

# Wisconsin Pottery Association - Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 9 October 2010  
Community Center

The Goodman

## Attendees:

Dorothy Russ	Michael Waidelich
Christine Boone	Jamie Boone
Heidi Hahlen	Jim Riordan
Jim Tyne	Ellen Tyne
Tim Zinkgraf	David Knutzen
Betty Knutzen	

**Treasurer's Report:** David reports that the current checking account balance is \$9032.53 but there are several outstanding bills to be paid.

**Secretary's Report:** Heidi reported that 11 members attended the October business meeting, with 20 attending the show & tell. Unfortunately, there was a misunderstanding of the date of our meeting so the speaker did not show. As of 11/1/10, there are 45 paid members and 2 lifetime honorary members. The one final unpaid member (Krause) was removed from the active membership list. Heidi reviewed the 34 single/dual memberships will expire 1/1/11 because they paid the 2010 dues before 7/1/10; 11 single/dual memberships will expire 1/1/12 because they paid the 2010 dues or joined after 7/1/10. A list of those members whose dues are due 1/1/10 will be made available at the November and December meetings.

**WPA Bylaws:** Heidi completed the WPA Bylaw revisions that were recommended during the summer business meeting and passed out copies of the revisions for everyone to review. Everyone agreed to keep the bylaws very basic so that frequent revisions would be minimized. Heidi also reminded everyone that the second half of the bylaws will be revised by the Wisconsin Historical Society as it deals with their requirements for being a non-profit member of the WHS. Once WPA votes on the proposed revisions, Heidi will forward the approved bylaws to the WHS for their input. When the revision of the WPA bylaws is complete, everyone will be notified and it will replace the current Bylaws on the WPA website.

**Speakers /Presentations:** Dorothy reminded everyone that Thom and Carol Kapheim will be providing the November pottery program: Comparison of the Aesthetics of J. Maresch and Amphora. Then everyone was asked to provide ideas for the 2011 WPA Exhibit. Some of those ideas included: Pottery Schools, Red/White/Blue Pottery, Crystalline pottery. The one idea that everyone seemed most interested in is "The Human Form in Art Pottery". This is to be discussed and refined further but shows potential as an intriguing topic.

**Newsletter:** Dorothy asked those in attendance who have not yet submitted a 'Member Bio' to consider doing so for a future newsletter. She also reminded everyone that anyone planning on submitting articles to the upcoming newsletter that the due date is 10/15/10.

**Website and expanding technology:** Dorothy will continue to monitor Craig's List and list WPA's monthly meeting in the Community Section and Heidi will talk with her husband again about the WPA Facebook.

Jim T. reported that the Wisconsin Antique Dealers Association has openings during their Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 shows for exhibits. There will be 2 - 3 locked showcases available at the Waukesha Expo Center during the Thursday through Sunday show. Another discussion ensued about liability insurance for member's pottery once it is loaned out for an exhibit. More information is needed but everyone agreed that those members who loan their pottery for exhibits understand that there is a risk for either breakage or theft. Those who are not willing to accept those risks usually do not loan their most expensive pieces.

**Traveling Exhibit:** Christine checked in the pottery that members provided for the Roscoe Mall exhibit of Wisconsin Pottery. Heidi provided membership brochures and Christine will make the necessary descriptive labels for the pieces. The exhibit will be available for viewing through the end of November.

**New Business:**

2011 Speaker Schedule: Jim R. confirmed that the Goodman Center rooms have been reserved for the 2011 meetings. Jim, Dave, Betty and Barb Huhn (everyone is invited) will meet at Jim's house on 11/4 at 6 pm to draft the 2011 schedule. Heidi has already emailed him the list of suggestions offered during the summer business meeting. Joann Kirkland may be asked to present during 2011 since we missed her program in October. The goal is to have the 2011 calendar determined by the end of December so the website can be updated.

Pickard China Exhibit Road Trip: Jim T. confirmed that the members of the WPA have been invited to join the Iowa Pottery Association members in touring the Rock County Historical Society to view the Pickard China exhibition on Sunday, March 20, 2011. Jim expects that both pottery associations will meet in Janesville for a lunch, then tour the Historical Society. It has not been decided yet if the WPA will have a regular meeting that month or if the road trip will replace the usual Tuesday evening meeting.

December Holiday Party: Everyone agreed to continue the tradition of bringing a dish to pass for the potluck dinner and a piece of pottery for white elephant gift exchange.

2011 Election of Officers: The slate of officers for the upcoming election will be presented during the November meeting, and the vote will occur by show of hands at the December meeting.

**Reminder: There is not a WPA meeting in January but content for the next WPA newsletter is due to Ori-Ann by January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Hahlen  
WPA Secretary