



SRAL Board Minutes November 11, 2025

Attendees: Jeani Gustafson, Co-President; Arlene Szypulski, Co-President; Pamela Guard, Co- 1st Vice President; Deb Nealy, 2nd Vice President; Berkana Gervais, Treasurer; Deanna Brooks, Secretary

Discussion of fiber art and assemblage for members shows: Jolene Northup presented her fiber pieces on substrates with watercolor over the fiber. She questioned if it qualified as mixed media. They were very nice pieces but fiber does not fit the show criteria. She was encouraged to show them at the Arts and Crafts Club.

Request for Assemblage in members shows was also denied since it is 3 dimensional. There are other opportunities through SRAL and CPAC to show assemblage pieces. It would require a bylaw change – we could reconsider the request next year.

Masters Show hanging requirements: there are different instructions on web site and show entry for wiring. A decision was made to accept wiring as 2-4 inches from the top of the frame when pulled tight. Nan Lux will do a brief demonstration at the General Meeting and the co-chairs will send reminders to the entrants.

The **Masters Show** in February is requesting a reception. The winners now receive ribbons but SRAL will not pay for a reception. Show chairs and members may plan a reception with GVR approval.

Treasurers Report – Berkana. Treasurer's Report was approved. \$1600 is the total budgeted for the combined members show competitions, In order to create a 2026 budget, we need to know "one- time expenses" vs "continuous operating expenses.

Minutes – Deanna. Minutes from the October meeting were approved

Membership – A new scanning system has been installed for entry to the studio and Anza Room meetings. A new laptop was purchased and thus far it is working.

Mix and Mingle – Next is December 4th. No theme is planned.

ART 101: 2 classes are planned for November. "Color Journey" and "Jumpstart Your Art".

General Meetings – The November demonstrator will be Inna Rohr- night scenes.

December: Kate McCavitt on Sumi painting. Deb has already planned January and February demos for the new 2nd VP.

Filling Board and Committee Vacancies:

Pam Guard will stay on as 1st VP to help with permitting issues.

Carol Wiggins Shiffer and Judy Restad are considering Co- President positions.

Lorna Zarkowski-Fuller will fill the 2nd VP position. Janet Parrell will be on her team.

Deb Nealy and Darilynn Ronn will be the Education Team.

Jeani Gustafson will in the point person for volunteers.

Loretta Jenson will be Studio Manager

There is someone interested in the Membership and Secretary positions

The November General Meeting will open with a warning that the club may need to close if volunteers don't step up and positions are not filled.

Next Board Mtg will be December 9, 2025 at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted, Deanna Brooks

Special SRAL Board Meeting November 13, 2025

Attending: : Jeani Gustafson, Co-President; Arlene Szypulski, Co-President;
Pamela Guard, Co- 1st Vice President; Deb Nealy, 2nd Vice President;
Berkana Gervais, Treasurer; Deanna Brooks, Secretary

Meeting was called to discuss vacancies in Board positions and Committees for the next calendar year and to brainstorm ideas for recruitment.

Jeani presented a PowerPoint presentation that included current board positions and committees and a potential reorganization plan that would delegate more of the decision making to various committees that would then report to a particular board member. This reorganization would reduce the responsibilities and time demands of the board president's position.

The plan is to present this PowerPoint at the November General Meeting in hopes of recruiting more volunteers.

Examples of a reorganization: The President/s would continue to be responsible for Board meetings and the General Meeting and GVR meetings but could have the SIG Groups or a SIG committee report to her.

The Show Chairs would report to the 1st VP. Hopefully a new committee could be created that would oversee all shows for a calendar year.

Mix and Mingle (is this a committee?) would report to the 2nd VP

A Membership committee would report to the Treasurer but hopefully include new team members that would help direct new members to committees and another member that could reach out to /follow up with new members.

The committees will need to have job descriptions and will need additional team members. A new technology committee should be established. Committee teams will be encouraged.

Currently the positions of Treasurer and 1st VP are filled and a candidate for secretary.

There are potential volunteers for President and 2nd VP – they will be recontacted and hopefully we can present their names at the November General Meeting.

The General Meeting could then focus on committee membership, recruitment, and a discussion of the committee responsibilities under a potential new reorganization.

Respectfully submitted, Deanna Brooks, Secretary