

## 2018 VWS ANNUAL FALL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 27, 2018

LOCATION: Middlebury Inn, Middlebury, Vermont

9:30 – 11:00 Business Meeting

• Welcome / Opening Remarks Tony Conner opened the Fall Annual Meeting of the VWS with a warm welcome.

• Approve Minutes of 10/28/17 Member Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Nancy Lanoue and seconded by Gigi Graner. The motion passed unanimously.

• Treasurer's Report (See attached)

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Lynn Pratt and seconded by Jane Sandburg. The motion passed unanimously.

• Presentation of 2019 Budget (See attached)

Kristina Bieldenberg made a motion to accept the proposed 2019 budget. Nancy Dean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

• Proposed By- Law Changes

Martin Lalonde presented the changes to the by-laws, which were voted on individually.

### Article III

2.5.1. Anyone who is 22 years of age or younger may be a member at no cost.

2.5.2. Student members are not eligible to hold office, either elected or appointed, and are not allowed to vote on matters submitted to a vote of the members.

Discussion: Student Member is defined as any one 22 years of age or younger and although they may participate at no cost, they would be required to pay dues if they wanted to hold office or vote.

Lynn Pratt made the motion to accept this change and Gary Eckhart seconded it. The change was accepted by a show of hands.

### Article V

Nancy Dean made a motion to accept the delineation of Directors and Co-Directors. Amy Becker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Article VI

5. The addition of the definition of a quorum, defined as a majority of the Board of Directors, was added.

Nancy Dean made a motion to accept the addition. Gigi Graner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Article XV – (Regulations governing the organization’s 501C status)

Gigi Graner made the motion to accept the changes having to do with our 501C status. Gary Eckhart seconded it. The motion passed unanimously

Kristina Bieldenberg made a motion to accept the by-law changes. Lisa Beach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Elections:

Nancy Dean made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented by Tony. Gigi Graner seconded the motion. Loretta Weitzel cast one ballot for the election of officers.

President – Tony Conner (term ends 12/31/2020)

Vice President – Martin Lalonde (term ends 12/31/2020)

Treasurer – Chris Sumner (term ends 12/31/2020)

Secretary – Adrienne Fisher Standing for first term,

Director of Programs – Joey Bibeau (term ends 12/31/2020)

Director of Hubs, - Jane Sandburg (1<sup>st</sup> term ends 12/31/19

Director of Exhibits - Jean Canon

Co- Director of (Internal) Communications – Judith Selin (term ends 12/31/2020)

Co- Director of (External) Communications – Loretta Weitzel Standing for 1st term

Presentation of Hub Re- Alignment and Operations for 2019

Discussion: Tony presented the rationale for combining some of the less populated and less active hubs into one, meaning we will now have 4 hubs. The Hub leaders had been consulted and the membership agreed with the concept and felt that it would increase communication and participation in activities.

New Hub	Combined Hubs	Approx. combined Total members
Burlington/St. Albans	Burlington/St. Albans	72
Central/NE Kingdom	Montpelier/Stowe, Newport/St. Johnsbury	46
Connecticut River	Brattleboro, NH, White River Jct.	76
Westside	Benn/Manchester,Rutland/Middlebury	39

### Acknowledgments

- Recognition of retiring Board Members
  - Loretta Weitzel –out going Secretary
  - Victoria Jefferies – outgoing Co-Director of Exhibitions
  - Adrienne Fisher – out going Director of Volunteers

### Hub Funding

A motion was made that the 'carry-over' of the Hub Funds continue to be available to the existing hubs through December 31,2018 as opposed to October 1, 2018 by Lisa Beach. It was seconded by Diane Miller-Liggett.

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion followed that the existing hubs would carry their available funds to the new hub structures as of 1/1/19.

A second motion was made that the funds continue to be available January through April 2019.

Loretta Weitzel made the above motion and seconded by Kate Reeves.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The date in the above motion was amended to continue to make the money available until 12/31/19 by Nancy Lanoue and seconded by Chris Sumner. At that point, (1/1/20) half of the remaining money will go to the 'I can paint' program and the other half will be made available to all hubs.

Further outcomes of the discussion:

- \* An accounting of the funding will be made at the Spring Meeting.
- \* The amount of funding available will continue to be determined by the number of Hub members.
- \* Jane Sandburg and Doris Ingram will meet to make a suggested list of what is an appropriate use for the funding.
- \* Hubs submit proposals to Jane Sandberg for approval.

### • Recognition of new Signatory Members and Certificates

Congratulations to Ruth Kaldor and Bruce Macmillan

### • Recognition of Hub Point Persons

Appreciation goes to Mary Alice Brenner, Lisa Beach, Terry Hodgdon, Julie Holmes, Kate Reeves, Lynn Pratt, Diane Bell, Diane Liggett, Harry Wethauseon, Maisie Crowther for volunteering to be Hub Point People.

### \* Outline of Strategic Directions for 2019 and Beyond

- Hub Activities and Incentives to encourage more activity throughout the state at the Hub level.
- Distribution of VWS Brochures at State Welcome Centers to increase visibility and public awareness
- Public Relations Communications Plan to be discussed at future Board meeting  
Loretta Weitzel will develop a contact list, etc.
- Regional Open (Member and Non- Member) Juried Exhibit –June-Dec. 2020

### Members' ratification of all the activities of the Board

#### Open Discussion / Q&A

1. The Landgrove workshop had to be canceled because of lack of interest. This year we've invited Andy for 4 days. It will cost \$500 for members, and \$550 for non-members. The cost of staying at the Landgrove is separate. We need at least 9 people to hold the workshop. Scholarships are not available at this time, but will be a consideration for the future.
2. We will be sending reminders of dues and activities through snail-mail in the Fall and Spring.
3. In early summer, we will change the website manager to Word Press.

### The Annual Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

#### 12- 1 lunch

#### 1-2:45 Katharine Monstream -Demonstration

#### RAFFLE

Martin distributed raffle tickets that were to be drawn following Katharine Montream's demonstration in the afternoon session, following lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adrienne Fisher