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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
February 15, 4:00 pm**

**Board members present:** David Moore, John Beatty, Jay Berryman, Lisa DeFilippo, Donna Gilberto, Sarah Lucas, Jack Montmeat, Kim Sapia, Kathy Simmons.

**Board members absent:** Del-Bourree Bach, Debbi Goodman, Emily Reynolds, Steven Ross, Michael Moses, Gayle Asher.

**Staff:** Gary Parrington, Jocelyn Zallinger, Laurie Pavlos.

**Call to Order:** Kathy convened the meeting at 4:02.

**Minutes Review & Approval:** The January minutes were approved on a motion by Dave, seconded by Sarah.

**Bylaws Committee Status:** Kathy reported that the committee met on Tuesday, February 7, and elected Judy Chapman as chair. Discussions regarding voting rights were begun. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 17.

**Treasurer's Report:** John presented the report for 2016. For the year, income was higher than both budget and previous year in nearly all areas. Many expenses were also under budget, resulting in a profit of \$44,000 before depreciation. The 2017 budget was presented showing a projected profit for the year of \$7,000. Carrie made a motion to accept the 2017 budget and Jay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Gallery Report:** Jocelyn reported that the Associate Artist opening was very well attended and twenty pieces sold that night. The average sale price was \$537. After the opening, sales slowed down; this is usually a slow time of the year for gallery traffic and sales.

**APEC Report:** Jocelyn reported that APEC met in January and drafted the 2018 calendar. The fifth show is left open at this time for a possible collaboration, possibly with Salmagundi or the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts. APEC will meet again in April.

**Development: Second Century Committee Report:** Carrie said that there has been no formal discussion yet with our new architect at Centerbrook Architects. After she meets with him and establishes a Request for Proposal (RFP), she will begin interviewing contractors. Carrie stated that she would like 100% board participation in the Capital Campaign. **Annual Fund:** Gary reported that the drawing of Annual Fund donors through January 31 was done and Art and Hilde Reichenbach won. **Sponsorship:** Michael had an urgent work obligation and couldn't present his report. Gary said that Michael secured two exhibition sponsorships; Family Hearth and Patio from New London will be presenting sponsor for Four Acts, and Aspire Magazine will be supporting sponsor for the Marine Show. Gary handed out the 2017 Sponsorship opportunities and benefits sheet.

**Building and Grounds Report:** Gary reported that the Florence Griswold Museum's grounds committee decided not to refurbish the bridge over the brook between our property and their property, but to remove it unless we were able to have it repaired. Gary sent a quote for the repair to Greg Shook from Essex Savings Bank (the original donor of the bridge). Greg will be sending a check from ESB for the



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repair and the bridge will be saved. A tree fell across the creek from the Florence Griswold side and the Museum had the tree removed from the LAA parking lot.

**Education and Activities Committee Report:** Preparations are continuing for the Art Supply Expo in April. Eight vendors have signed up and paid, and promotion has begun. The schedule for spring classes is filling up, with several new classes added to the regulars. The Steven Assael workshop is full, and enrollment is good for the two other workshops.

**Other Business:** Gary, Jocelyn, Laurie and Jack met with Todd Jokl and Elizabeth Oleschuk, from the Lyme Art Academy to discuss the presentation that will be held on March 26 at 1:30 pm, before the opening reception at 2:00 pm. The Academy is donating rare LAA documents and exhibition catalogues assembled by Elisabeth Gordon Chandler, a recognized portrait artist and LAA President in 1975. The presentation is open to the public and the Board is invited to attend.

Staff met with Ruth Emblin, commodore of the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club, to arrange a special reception for area yacht clubs during the Marine Show this summer. The reception will be on Tuesday evening, July 11.

Staff met with the executive director of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra to discuss a collaboration. Plans are in the works for the presentation of music in the gallery by small musical ensembles.

Donna suggested working with the Garde theater, exhibiting art there.

Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn was made by Sarah, seconded by Donna. All were in favor.

*\* The next board meeting will be held on March 15, 2017 at 4:00 pm.*