



SRAL Board Meeting

October 10, 2023, 1:00 PM, SRAL Studio

Attendees: Jeani Gustafson, Co-President; Deb Nealy, 2nd V-President; Susan Ettl, Treasurer; Karen Keim, Secretary; Nan Lux, (Exhibit Liaison); and Liz Wolfe (Membership).

OLD BUSINESS

1. **SRAL Exhibits Report:** Nan's volunteer position as exhibit liaison is ending, and she is quite willing to train a new person (hopefully a new volunteer for vice-president). Nan explained that Jody, the GVR contact for reservations, is unwilling to book the Anza Room for January, and that she cannot complete arrangements for 2024 General Meetings. Nan submitted her final list of art shows, which does not have dates to collect and pick up art, because the sites cannot yet be reserved. It was suggested that Arlene and Jeani talk with Kathy at GVR about this situation.
2. **Membership:** Liz will begin taking 2024 membership forms and fees at the General Meeting this Thursday. The single new form allows for persons to indicate renewal or new membership status. The Eblast will advertise membership renewal now through December. Susan will help Liz with a change to membership procedures so that Liz gets updated address, email, and phone information from the forms.
3. **Minutes from September 10, 2023:** Arlene and Susan made a few corrections. Then the minutes were approved with a motion and second by Jeani and Deb.
4. **Mix and Mingle** on Nov. 2, 3-5 PM: We will advertise this event in the mid-October Eblast and request that members bring a work of art in fall colors and a snack to share.
5. **General Meetings:** Deb reported that the GVR workers now must drive to locations from newly established service centers, which may complicate SRAL preparations for meetings. The November presenter is Jessica Gonzales, who paints murals in Tucson. Deb also listed other artists whom she is contacting for future meetings.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** After Susan pointed out only a few changes from last month, the report was approved, with a motion and second by Jeani and Deb.
7. **Members Show, Nov.-Dec. 2023:** The application has been updated, and there are 16 entries so far. Arlene and Jeani are still looking for volunteers for the reception in December. They are hoping that November is not too early for snowbird members and asked that Board members let them know if we hear anything to that effect.
8. **Finding New Volunteers:** First V-P, Secretary, Show Chair for March, and E-Blast editor. Deanna Brooks has agreed to become the Board secretary in 2024. Karen Marvel who volunteered to become the Eblast editor decided not to do it when she discovered procedures were different than she had expected. Jeani and Deb are working on other possible volunteers.



9. **The SRAL Website:** WIX (old website) is now turned off. Susan is having difficulty getting members in leadership positions to respond to her inquiry about permission for web emails that link to personal addresses (GVR has new rules about not publishing members' personal information). The web builders are training Susan and Leslie Barry to use the new system.
10. **Progress on Art Introductory Classes:** Jeani passed around a recent letter from GVR that outlined new rules for holding SIG classes, which appeared to make the Board's current plans "illegal." She said that we would probably need to postpone implementing those plans until she and Arlene could get clarification from someone responsible at GVR. [An email from Jeani to Board members explained later that, despite the wording of the letter, SRAL will be able to hold its own classes without going through the GVR process.]
11. **By-Laws Change:** Jeani is trying to find out who she would get approval from in GVR.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **January GVR Club Showcase:** We need a chairperson, and Deb said she would help Valerie St. Marie, if Valery is interested.
2. **March Open House at the Studio:** We need a chairperson and know that Laurie Chambers would help with Ellen Meentz if Ellen is willing to do it.
3. **Library Arrangement** (possibility of using large shelves in Room A): tabled until Susan Werner returns.

Meeting adjourned: 3:00 PM

Next Meeting: November 14 at 1:00 pm in the SRAL Studio