

Minutes from the SPE southeast regional meeting at the regional conference  
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#### Welcome

Mark Malloy opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to Savannah, followed by introductions from each of the 37 members present at the meeting.

#### Treasurer Report

Daniel Kariko reported that the region has a very healthy bank account. Current balance is \$27,225. There are about \$7000 in expenses from the conference still to be deducted, but also on-site registration money coming in from the conference to be added as well. Expenses for the Due South publication of regional student work are still to be deducted as well (~\$3000). A new balance will be calculated in the coming weeks.

#### Regional Conferences:

Thanks to Rebecca Nolan and Savannah College of Art and Design for putting together another great regional conference!!!

Michael Marshall reported on the upcoming conferences:

There has been a late change in the plans for next year's conference. Due to construction and renovation plans at the Light Factory, they are no longer able to host the conference in 2008. Greg Stewart (gtstewart@randolph.edu), department chair of the Randolph Community College Photography and Graphic Design Programs in Asheboro, NC has agreed to step in and take over the planning for the conference in 2008. Due to the late change in venues, details are still being resolved. Look for more information on the regional website [www.spese.org](http://www.spese.org) and at the national conference in Denver.

Future conference plans include:

2009: hosted by Perry Kirk of West Georgia, to be held in Atlanta

2010: hosted by George Blakely at Florida State University

2011: hosted by Christa Bowden at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

2012: hosted by the Light Factory in Charlotte, NC

If you are interested in hosting an upcoming conference it is not too soon to put your name on the calendar. Contact any of the regional officers for more information.

#### Announcements from the National level:

Mark Malloy initiated a round of applause for the national board members attending the regional meeting, thanking them for their work. He then made some announcements from the national office:

Virginia Morrison is the new executive director of SPE.

The national offices have moved to a new location in Cleveland, OH.

The vote on a change to the national bylaws on membership levels was overwhelmingly approved.

The new national SPE website has a launch date scheduled for November 15.

#### Due South:

The regional juried student competition Due South was a great success. Sam Wang was the juror for this competition and the accepted entries are being produced in a Blurb book. The design of the book has been completed and is in production now. Those who had work selected for the book will receive a copy of the book in the coming weeks.

Books will be available to the general public through the Blurb website. Look for more information and ordering instructions on the SPESE website ([www.speese.org](http://www.speese.org)).

#### Newsletter

Blake Praytor apologized for not getting a newsletter out since the national conference in March. He again expressed concern that it was not necessary with the website, and that he was not receiving any information to put into the newsletter. Michael Marshall read from the minutes of the last regional meeting that the members voted in favor of continuing the newsletter in a digital pdf format, and the national bylaws require that we will put out at least one newsletter each year. Blake agreed to put together the next newsletter and again requested content. If you have information or announcement to include please forward them to Blake at [blake.praytor@gvltec.edu](mailto:blake.praytor@gvltec.edu).

#### Officer Elections

Vice Chair / Secretary – Michael Marshall will be ending his term as vice chair / secretary following the national conference in 2008. The nominating committee received just one nomination for the position. That nominee is Scott Weber from Barry University. Scott will assume the position of Vice Chair following the national conference in Denver. The next election is for the position of Chair. A call will be put forth at the national conference in Denver.

#### New Business

Michael Marshall opened the floor for discussion on how we can use the surplus in the region's bank account in best service to the regional members. Discussion ensued around the idea of scholarships for the national conference. A motion was passed a year ago to ask the national scholarship committee to make a selection of winners from within our region to be funded by our region. Michael Marshall reported that he asked the national office about this, and the national office could not take on this responsibility. A scholarship such as this had to be handled internally.

A new motion was made to offer a \$500 scholarship for a student from within the region to support attending the national conference. Discussion followed including a recommendation that at next year's regional conference we have a juried student exhibition and the winner of that juried exhibition be offered the scholarship for the national conference. There was lots of support for this idea. Further discussion led to a

friendly amendment to offer two \$500 scholarships, one for a student and one for an adjunct faculty member within the region. This friendly amendment was voted upon and unanimously approved. Additional discussion followed with another friendly amendment to include the conference fee in the scholarship. This friendly amendment was voted upon and passed unanimously. The final vote then took place on this motion:

“Two scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 plus the cost of the member’s conference fee to support attendance to the national SPE conference, one for a student and one for an adjunct faculty member. A juror or panel of jurors will select the winners of these two scholarships based upon the quality of a submitted application and image(s). The regional officers are charged with selecting the juror(s) for these scholarships.”

This motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.