



BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 12TH, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wendy Chadbourne (President)

Laurie Bebick (Secretary)

Tony Gerardi (Treasurer)

Susan Sward

Wendy Berube

Tricia Cassady

Frances Topping

Nancy Worthington

Meeting Started: 10:20 AM

- Members introduced themselves.
- Minutes from the September 16th, 2018 meeting approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Deposits equaled deductions for a total of **\$2,690.26** currently in checking account.
- Tony printed out bank statements and gave to Wendy C.
- Tony is stepping down as Treasurer.
- Wendy C. and Tony will make arrangements to have Wendy added to account.

Secretaries Report:

- Membership total is 19 (2018 final number).
- A current and past membership list was uploaded to Google Docs and will be available to all board members for viewing and editing.
- Laurie notified all members on the chapter email list that those who have not paid their dues by January, 31st will be removed.
- Laurie will also send a "come join us" email to all National members living in New England to increase chapter membership. New York members will be invited to join as their chapter has dissolved.
- Membership forms are available on the chapter website and will be processed by Wendy C.

Website Update:

- Wendy previewed her recent changes to the chapter website (member bio, activities pages).
- A drop box will be available for members who wish to submit photos of events, art work, etc.
- Eventually a map of where members are located will be available for viewing to stimulate member interaction.
- The chapter FB page has garnered a bit of interest and members were encouraged to post on the chapter timeline; especially info about exhibits, etc. for group field trips.

- Wendy will facilitate adding other admins. to page.
- Wendy proposed adding a quarterly challenge question on FB for members to participate in.

Exhibits Update:

- There were a lot of positive feedback generated by the Mass Migration exhibit at the Great Ponds Gallery in Lakeville, MA, and we were asked to come back in 2020 or 2021. A vote was taken, and the group agreed to accept the invitation.
- The Mass Migration exhibit is now at Massasoit Community College's Akillian gallery in Canton, MA through February 6th, 2019.
- Artist demo sessions at the Akillian were proposed. There was some interest among members and Wendy C. will contact staff for more information and to confirm dates and times.
- The 2019 exhibit "Into the Woods" will be at the Mass Audubon's Habitat Sanctuary in Newton, MA. Wendy B. stepped up to coordinate the exhibit. Other members will act as support.
- Members were invited by Joan Peirce to enter the NESBA Newport Flower Show exhibit in RI. Interested members should contact Joan at: joanpierce75@gmail.com or apply through the NESBA website.

Voting for New Officers:

- Wendy C. was confirmed as president and Laurie B. as secretary.
- No one stepped forward to take on the position of Treasurer. Current National bylaws require a minimum of three board members for a chapter to continue. Laurie will contact members not present at the meeting for a candidate.

Future Activities:

February 9th (snow date 16th): group trip to the Ecotarium: <https://www.ecotarium.org>
Laurie to host.

March 23rd: presentation on Website design 101 will be given by Hannah Hazelton, followed by a panel discussion; time and place TBD.

April 6th: Munsell color theory or "How to not make mud" will be presented by Laurie. Details will be provided.

May 4th or 11th: Business meeting at RISD (Wendy C. to confirm date). Frances will arrange for a presenter.

November: Susan to arrange a presentation by the mushroom hunters of RI.

Presentation:

Wendy B. gave a short demo showing her traveling water color kit; write-up for FB by Laurie to follow.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:35 PM