

SPESE Spring 2008 Regional Meeting

Minutes from the SPE southeast regional meeting at the national conference

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Welcome

Mark Malloy opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to Denver. This was followed by introductions from each of the 36 members present at the meeting.

Treasure's Report –

Daniel Kariko reported that the region is still doing very well financially. The current balance is a healthy \$21,390.02.

Regional Conference Updates:

A big thank you again to Rebecca Nolan and the Savannah College of Art and Design for hosting the 2007 regional conference, another great event.

2008: Greg Stewart (gtstewart@randolph.edu), host of the 2008 conference reported on the upcoming plans. The conference will be held in Ashboro, NC, November 7-9 with a theme of Transition. Invited lecturers include Tom Rankin (keynote speaker), Richard Zakia (honored educator), Johnny Horne, and Joyce Tenneson. For the latest information visit the conference website: <http://spese.blogspot.com/>

2009: Perry Kirk of West Georgia will host the 2009 regional conference. The conference will be held in Atlanta and will include events associated with Atlanta Celebrates Photography Month.

2010: hosted by George Blakely & John Mann 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

2013: University of South Florida in Tampa (maybe?)

Scholarship Awards:

Our first two scholarship winners for support to attend the national conference in Denver were recognized. The adjunct award winner was Ryan Adrick, currently at Florida State University. The student award winner was Walker Pickering, currently at Savannah College of Art and Design. They received \$500 each to support their attendance at the national conference.

A special thanks to Amy Holmes George, our juror for these awards.

Regional Officer Elections:

Thank you to Michael Marshall who is ending his three-year term as Vice Chair/Secretary for the region. Scott Weber is taking over the position.

Mark Malloy will be ending his three-year term as Chair in March of 2009. We are currently accepting nominations for the chair position. The floor was opened to nominations. Several nominations were made, and one of those nominated has agreed to run for the office. We are looking for others to run for the position. Please contact the regional officers if you are interested in running for this office or making a nomination. In late summer a ballot will be mailed to all regional members to elect our new chair.

A call was put out for a volunteer to put together our newsletter. Ryan Adrick volunteered and will serve as our newsletter editor. Thank you Ryan for volunteering for this service to the region. The next newsletter will come out in late summer to announce the upcoming regional conference. If you have information or announcement you would like to include please forward them to Ryan at ryanadrick@gmail.com.

New Business

Scholarships: Michael Marshall made a proposal to add a third scholarship for the region to separate the student scholarship currently in place into two scholarships, one for graduate students and one for undergraduate students. He put forth the following motion: "I propose that the region offer three scholarships instead of the two currently in place, with those designated as one for an adjunct professor, one for a graduate student, and one for an undergraduate student. All other aspects of the scholarships will move forward as currently in place."

This motion was seconded, and passed unanimously by a vote.

Charter: Our current Charter, the document that outlines our regions policies and procedures, is not in alignment with the way that we are currently conducting some business. In addition, the Regional Officers are working with the Regional Affairs Committee of the National Board to streamline the language in the charters of all of the regions and bring them into compliance with the national by-laws. Our current Charter states that any proposed changes have to be brought before the full membership of the region for a ballot vote before a change can be made. In order to streamline the upcoming editing process for our region's charter the executive committee of the region is proposing that the regional members entrust the regional officers with making changes to the language of the Charter without having to do a ballot vote with all of the members. Any proposed changes would be brought before the members prior to the changes being

made, and members would be offered the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. The executive committee of the region would respond to those changes as needed prior to enacting the changes. The executive committee would then vote upon the final changes by simple majority. The floor was opened for comments upon this proposal. The members were in support of the proposal with little discussion. A final version of this proposal for changing the process for changing the charter will be mailed to the regional members for a ballot vote in late summer.

Due South: The status of Due South, the juried book of student work from within the region, was reported upon. Lines of communication with the coordinator of the project, Catherine Robbins, have broken down. She is in control of the selected images, the password for the blurb site with the completed work, and the contact information for all of the selected artists who should be receiving a copy of the book. A few members at the meeting who know Catherine offered to attempt to re-establish contact with her. They will report their progress to the regional officers.

Announcement: An announcement was made to encourage members to watch for a call for submissions for an upcoming women's caucus exhibition at the Northlight Gallery in Tempe, AZ.

Meeting adjourned.

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