

# Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

## Board of Directors Meeting

**Location: virtual via Zoom**

**Date: 10/26/22, 6:30pm**

**In attendance:** Jon Siegel, Mike DiMaggio, Jim Forbes, Peter James, Claude Dupuis, Elliot Savitzky, Bob Wyatt, Jim Seroskie, Gary Canning, Stan Paras, David Foote, Tony Immorlica

**1. President** – the annual meeting went well. Jon hosted a metal working subgroup meeting.

**2. Secretary** - Claude moved to accept the minutes of the 9/28/22 meeting, Jim F. seconded and they were accepted with a unanimous show of hands with the addition of *“mobile” to the 4<sup>th</sup> item: now Jim is working on the **mobile and** performance review.*

**3. Treasurer’s Report** - The report was received by all BOD members prior to the meeting for their review. David asked about the outstanding checks. All of these are for expenses not grants. Tony will follow up with Chris at Thetford Academy to see if he received the \$100 honorarium in May which has not been cashed. Jim F. wrote a check for \$500 for Puritan Printing for postage for The Journal.

**4. Maker Spaces** - Ed Orecchio is the liaison. Gary asked about liability insurance coverage when a Guild member instructs at a Maker Space meeting as he did recently. If it is not an official Guild meeting (which is determined by being on the Guild calendar) then the liability falls to the Maker Space. Any instructor should inquire before a meeting if the Maker Space does have liability coverage for instructors who may not be members of that Maker Space. **Bob Wyatt will contact our insurance agent Dave Gazaway to reaffirm this coverage. Any questions BOD members have should be directed to Bob.**

The Concord Maker Space does not currently have a location and may need to close.

**5. Membership and Website** - The Neon CRM has had a confusing change of policy – in short, we are no longer concerned with the total number of accounts as the new policy has no account limit and is in fact less expensive (\$109./mo versus prior \$139/mo.) The fall Journal is complete and ready to be printed with 48 pp. This issue features many non-professional woodworkers. Jim noted that “Touch Ups” are not for the general public; they are for members only. “Touch Ups” lives in Constant Contact.

**6. Furniture Masters** – Owain Harris has asked for a Guild BOD member to join the Masters’ Education board (there is also a Marketing Board for the Masters.) Elliot expressed interest and will talk to Owain about this position.

**7. Covid Policy** – this remains unchanged from last month. At the request of a host or a demonstrator masks will be worn at meetings.

**8. Mentor Program** – Jon, Mike, Steve Costain and Jim S. are on the committee and are getting organized to launch the program. Jon expressed the importance of this new, third aspect of the Guild.

**9. Exhibition/Competition** – A contract has been signed and a deposit of \$1077. made for the McAuliffe-Shepard Planetarium. Dan Faia is the keynote speaker and Tom McLaughlin is the Master of Ceremonies. Earl Rich will provide photography gratis and Tidewater Catering has been booked. The new website will have a separate page for the event. A call for entries will be made January 2023. The committee is currently working on finding sponsors for the awards. A question about having a separate student work category was raised. Phil Carle of Merrimack High School will be contacted about helping with a student category. Jon S. will also contact Jack Grube to determine if he is interested in helping with a student category. Several questions were asked including if a video tour of the exhibit might be made and if the current hours scheduled might be expanded.

10. Nominations for new Board Members were taken. Laurie Farrell, Ed Orecchio, Rick Manganello, Gabriel Tise and Bill Emerson were nominated. **Jon will communicate with the BOD in advance of the next meeting whether these have interest in joining the BOD.** Rank Voting by the current BOD was considered for choosing the new members.

11. Annual Meeting 10/1/22 The auction raised \$1300 and the clothing sales were \$600. It was noted that approximately half the attendees left before the auction and very few stayed for the tour of Sanborn Mills Farm. The cool weather in the open air space perhaps limited attendance. The speaker was paid \$75 for his travel expenses and a \$200 honorarium, which he donated to the Guild's grant fund.

12. Videography – Peter J. suggested that we consider a new camera (Owl) which moves to the current speaker without direction. This will be discussed at the next BOD meeting. Stan Paras will be given "Final Cut Pro" software for his editing of Guild videos. Jim F. moved and Mike seconded the motion to approve the \$300 purchase of the software. This passed with a unanimous show of hands.

By a unanimous show of hands the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.