



SRAL Board Minutes April 8, 2025

Attendees: Jeani Gustafson, Co-President; Deb Nealy, 2nd Vice President; Pamela Guard, Co- 1st Vice President; Brenda Stewart, Co-1st Vice President; Berkana Gervais, Treasurer; Darilyn Ronn, Art 101 Chairperson. Absent: Arlene Szypulski, Co-President; Deanna Brooks, Secretary; and Liz Wolf, Membership.

Darilyn Ronn: Art 101 Report.

The decision of allowing oil painters to work anywhere in the studio was clarified and those present supported that this will continue, but we will proceed with allowing for the full days of Monday, instead of just the afternoon, as well as all day on Tuesday. Darilyn reported that this has worked well. Jeani clarified that odorless solvents are required. This will be announced at the General Meeting and Darilyn has made a notice/sign for the door.

Darilyn is looking for support for her role, beginning in the summer. Deb Nealy and Jeani Gustafson will meet with Darilyn to start organizing for the fall and winter season. blasts for 101 workshops will be discontinued in the summer.

Membership: Liz was unable to attend but she has sent an updated membership list to all members. Liz needs a replacement beginning mid-summer.

Treasurer report: Berkana provided an updated Treasurer's Report and, combined with the 2025 SRAL Budget, those present reviewed the documents. Berkana noted that some questions remain for her and additional training on the format will occur in the near term. The reports were discussed and accepted as presented.

Minutes: the minutes from the March meeting were accepted and approved.

Mix and Mingle: April 3rd Brenda provided a report of last week's Mix and Mingle and it was noted that although it was a small group, a good number from the new member orientation attended.

General Meeting: The April artist is Barb Mulleneaux.

A discussion followed about the summer general meetings and Jeani said June would be canceled given the maintenance and upgrades to the studio. After some discussion, it was agreed that July would also be canceled. Brenda noted that she has not yet addressed the Food/Reception Committee for the General Meetings has not been filled, but she would add that to her list.

It was also determined that Mix & Mingle would take a break for June, July and August and then restart in September, given that many are starting to depart for the summer,

and the studio is closed for much of June.

The theme for the December Member's Show was discussed and a list of theme options were considered. Two themes were chosen and a vote would take place at the General Meeting later this week. The themes selected for the vote were: Lines and Borders, plus Chaos and Harmony. Details for members will follow in the newsletter.

New SIG (Special Interest Group) leaders for both Assemblage and the Abstract SIGs. Nan Lux and Sue McKelvey will now lead the Abstract group. Sue Bollig and Cheryl Schaeffer will now lead the Assemblage SIG

Brenda informed the group that two members of the figure drawing group want to be able to come in and work over the summer. They do not want to hire a model, but will take turns being the model. We will attempt to cover these Saturdays with a monitor or possibly, these members might be trained as a monitor to support access. Jeani will follow-up with Lisa.

E Blasts and Newsletter: Jeani presented the issue that the Newsletter process needs to be reviewed to ensure it is meeting our needs. After some discussion, Brenda volunteered to become the editor until an updated process and job description could be developed, Brenda will meet with Suzy Weber and review the editing issues and the length of the newsletter. Brenda will report to the Board in May.

Volunteer Recruiting: Brenda reported that she is nearing completion on a volunteer board. Jeani asked if it could be ready for Thursday's General Meeting and Brenda agreed. We have several open jobs including two on the Board- the Secretary and the Membership Chair.

TV Use: Jeani has been helping groups learn to use the TV and she is hoping that we can utilize Zoom for summer meetings, given that many will be traveling. Those in attendance were very supportive of an earlier purchase of the paid plan, with an estimated cost of \$150 to \$200. Jeani will take this forward.

Permitting Update: Pam provided an update and the Anza Room is booked until the end of the year .

Tucson Art Museum trips. Jeani reported that only four members attended and she suggested that March might not be the best month, given that so much seems to happen in March, so another month will be considered for next year.

Framing and Mat Cutter Training: The cutter and table training is well underway and no issues of concern have been identified.

The new 'Learning Abstract SIG' will move forward after last month's Board approval. Brenda reported that the new SIG will begin in mid-October. Pam and Brenda have been attending SIGs this month, and this will continue into early May. At

these briefings, they have introduced themselves and notified people about the new SIG. There has been a good amount of positive feedback coming from members about the new SIG.

More to follow.

Framing Improvements: Pam is working on a new written process on framing requirements, and this should be completed next month. Training is set for Friday, April 4th.

Capital Improvements: Jeani reviewed the plans GVR are undertaking, and a group of volunteers will be needed to get the studio ready. It is hoped that Ellen Meents will have returned from her travels as she has undertaken a similar process before. The Studio will need to close during the renovations. We will monitor the usage of rooms, after the improvements are completed, and before purchasing an accordion wall. We want to ensure we don't rush into the purchase. Jeani and Arlene have not submitted additional GVR capital requests.

Next Board Mtg: May 6, 2025 Respectfully submitted Brenda Stewart