

President's Report
FY 2022 and YTD 2023

Submitted by Peter Holton July 24, 2023

For the calendar and fiscal year 2022, Judy Metcalfe served the North Shore Arts Association as President of the Board of Trustees. She highlighted her last year in the role pointing out the success of Exhibit New England Regional Juried Show and the auspicious beginning of Sarah Milton's Directorship and new staff.

The year was financially successful and continued the several-year effort of the trustees to stabilize the financial condition of the association. The financial reports contain all the detail.

The staff's effort to make every visitor and member feel welcome has brought numerous smiles and many heartfelt compliments for such a warm and positive atmosphere. A couple took me aside and said it was such an unusual experience to have staff listen so carefully and help them find and understand the art and artist they discovered in the gallery.

There was substantial discussion between Trustees and the Cape Ann Museum concerning the future of NSAA's Permanent Collection and associated archival materials. After lengthy consideration, the Trustees affirmed its responsibility and opportunity expressed in the founding by-laws to maintain ownership and stewardship of the Permanent Collection.

As you probably know, I was not elected president by the Artists Members as is normal at the Annual Artist Member's meeting. It was an unusual time for the Board of Trustees because circumstances led to term expiration of all the officers and all but four of the trustees. New officers were not elected at the meeting, but instead outgoing officers agreed to 'stay on' briefly while the new board sorted itself out. I was elected as a Trustee by a board vote shortly before the annual meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting along with seven other trustees.

Sorting out officers has taken a little while. Here is where we stand.

- President. Though not the house chair as expected, the board picked me for president.
- Vice President. Though Dave Drinon was slated and his name is still there, there is currently not a vice president.
- Secretary. It is necessary (state requirement for not-for-profit) to have one and Susan Ellis was persuaded.
- Treasurer. Roy Campana was unable to accept the assignment. Dave Drinon stepped up.

The board is fortunate to have been able to elect Roger Levine. Roger is appointed Finance Chair and backs up Dave for the many tasks asked of the treasurer. Steve Lush agreed to take on the critical role of House Chair.

This bit of history is important because it highlights the need for more people to contribute to the stewardship of NSAA. The board needs a range of skills particularly because new technology available today is sorely needed. We need new energy and new ideas. A trustee experience leading a not-for-profit organization is an opportunity to give while learning a new set of life skills.

Moving on to the first half of this year, it is unfolding to be one of the best! Sarah and Susan will fill you in on the extensive offerings and events still to come.