

**Wickford Art Association**  
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John Pitocco President, Jeff Potter Vice President, Diane Heilig Secretary, Julia Reinhard Treasurer  
Board of Directors

**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 5:30 PM

1. Attendance – we have a quorum with approximately 50 members in attendance.
2. Roll Call of Officers – all present but Diane Heilig.
3. Minutes of the previous annual meeting - September 20, 2022 – motioned and accepted
4. Communications and Notices – Marisa requested that members note the committees that will be open to volunteers as we go through the strategic planning process (Nomination, Membership, Exhibits and Fundraising) and asked members to sign up on the pads available in the gallery.
5. Report of Committee Chairpersons (refer to reports for full context):
  - President’s Annual Report - John Pitocco: Lots of changes to WAA - visible and also not seen. Thank you to our staff for their dedication and commitment to WAA. Thank you to Betty Ann Kearney for serving on the Board of Directors. Welcome to Ainslie Daly, our Festival Director. Introduced new board member candidates Brendan McCarthy and Mia Thompson and welcomed them.
  - Treasurer and Finance Report – as of August 31, 2023– Julia Reinhardt: WAA Profit & Loss: January to August 2022: Total Income: \$217,555 Total Expenses: \$202,503 Net Income: \$15,169
  - Executive Director Report - Maria Masse: Highlights include implementing improvements for exhibit notifications, will start to mail out postcards with prospectus for the exhibits, an update on community outreach with our Mural project and our community awareness panels. Community Engagement: with RI Art Educators Assoc., the NKHS teachers, Paint-A-Pot, regular consortium with directors from other art organizations. We are engaging with the NK Chamber of Commerce and Wickford Village Merchants and RISD Museum Associate. We have implemented the eTapestry CRMD and will continue to build off of that. Maria introduced and recognized the two interns- Liv and Olivia, and also recognized and thanked Marianne for being such a great team member.
  - Education Report - Sarah Lawhorne: in 2022-2023 we offered a record number of classes, update on the class offerings and the North Kingstown High School visiting artist program and hosted NK art instructors professional development days. We also had a booth with our instructors at the Wickford Art Festival to promote our classes. This resulted in an increase in attendees.
  - Ainsley was introduced and welcomed back. She mentioned how happy she was to be back and was looking forward to working with everyone.
6. Old Business - None

## 7. New Business

- Jeff Potter led the membership through the process for coming up with our 3-5 year strategic plan. (Jeff's presentation is available for review).
- In accordance with the Wickford Art Association Bylaws Article VI: Board Nominations Section 6.1: "A Nominating Committee of three Juried Artist Members shall be appointed by the President to prepare a list of nominees for all vacant positions not less than 15 days prior to the election and is to be provided to each member." (See attached Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors dated August 25, 2023).
- Motion made by Gerry Grabowski and seconded by Barbara Decesare. Motion passed by all members in attendance.
- Members were invited to attend our Volunteer Recognition event.

## 8. Adjournment: 6:15pm

### Meeting minutes submitted by Betty Ann Kearney

Notice to members: In accordance with By-Laws of Wickford Art Association (Revised 2013) ARTICLE III: Membership Section 3.9 Members' List for Meeting. After the Board of Directors has fixed a record date for the Annual Meeting, an alphabetical list of the names of all the members who are entitled to notice of the meeting shall be prepared. The members' list shall be made available to the membership seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Please be advised that the current list of Wickford Art Association (WAA) members is available at the WAA Gallery, 36 Beach Street, Wickford, Rhode Island. Notice date: August 25, 2023