached the Guild asking us to participate in their Gala 9/17-18/22 at the Kimball Jenkins School of Art in Concord. Owain Harris is coordinating the gala. We could demonstrate in the tent and perhaps participate in the silent auction. What items would be auctioned is a very important question. Perhaps the Masters could curate the possible items. This date conflicts with our typical annual meeting and it was decided without vote to move our meeting to another weekend.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent 8:45pm