



SRAL Board Minutes

August 11, 2026

Attendees:

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

Carol opened the meeting.

Board Reports

Judy Restad:

Education: Susan Ettl / Deb Nealy are making/sending a letter for those teaching Art 101 and Mini Workshops to see if they want to teach again this year.

Volunteers:

ACTION: Judy will talk to Jeani G after this meeting about Board vacancies and announcement at the Monthly General Meeting.

ACTION: Judy will follow-up on something that Susan Ettl had sent

Carol Wiggins-Shiffer:

Membership: Wrote article for the newsletter to inform people that if they have moved, there is a new form to complete to correct scanning, membership and library.

Pamela Guard/Berkana Gervais:

Monthly General Meetings: 2nd Thursday meetings are scheduled through December
Exhibit Schedule: 2026 Fall Members' Art Competition ends on January 31 instead of December 31 and the Collage/Mixed Media Exhibit ends on December 15 instead of December 31.

NO locker rentals have occurred since Berkana's been gone.

New cool temp, daylight-like light bulbs have been installed in various locations in the Studio.

A new box for donation money for donated supplies was made.

An idea/suggestion box has been made and placed in the Studio. (with name and contact info, solution ideas and volunteer potential). Discussed procedure for addressing suggestions. Board members will rotate to review the suggestions and address them:

August: Carol
September: LA
October: Judy
November: Berkana
December: Lorna

Awaiting a large donation that Loretta was going to receive.

ACTION: Pamela has started 2027 exhibit schedule. There have been problems with West Center scheduling so they are looking to move the Open Exhibit to April 1-May 31 at East Center for next year.

ACTION: Berkana will follow-up with Loretta regarding the upcoming donation.

Lorna Zarkowski Fuller:

Penny Buckley is committed to the August monthly general meeting. Katherine Gastalone (cold wax) is scheduled for September monthly general meeting. Any suggestions for artists is appreciated.

LA Ashburn:

Communications: Jeani G requested help for Organization chart enlargement.

ACTION: LA will make any changes to the chart and coordinate with Jeani how to enlarge for the visual board. The visual board has found a new home at the end cap of one of the library shelving units.

ACTION: Loretta will be talking with the handyman about how to mount it for removal and replacement when updates occur.

Note: The Board's intent was to remove the specific competitions and exhibits with chair names, but Jeani G felt that members wanted to see that information on the board in the Studio, so for now will remain.

Meeting Minutes

All board members previously received minutes from the June 9, 2026 Board meeting. No meeting was held in July. 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 May, June and July reports were distributed for review and approval before the August Board meeting and the Board voted to approve of all three months of reports.

ACTION: Berkana will add the Masters' Competition to the income portion and look at budgeted amounts for competitions.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Del Sol Café Clubhouse:

A Leader is needed to facilitate this in the future. Judy has written guidelines and will take care of newsletter articles.

ACTION: Judy will lead this endeavor through the end of the year.

ACTION: Judy will indicate the need for new art for October in a newsletter article. The theme will always be "Desert" at this time.

2. Securing members for 2026 Board positions:

Confirmation that Carol Wiggins-Shiffer and Judy Restad will not continue as Co-Presidents and Pamela Guard will not continue as First Vice President next year. LA Ashburn will not submit her name for reelection as Secretary either. Lorna is still

undecided. Berkana plans to submit her name for election to First Vice President.
ACTION: The Board is working on securing a full Board for 2027 and updates will follow.

ACTION: LA to make a one-page summary of the Board of Director positions and send to Carol to make available as needed.

3. Completion of Exhibit Procedures

Pamela, Berkana and LA are working together to update Exhibit job descriptions.

ACTION: A meeting was set for August 12, 1 pm at LA Ashburn's house.

ACTION: The prospectus/entry applications are a priority to update--especially for the Small Works Exhibit. We don't normally prepare those applications, but this is a new exhibit and may turn into a competition later. It will be sent to Susan McKelvy asap.

ACTION: Once the prospectus/entry application form is completed for the Spring/Fall Members' Art Competitions, Pamela/Berkana will send to Paula Richards and Deanna Brooks for their use.

ACTION: The Sussman/Briggs guidelines will be sent to Nan Lux, Hugh B and Susan Ettl as soon as possible for their review of any changed procedures.

4. Mix and Mingle

Previously discussed low attendance and efforts involved with the leadership of this monthly event.

ACTION: Lorna wrote and sent a notice for the newsletter that will discontinue monthly Mix and Mingle events, but will begin "Pop-Up Mix and Mingle" events this fall and into the future.

ACTION: Lorna will talk to Judy Lawrence about one in the fourth quarter of the year. We will have one each quarter at least.

ACTION: This will be announced at an upcoming Monthly General Meeting.

5. Bylaws Committee:

LA has submitted recommendations to the Board for review by the committee comprised of Andy (& Cindy) Berg, Mary Dargan and LA Ashburn.

ACTION: A meeting had been set for August 4, 10:30am at LA Ashburn's house to discuss final Board review. LA will make any changes and Carol will send to GVR for review.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Business cards

We can get business cards from new IZY frame shop next to Safeway at Continental Center.

ACTION: Judy will announce at General Monthly Meeting that SRAL members and receive 20% off framing at the IZY frame shop.

ACTION: LA will design generic business card with website and physical address (with Springs).

2. Studio Names for each Room:
Room A/B/C/D, Library, Kitchen will be assigned for GVR reference with maintenance.
3. Capital Improvement Meeting:
GVR and three other clubs will be meeting next week regarding the upcoming current and 5 yr. plan.
4. Carla O'Dell will present Small Works framing vs. not framing at September meeting.
5. Concern presented by Andy Berg still not addressed. (Add to September agenda?)
Paint two light gray walls back to white
6. Received an email from Sahuarita Food Bank & Community Resource Center: Add to September agenda.
7. Delay Replenishment of SRAL Brochure: Add to December agenda.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Sept 8 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
LA Ashburn, Secretary