

In attendance: Wendy Chadbourne, Susan Stranz, Frances Topping, and Nancy Minnigerode

We concluded that the present “presumptive” officers are official: Wendy C. president, Tony treasurer, and Nancy secretary.

Wendy reported on her attendance at the 2016 GNSI Conference in Santa Cruz. She said she had a blast, and there were many interesting presenters in particular John Laws speaking about how your artwork is interpreted by your audience/client.

This led to a discussion about journaling and giving yourself permission to have fun sketching (as opposed to something that has to be really good) and practice. Many have found the app “Value Viewer” to be helpful.

Wendy is currently working on an illustration job requiring not only expert drawing skills but also interpretation and coordinating with many “bosses” with extremely different ideas and expectations. Good luck, Wendy!

Upcoming events: Marla Greenfield botanical workshop in watercolor, November 12. Details to follow in separate email.

The joint GNSI/NESBA exhibit at Massasoit Community College will take place from November 2 until December 2, 2016. Artwork needs to be delivered by October 21. More details available in previous email from Tricia.

The Mass Migration exhibit at the Lakeville Library will likely be in the fall of 2017 instead of Spring. We will begin planning at that time.

We discussed ways of creating more activity within the chapter. Susan suggested we try to have someone speak to some of the Natural Science Illustration classes at RISD. If there is wi-fi available in the building, maybe we could have members attend the meeting virtually since many are too far away to come. Wendy would like to get together with Erica and rework the website to get more member interactivity and use the Facebook page to inform members and friends about what we are all doing.

Even if you can't attend meetings, please let any of us know what ideas and suggestions you may have. We are listening!

The CT Natural Science illustrators will be offering a Certificate of Natural Science Illustration this fall. There will be an open house and Info session on October 2, 2016.

Susan's painting “Rush” was accepted into the RI Watercolor Society's Watermedia Competition.

Our next meeting is the annual holiday party/Yankee Swap on Dec. 3 from 11-1 with a snow date of December 10. Please bring your portfolios to share and any unwanted books and supplies. There will also be a recipe swap of the food brought to the party.