



SRAL Board Minutes January 13, 2026

Attendees:

Carol Wiggins-Shiffer, Co-President
Judy Restad, Co-President
Pamela Guard, 1st Vice President
Lorna Zarkowski Fuller, 2nd Vice President
Berkana Gervais, Treasurer
LA Ashburn, Secretary

The above listed board members were elected unanimously to their positions at the December 11, 2025 General Meeting and took office January 1, 2026.

Reports from Committee and Group Point Persons:

It was decided at the Jan 8th meeting, Point Persons would submit a report each month to the Board indicating all is well, or that one of their committees or groups need to request or inform something to the Board.

Since that meeting was only three days ago reports were not expected.

Education:

Susan Ettl may replace Liz Wolf. Liz needs to officially submit her resignation as Education point person before another takes her place.

Action: Judy will contact Jeani Gustafson and Liz to confirm this.

Action: When confirmed, LA will make the change to the Org Chart.

Membership:

Carol reported from the Membership Committee that all is good. Noted that we have 275 recorded members. Around 100 are left to renew. In February, the board will split list and contact members who haven't renewed as a check or reminder.

The Membership Committee is addressing remaining issues and communication with the monitors regarding the scanner.

Action: Jeani has been advised that we need two more volunteers for the general meetings to help with scanning in and renewing memberships.

SIG:

LA received an email from Nan Lux. Nan is the only point person for the Abstract Group.

Nan requested that another SIG group with point persons listed be added to the Org Chart:

Abstract Learning

Rhonda Fisher

Lorna Zarkowski Fuller
Berkana Gervais

Action: LA will make the correction to the Abstract SIG.

Action: Carol and Judy will determine where the Abstract Learning group fits into the organization of the Club.

General Meetings:

Lorna reported that an artist is scheduled to demo for Jan 15th monthly meeting. She continues to work with Debra Nealy for future meeting demos and coordination of meeting mechanics.

Studio:

Berkana raised the need for a moveable divider for the back two rooms to allow for privacy during meetings.

Action: Carol will contact GVR regarding this. It may be a capital improvement item that will be submitted this year to be executed next year if approved.

Action: Berkana is still checking for pricing of old air purifier filters to see if it's financially prudent to use them. For now, we will not get rid of them.

Minutes from the December meeting:

Motion made, seconded, approved to accept minutes.

Treasurer Report:

Berkana distributed the November and December Treasurer Reports via email prior to the meeting.

Action: She will be making changes to the December report as follows:

Remove the investment firm line item. Remove "Interest/Dividends" line item. Neither are appropriate for this report since they don't go through this account and are not needed for balancing.

Motion made, seconded, approved the Treasurer's Reports with changes as noted.

Note: \$1000 is used each year from the investment firm funds for the Sussman-Briggs Competition.

Note: When the December report was prepared, new membership income was \$1443.25 as shown in the report. Since that report and as of today, that income is \$8967.45.

Update on Studio stools:

The two short stools to be ordered without casters are no longer available. Berkana found another stool with casters very similar to the sample we have.

Action: She will order one of these to confirm that it works as well as the other.

Action: Berkana will order one short black stool with casters which was tested. She will order 1 tall black stool with casters and 2 tall black stools without casters which were tested.

Exhibits/Shows:

Pam has been working with SIG Leaders for trading dates where needed. Arlene has helped prepare a schedule based on GVR approved shows and exhibits.

There remains two reservations Pam has requested. Complications with GVR have delayed Pam in getting approval for these reservations. Pam will meet with GVR today to clear up any issues.

Action: After Pam gets final approval on last dates with GVR today, she will furnish the information to Nan Lux and Sue McKelvey to distribute to SIG Leaders and Susan Ettl to publish.

Note: Reservations for general meetings are currently made through March. Reservations are made quarterly with GVR.

Board Transition Items:

Carol now has the extra keys for the SRAL Post Office Box. Treasurer has a key.

The Club's bank requires specific documents to transfer signees.

Action: Secretary will complete the documents.

Action: The Co-Presidents and Treasurer will meet with the bank to complete the transfer.

Waivers signed to leave studio:

Action: Carol will clarify with GVR the use of waivers for members participating outside the studio i.e. Plein air, field trips etc.

New Business:

Carol noted that a few short-term (two month) members are being added to membership. They are paying regular dues. They will receive emails year-round. They will get name badges.

While meeting, the board members received an email from Jeani Gustafson (Volunteer Point Person) with updated job descriptions and emails.

Action: Secretary will mark any corrections and return to Jeani for final edit.

The next board meeting will be February 10 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
LA Ashburn, Secretary