

+NORTH SHORE ARTS ASSOCIATION 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

PRESIDENTS REPORT

When you read the other committee reports you will have some idea of what the Board has been working on this year. But, in addition to the reported committee work, there are two other projects in the works. Karl Frank and Andrea van Gestel are working together to review and revise the By-Laws with input from Allen van Gestel. These will be presented at next year's Annual Meeting. Marion Hall is working on updating the Policies booklet with suggestions and help from the Board in hashing the details. The new booklet should be ready and available later in the year.

Over the past few years, NSAA has been fortunate to be able to host at least one large event or Exhibition each year that enabled us to supplement our income which comes to us from a variety of sources; the Marina rental, the Auction, membership dues, painting sales, facility rentals, the occasional grant and charitable donations. The Chair of the House Committee will give you an idea of what repairs and maintenance issues have been dealt with this year and what else looms on the horizon.

Unfortunately, this year NSAA was unable to secure an outside exhibition. We thought we had one lined up but at the last minute it fell through and there was nothing we could do about it. The reports from our Treasurer and our Finance Chair will explain how this will impact our current Finances and Budget Plans.

On the positive side, we established a new committee this year called Community Engagement to help NSAA partner with other local businesses and increase our visibility. The idea for this committee came from our director, Linda Cote, who has been doing the job of community outreach for NSAA, pretty much on her own, for years. She has worked tirelessly to make connections and get to know other organizations and businesses that NSAA can partner with on events. But since she works 24 hours a day 7 days a week, she finally admitted that she'd like some help. Jeannie McIntyre and Leigh Slingluff stepped up and began working closely with Linda, actively picking her brain. Now that the committee is up and running we hope to make connections that will result in more exposure for NSAA in the community and more future events in our building that will bring in not only additional revenue but new visitors to our galleries as well.

I was lucky this year to have an experienced and hardworking board of trustees who left their artist egos in their studios and came to each meeting prepared to work together for the common good of North Shore Arts Association. Not one turned down a request for help with committee work and when hard decisions needed to be made and everyone debated, it was with respect for the opposing opinions of others until a compromise was achieved. They have been patient and a good humored and a lot of fun.

The staff has been outstanding as well, working hard behind the scene and taking care of an amazing number of details that the rest of us will probably never know anything about. They are devoted to this organization and its thanks to them, Linda Cote, Kathy Staab, Rebecca Siswick Graham - and now our newest addition to the staff, Keely Quirk - that North Shore Arts keeps running smoothly. It was Linda, Kathy & Rebecca who came up with the idea of the revolving exhibition on the main floor this year, even though they knew it would mean a lot of extra work for all of them and it has been a huge success!

Finally - thank you to all of you who have volunteered in the past and are volunteering this year. NSAA simply could not function without the hard work of its members.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalfe, President