

Council Meeting Agenda

30 April 2014

In attendance:

Ann Marie Plubell

Katherine Gottschalk

Cathy Ryan

Arlette Raspberry

Dierdre Palmer

Jennifer Cross

Liz Diament

Heidi Hinish

Katy Senkus

Marta Horgan

Maria Amelia Ramaciotti

Dianne Maffia

Dianne Stephens

Susan Lewis

Michele Sutton

Virginia Flavin

Marylin Mathis

Lynn Russell

1. Group Photo and Welcome

After the Group Photo of the Council Members, Michele Sutton called the meeting to order and noted that she had not put "updates" on the agenda as the NGA Staff had no "new" or "big" news to report other than to report back that the new East Building Sculpture Tour was progressing towards being offered. Dianne Stephens mentioned that she has gotten several outlines and will begin validating in mid/late May.

2. Guidelines Discussion

Michele Sutton brought the Council members up to date on the progress of the subcommittee tasked to write the new Guidelines document to replace the docent by-laws. The Committee met several times and was constituted as follows:

Michele Sutton, Art Information

Dianne Maffia, APD Docents

K.K. Piper and Cathy Ryan, School Docents

Virginia Flavin, APW Docents

Heidi Hinish, Staff

Dianne Stephens, Staff

FLD Docents were represented through individual meetings with Michele Sutton about the process and progress.

The Sub-committee successfully produced a document that was presented to the Council in draft form for discussion. The Council was assured that the draft Guidelines maintained the same kind of transparency of process and uniformity of organization

provided by the bylaws and was pleased to present a flexible and empowering document that leaves more of the "roles and responsibilities" issues up to the separate volunteer groups. Most especially, transparency of leadership selection will be addressed in the individual group documents to be completed by committees comprised of those members.

The subcommittee will now work towards a "template" or framework for these individual documents so that there is some consistency and clarity across all Volunteer groups.

The Council came to consensus that the draft document proposed was acceptable, noting that all and every aspect of this document and the subsequent individual group documents will always be eligible for revisions as deemed necessary by the Council and Volunteer groups members.

The Gallery Staff will distribute this document in a follow-up to their previous e-mail about the work of the sub-committee regarding the new Guidelines document.

There was general consensus that the Volunteer Handbook should be "updated" and made more relevant and user friendly. The new Guidelines document and the individual group "roles and responsibilities" documents will be eventually incorporated into this Handbook as well. This will be taken on at a later date.

3. Wrap-UP

Members of the Council expressed special thanks to Michele Sutton for her excellent leadership in getting the Document done. She carefully and expertly organized and met with the various constituencies and pulled everyone together for this successful outcome. Also special thanks were extended to Heidi Hinish and Dianne Stephens for actually writing and revising the document, incorporating as they progressed all of the suggestions from sub-committee members.

With next steps clearly defined as mentioned above, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Virginia Flavin