



SRAL Board Minutes May 12, 2026

Attendees:

Carol Wiggins-Shiffer, Co-President; Judy Restad, Co-President; Lorna Zarkowski Fuller, 2nd Vice President; Berkana Gervais, 1st Vice President in training/Treasurer

Absent: Pamela Guard, 1st Vice President; LA Ashburn, Secretary

Carol opened the meeting. Guests were welcomed: Nan Lux, Deb Nealy, Diane Conant

Guest Presenter Nan Lux

Guest Requests:

- She discussed exhibits and proposed updates to job descriptions related to big competitions. She has issues with outdated and confusing wording in job descriptions, among others. Nan volunteered (with collaboration with Lori Chambers to draft new descriptions.
- The guidelines used for Competitions and Exhibits should focus on the large exhibits—those with judges, prize money and receptions. She made a proposal to simplify wording in the prospectus for the Sussman/Briggs Competition, scaling back the competition and adjusting the canvas size.
- Discussion regarding the need to have a dedicated hanging crew.
- Nan introduced a possible 3M hanging tool since there are challenges with current hanging wires.
- Nan volunteered to assist with planning the exhibit program for next year. She also proposed a new exhibit featuring small pieces (12 inches and smaller).

Guest Presenters Diane Conant and Deb Nealy

Guest Requests:

- Regarding the Masters Exhibit, they have concerns about low participation and lack of incentives. They propose adding a reception, cash awards, and an entry fee.
- The next idea presented was for a Master's Retrospective Exhibit featuring older and newer pieces.

ACTION: Board decisions to be delivered to Guest Presenters after discussion and decisions via email.

Meeting Minutes

All board members previously received minutes from the April 7, 2026 Board meeting. After prior review and changes, meeting minutes were approved.

ACTION: LA to send minutes .pdf file to Susan Ettl for website.

Treasurer's Report

The April 2026 Treasurer's Report was distributed electronically by Berkana. Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bylaws Committee:

Jeani sent an email with Andy Berg and Mary Dargan's names as interested in working on the bylaws revision. She requested access to review it when we were ready to send recommendations to the Board.

ACTION: LA will contact and get the committee started.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Membership Renewal

The renewal timeframe for memberships will be shortened to November 12th through January 14th.

ACTION: Carol will ensure that membership application wording is updated and submit information for newsletter.

2. Theme for 2026 Fall Members' Competition

Proposed themes:

- Interpretations of Elephant Rock
- Big Band
- Favorite Song

ACTION: Descriptions will be written for clarity. These will be voted upon by the membership at the Thursday Monthly Meeting and results submitted for newsletter.

3. Organizational Changes

After Board review and evaluation of how the structure has been working thus far, the following decisions were made:

- Four team leads were eliminated.
- Studio management moved to the responsibility of Pamela Guard as the 1st Vice President.
- Competitions and exhibits were reassigned to Berkana Gervais as 1st Vice-President in-training/Treasurer.

ACTION: Pamela Guard and Berkana Gervais to work on specific assignments in these groups within their teams.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:30. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 9th at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
LA Ashburn, Secretary