TENNESSEE WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
SUMMER 2016

MEDIUM

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTS ARTISTS & the TRAVELING EXHIBIT CONNECTS COMMUNITIES with ART ACROSS THE STATE

TnWS Facebook Program on fire!
Lead Team:
Tuva Stephens & Marie Spaeder Haas

Thanks to those that have joined our TnWS Facebook Members List from across the state! Since the statewide email invitation went out, we have had members establishing friendly interactions with others interested in the topics and contributing to several "Challenges". We share specific works, ask questions, and share techniques, etc. Pat Patrick had a question about art scams. Join in the conversation to find out what she learned as well as the bits of wisdom artists have shared: how to make a failed painting better, for example, and so much more…. As TnWS President Wendy Latimer said, "Many eyes are listening." Marie and I also plan to create a document of HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Art Books from your suggestions as well as more interesting Challenges! Join us! Tuva Stephens

Website Artist Blogs New on the tnws.org

Barbara Jernigan-Team Leader
The Artists of the Juried Biennial Exhibition 2016 will be writing personal Blogs regarding their selected painting. Barbara will be posting them. To find them**:** The blog is best connected by tnws.org then click on News and Events. You'll see Splash at the top and as you read down a colored link to "Salminen Workshop", click on that and it pops up. You can sign up in that section to get notices of postings to that page! Enjoy and be inspired.

Exhibition 2016 30 Artisits Chosen for the Traveling Exhibit



"*Old Soul, Dear Heart*" by Kate Aubrey.

Award winners

Kate Aubrey, Judy Lavoie, Lana Wilson, Joan Clark, John Wilkison, Angela Broyles, Sandra Carpenter, Claudia Balthrop, Susan Miller, Tim Hacker, Noriko Register, Barbara Lake Wilson, Sandra Washburn, and Pam Francis; Sandy Boone, Helen Burton, Harriet Chipley, Glenna Cook, Kay Coop, Lee Edge, Robert Eoff, Susan Hyback, Linda Johnson, Jennie Kirkpatrick, Frank Lott, Mary Spellings, Jim Stagner, Laurie Szilvagyi, Ulla Veiro, and Thomas White were selected by juror John Salminen.

TnWS Vols Team 2017 Volunteer Opportunities

Tennessee is the Volunteer State ! Lets energize our TnWS Vols Team 2017 with active players. The New Year begins in just five short months. NOW is the time to fill our goals with key positions. You do not work alone - all positions have contact persons for instruction and guidance - our super coaches ! TnWS depends on YOU for our future success. DEADLINE for new positions is SEPTEMBER 15. Contact Wendy at Has4angels@aol.com. ***Without your commitment these projects will NOT happen in 2017.***

• **On-Line-Only Exhibition** - A great opportunity to show your best work without the hassle of framing and delivery! Need a chair to pull the essentials together - juror, online application, member instructions, working with the website team.

• **Workshop Coordinator** - This eagerly-sought opportunity for a fun learning experience requires a guide to organize the location, juror and application procedure for our between-exhibitions year.

• **Social Media Team** - Calling all "techies" to update Website features: Members' Gallery, Artists' Blogs, Regional Activities, keeping them fresh, exciting and relevant, as assistances to Barbara.

• **Instagram** - a social media we have not explored. Who can teach us how to use it as a TnWS program?

• **Facebook Team** - Join Tuva and Marie as a participant in this growing communication "app".

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TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION



New President's Message: Wendy Latimer

Well, maybe not so new, as I have served before. I return because TnWS has meant so much to me, since I joined in 1999, and I want to do my part to secure its future. I will pick up where Barbara, and her board, left off- to keep us moving forward.
Great things happening already! Read about the new elements on the website, tnws.org, the new activity on the TnWS Facebook and look forward to an updated look for our newsletters. While we will not change our logo/branding, I would like to see us update our look to keep up with all of our social media endeavors.
The Challenge: we are at a critical point in our existence because we need to build our volunteer base. We have great programs in place, we are strong financially, but too few people are doing all the work for so many. This is what I recommend we need to do next, as a team-oriented membership:
Objectives for 2016 – 2018:
1) Build our Volunteer Base or we will close. And to accomplish that:
2) Create visibility for TnWS in the Regions, Statewide and Worldwide on Social Media.
3) Plan local level activities to build membership community - the grassroots level.
4) **Recruit** TnWS Members through those local activities and with other art organizations.
5) Attend planned activities,receptions and art shows. **Participate** in TnWS Social Media.
6) Publications: Share your experience with our members on timely, relevant painting and art marketing / business subjects. Let's mentor each other!
7) **Website: Keep it current** with Regional updates & Artist Blogs - mentoring others.
8) **TnWS Facebook: Keep it Active** - Exposure for TnWS and Individual Artists.
9) **Increase entries into the Juried Exhibitions**.
10) **Fundraise** with sales of donated artwork and T-shirts / Aprons with TnWS logo.
11) **Update Bylaws**

The Board needs YOU to help tackle these objectives. Please also read the **Volunteer Opportunities** article and find where you can help. Please then contact me at Has4angels@aol.com .
I look forward to hearing from you and working with you.
Please find attached to the ***Medium*** the Minutes of the Statewide Exhibition General Meeting.
Thank you! Wendy

2016 – 2018 TnWS Board and Committees (to date) Note openings:

President: Wendy Latimer Region II
Vice President: Charley Highers, *Region I*
Secretary: Judy Duke Region I
Treasurer: Jennie Sims, *Region II*
Immediate Past President:
Barbara Jernigan, *Region V*
Membership Chairperson:
Pat C. Patrick, *Region II*
Grant Writers: Lil Clinard, *Region IV*
needs co-chairs
Historian: .....
By-Laws: .....
On-line Only 2017 Juried Exhibition: .....
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2017 Statewide workshop: .....
Traveling Exhibit 2016 Chairperson:
Wendy Latimer, *Region II*
Exhibition 2018: Clarksville Team!
Exhibition Co-Chairs: Patsy Sharpe,
Pat C. Patrick and Janet Felts
Exhibition Workshop Chair 2018:
Janet Felts
Media Teams:
Website Chairperson: Barbara Jernigan,
Region V
Website Members' Gallery: Nick Long,
Region II

2016 – 2018 TnWS Board and Committees *Continued*

Website / Social Media Team Members: Facebook Team: Tuva Stephens, *Region I* & Marie Spaeder Haas, *Region III*

Facebook Team Members:

Newsletter Graphic Designer: Dee Hoffman, *Region III*

Newsletter Editor: Helen Burton, *Region III*

Newsletter Update Team: .....

Your Regional Contacts:

Region I Memphis: Tuva Stephens

Region II Nashville: Wendy Latimer

Region III Chattanooga Team: Mark Cobbe, Suzanne Nichols, Marie Spaeder Haas, Helen Burton, Sandy Boone and Harriet Chipley

Region IV Knoxville: Laurie Szilvagyi

Region V Tri-Cities: Barbara Jernigan and David Kramer

Past President's Farewell Message: Barbara Jernigan

After four years as Treasurer, two as Vice-President and four as President, I look forward to being a plain old member of a growing and evolving Tennessee Watercolor Society. Of course the website job put an end to those daydreams.

Our new board and officers all have experience and commitment. Those are the qualities that will help our organization deal with the challenges that art organizations are facing. With the help of members in all regions, I have no doubt they will be able to meet those and with your help Tennessee Watercolor Society will move forward.

My time as President was made easier by a number of board members and officers.

First and foremost, my friend, the treasurer, Linda Campbell. There was never a moment when I needed someone that she failed to say, "What can I do to help?" Some of you may not know, but my 29-year-old granddaughter, Jessica, lost a yearlong battle with breast cancer just about the time the entries were coming in for the 2016 exhibition in February. I would not have made it through those two stressful events, with a full time job to boot, without her friendship and help.

Noriko Register, our membership chair, for those four years was another one I could depend on no matter what. She not only fine-tuned our membership records, she kept me informed with an up to date list every month.

Past presidents, Tuva Stephens, Harriet Howell, and Wendy Latimer were always ready to answer questions and offer help and encouragement.

Nick Long has been our graphic designer, putting together catalogs and other materials as long as I have been a member. Because of Nick's effort to preserve the TnWS brand, it will survive. We can't thank him enough for his service.

Jane House and Dee Hoffman offered invaluable services on the newsletters. This job takes a lot of pressure off the president.

Filiz Griffin has served as historian under two presidents and has done a tremendous job clearing out and reorganizing our historical documents insuring we have all but one of the catalogs.

Lil Clinard continues her work on grants and as art advocate with the state governing bodies, getting us some much needed assistance from the Tennessee Arts Commission. This is important work in the future of TnWS.

Wendy Latimer, who not only served as regional contact for Region II, but served as exhibition chair for the 2014 Exhibition in Franklin. She was brave enough to tackle our first extended weekend event. Lee Edge, the contact for Region IV, picked up the baton for 2016, and continued the work, both of them succeeding in offering our members a chance to do more than just come to see their painting. The educational experiences offered by our weekend events and the fun events with a chance to meet fellow water-media artists have proven very popular with all who have participated.

Tuva Stephens, regional contact for Region I, while serving as President of Southern Watercolor Society and continuing her own advancing career as an artist, proves you can serve and paint both. She has spearheaded our scholarship program as well. David Kramer and Mark Cobbe in regions V and III respectively, kept their regional members informed, and provided other assistance to the members of their region.

Kathleen Haynes and Marilyn Brisbois shared the role of member liaison. Both of them are long- time valuable members of TnWS. Their faces and Helen Burton's are in my earliest memories of meetings, whether they were on the board or not, their interest and concern never waiver.

Kate McCullough and Jeanne Dole stepped in and were invaluable help with the events of the recent exhibition.

Leslie Dulin and Pam Pate have been long- time workshop chairs and they will be sorely missed.

There are many more who have offered words of thanks and encouragement along the way, or who have assisted in small and large ways, when we needed it most. Many of us are septuagenarians now and our lives are being changed by family needs, our own health issues, less mobility, and the other limiting factors that come with age. We look to you, the younger members of TnWS, to insure the future of our organization.

Open your catalog, look at the talent we showcase in a relatively small organization, and wonder how much more is out there in our state. What could we offer to the world if you step up and help?

In Memoriam:
Robert "Bobby" Vantrease

The Nashville Region has lost a beloved and long-time member of TnWS. Bobby passed away on July 7, 2016, one month short of his 89th birthday. Bobby was also an original member of the Tennessee Art League (1955), Nashville Artist Guild and the Pastel Society of America. Bobby was well-known in the Nashville area and was employed by Vanderbilt Medical Center of Medical Illustration for over 65 years. Bobby's work can be found in numerous corporate and private collections. This gentle, kind, and very creative man will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him.

Exhibition 2016 Traveling Exhibit Schedule:

By Wendy Latimer

A huge real-time opportunity for exposure and outreach is **happening now** and will continue across the state through January 2017! The successful Exhibition 2016 in Knoxville closed in June, but it lives on for the next seven months with 30 juror-selected paintings (14 of which are Award winners including the Top Award winner) traveling across the state to 6 venues. **Please Mark your calendars and yes… Please ATTEND!**

July 2016: Memphis
Gallery Ten Ninety One
WKNO Digital Media Center
Dates of Exhibit: July 1 – July 28, 2016
Reception: Amy was present to receive visitors Friday, July 1.

August 2016: Humboldt
West Tennessee Regional Art Center: WTRAC
Dates of Exhibit:
Monday, August 1–Friday, August 26, 2016
Reception:
Sunday, August 7, 2 to 4 pm

September 2016: Columbia
Columbia State Community College: The Pryor Gallery
Dates of Exhibit: September 7 to September 28, 2016
Reception:
Thursday, September 8, 5 to 8pm

October 2016: Chattanooga
AVA - Association for the Visual Arts
Exhibit Dates: Wednesday, October 5 – Friday, October 28, 2016
Reception: First Friday Arts Crawl:
Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:30 to 8:30pm
See article for special October Artists' Materials Opening event 2 to 4pm

November 2016: Elizabethton
Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area Visitor Center
Exhibit Dates: Monday, October 31 through Saturday, November 19
Reception: Sunday, November 6, 2016
Time: TBA

December 2016: Clarksville
Customs House Museum
Exhibit Dates: Thursday, December 1, 2016 through Friday, February 3,2017
Three Reception Dates: First Thursday Art Walks December 1 and January 5, 2017 5 to 8pm with Artists' Talks. Formal Reception: Thursday January 12, 2017, 5 to 7pm

Volunteer Opportunities

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• **ByLaws Chair** - Assist board in preparing additions and updates - ASAP.

• **Grant Writing Team** - Help Lil gather information and identify opportunities for grants.

• **Historian** - Transfer hard copies onto digital storage. Feliz has worked for years to sift through and organize decades of materials which now need to be preserved electronically.

• **Newsletter Editor** - Receiving articles and photos, editing and organizing them, ready for Dee's graphic production. **Update Team** - explore new ideas for publications.

John Salminen Workshop



May 16-20 was five days of a fantastic experience for 20 participants. KAM reports: "Salminen arranges it so that everyone learns at whatever level they are … everyone comes out of it with a really fine painting … one of the best … workshops I have ever attended. I thought it was fabulous. It gave me more ammunition in painting when considering composition and value. I have a new respect for abstract painting." See the tnws.org website for photos of the participating artists with their wonderful abstract paintings completed in the workshop. Thanks to Barbara Jernigan, chair, and Linda Campbell for assisting John. Also to the Art Guild of Tellico Village for the use of the overhead mirror, transported by Laurie Szilvagyi and Carolyn Koup and their husbands. Lee Edge

Artist Tip!: Repairing Plexiglas

From Marie Spaeder Haas- Region III

Here's a tip I have been wanting to share. Do you ever get your Plexiglas-covered pieces back from a gallery or an exhibit with a scratch on the soft Plexiglas? I know I have. The Suncoast Watercolor Society in FL shared that Novus Scratch Remover works to take out those scratches. A bit skeptical, I gave it a try and it worked! It's not perfect but it does help. You can get a kit from Amazon that has solutions for both light and heavy scratches. I think it was less than $20 and worth it!

Tennessee Watercolor Society Minutes May 21, 2016

A business meeting was called to order by President, Barbara Jernigan at the Awards Banquet. The purpose was to vote on the 2016- 2018 Officers and Board Members. President Jernigan asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. The nomination committee presented a list of officers for the Executive Board. They are:
President: Wendy Latimer
Vice President: Charley Highers
Secretary: Judy Duke
Treasurer: Jennie Sims
Other positions (Volunteered or Appointed)
Past President: Barbara Jernigan
Membership Chair: Pat C. Patrick
Newsletter Editor: To be announced
Website Coordinator: Barbara Jernigan
Newsletter Layout: Dee Hoffman
Traveling Show Coordinator: Charley Highers

Regional Contacts
Region I Memphis-Tuva Stephens
Region II Nashville-Wendy Latimer
Region III Chattanooga MarkCobbe
Region IV Knoxville - Laurie Szilvagyi
Region V Tri Cities - David Kramer

We need a graphic designer for publications to replace Nick Long who has served for years and is taking a much deserved rest.

We need a volunteer for off year workshop director who will also assist the local exhibition workshop chair with administration, contracts, procedures etc.

The list of nominations was read by President Jernigan. The vote passed with no opposition. Loretta Lee Edge made a motion to adjourn with a second by Jan Batts.

President: Wendy Latimer

Secretary: Judy Duke

Biennial Juried Exhibition May 20-June 24, 2016, Knoxville

Final Report submitted by Chairman Lee Edge

The opening weekend of events, May 20-22 began with the **Friday Night Social** at The Art Market (a co-op to which several TnWS members belong) attended by 55 who enjoyed a lovely array of heavy appetizers provided by member Jeanne Dole, and the performance by "The Goode Thymes Band" playing authentic Celtic and Appalachian music.

Saturday morning at **Jerry's Artarama** (with breakfast by Jeanne Dole) offered experimental opportunities in water media, and artist /college teacher Ms. Hartmann shared techniques on Yupo. Representatives of Winsor & Newton, Caran D'Ache, and Daniel Smith (president/owner) made in-depth presentations on product creation and performance.

Saturday afternoon about 60 artists attended the **Demonstration** by juror John Salminen at The Crowne Plaza Hotel, watching as he brought a harbor scene to life in two hours. He offered helpful tips and sage advice with a bit of whimsy and story-telling. Carolyn Koup used her laptop, Artograph projector and a borrowed table-top camera and Lil Clinard provided the screen for viewing the demo.

The **Awards Banquet** in a lovely room with good food was a grand finale. President Barbara Jernigan presented the awards as the winning paintings were projected by Lil from her computer. Helen Burton created the Award Certificates, and the Certificates of Appreciation distributed by Lee Edge. Signature Member plaques were also given, and the exhibition catalogs were distributed.

The **Silent Auction** raised $439 for TnWS. Many thanks to chairman Ulla Veiro, assisted by Jean Porter, and all who donated artwork and made purchases. A $1,000 contribution from UBS towards the expense of the exhibition catalogs was obtained by Lil Clinard. The beautiful **Artists' Biography Book** created by Judy Lavoie was displayed at The Emporium Center during the exhibition, and will accompany the Traveling Exhibit with just the 30 artists' bios.

The **Opening Reception** at The Emporium Center was during the Knoxville First Friday Art Walk on June 3. Director Suzanne Cada reports that 1,500 to 2,000 visitors saw our exhibition that night with another 1,500 estimated during the following month.

The **Production Team** responsible for accepting the 55 paintings on May 5 and 9 included chairman Lee Edge, Kate Aubrey, Genie Even, Linda Johnson, Kate McCullough, Susan Miller, Jean Porter, and Mary Ann Valvoda. Susan Cada did a splendid job of installing the exhibition. Susan Miller created the title and award blocks.

The **Removal Team** on June 26-27 included several of the same workers - Lee Edge, Kate Aubrey, Genie Even, Linda Johnson with husband Tom, Susan Miller with husband Bill, plus Nora Merritt, Max Robinson, and Ulla Veiro. The **Traveling Exhibit** paintings had their title and award blocks secured in labeled envelopes produced by Helen Burton and Susan Miller. Carefully packed, the 30 paintings were installed in Lil Clinard's vehicle, ready to hand off to Kay Coop in Nashville to deliver to WKNO near Memphis, the first stop on their seven-month journey across Tennessee.



Lee Edge and her committee: Jeanne Dole, Lil Clinard, Ulla Veiro, Jean Porter, Lee Edge and Brenda Mills

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Happening in your community! Please Attend! You are always welcome to visit another region's receptions and events.

REGION I:

August: Reception for TnWS Traveling Exhibit, Sunday August 7; 2 - 4pm West Tennessee Regional Art Center, Humboldt. Artist Talk!

REGION II:

August: Non-Juried Exhibit, Gordon Jewish Community Center, Nashville Exhibit dates: Tuesday August 2 through Tuesday August 30, 2016

Artist Reception: Wednesday, August 10, from 7 – 9 pm. Refreshments and Music

801 Percy Warner Blvd., Nashville, TN 37205

August: Clarksville First Thursday Art Walk, August 4, 5 – 7pm, Smith –Trahern Mansion Reception for Nashville Artist Guild. Several TnWS Members will have paintings in the show.

September: TnWS Traveling Exhibit at The Pryor Gallery. Reception: Thursday, September 8, 5 - 8PM. Artist Talk. Columbia State Community College, Columbia Campus.

September: Saturday Night Live! September 24, 6 – 9pm. Five Region II Artists will represent TnWS and paint live at a reception and have a one-day exhibit of their works! Ansbach Artisans Gallery, 1974 Wilson Pike, Franklin, TN 37067 www.AnsbachArtisans.com

(615) 974-6300

October: Clarksville's Fifth Annual Exhibit, October 6 through October 27, 2016

Artist Reception: First Thursday Art Walk of Clarksville: October 6, 5 – 7pm.

Venue: The beautiful, historic Smith-Trahern Mansion in the Emerald Hill Historic District, 1st & McClure Street, Clarksville, TN 37040. Hours: 10 to 2, Monday through Friday

October: Hands-on Creativity at the PLAZA Art Materials – Nashville, October 22 – 23, 11am -4pm. We will have a TnWS Table where we will need some of our members to be on station, painting or demos. You can also promote your own classes while promoting TnWS. Contact Wendy: Has4angels@aol.com

REGION III:

September Social: Thursday, September 8 at 1 p.m. A presentation for potential members of Region III, followed by dessert, emphasizing the advantages of belonging to TnWS, will be held at the Bachman Community Center, Anderson Pike, Walden, TN. Suzanne Nichols and Sandy Boone will be the presenters. Please invite any potential members in Region III to attend.

FEATURED SPECIAL EVENT

October Region III Chattanooga Traveling Exhibit Opening Event:

If you missed the wonderful Jerry's Artarama event in Knoxville, we have a special invitation for you. In partnership with TnWS, **ART CREATIONS OF CHATTANOOGA** is hosting an extension event to celebrate the Traveling Exhibit Opening, at **AVA**, with an Artist Materials Big Event:

On Friday, October 7 from 2 to 4 pm, (before the Art Crawl) Art Creations will host for the TN Watercolor Society in their downtown location at 201 Frazier Ave. Currently, they will have representatives from Holbein, Escoda Brushes, Koi, QoR, Silver's Black Velvet Brush, Daniel Smith, Princeton Eclipse Brushes, and Winsor & Newton. Each representative will have a table where you can learn more about the products or participate in demos. They will also offer even deeper sale prices on these watercolor products that afternoon and will host drawings for door prizes.

"I hope many of the members of TnWS can attend and take advantage of this amazing event. We are thrilled to work with each of you and help meet any of the art supply needs of the members." Sincerely, Jessica Mines Dumitru, Owner/COO Art Creations

October: Traveling Exhibit 2016 at the Association for Visual Arts (AVA)

Opening Events: October 7, 2016 at Art Creations-Artist Event: Demos and Materials, 2 – 4pm.

Followed by the First Friday Art Walk –Reception: 5:30 – 8pm at AVA.

REGION IV:

Kate Aubrey workshop: "Pushing the Boundaries in Watercolor", October 27 – 29. Designed to help students develop looser, more spontaneous paintings. Fountain City Art Center, 213 Hotel Road, Knoxville, TN 37918. For more information and to sign up, please contact Sylvia Williams at 865-357-2787.

Laurie Szilvagyi just completed a Portrait Learning Lab for Artists in June and will be teaching another Learning Lab for Artists in the Fall. She will also be continuing with her six-week sessions, in Watercolor, at Chota Center in Tellico Village in September/October.

Lee Edge will be teaching Watercolor and Beginning Watercolor at Chota Center starting in mid - September.

TnWS and Knoxville Watercolor Society (KWS): Reception at the Knoxville Museum of Art for the KWS Exhibit from August 7- Sept 4, 2016.

REGION V:

Traveling Exhibit in November at Sycamore Shoals Visitor Center. Details TBA in Fall.

Tennessee Watercolor Society members took seven of thirteen awards in the Watauga Valley Art League Summer Show at Sycamore Shoals State Park in July and will be exhibiting in the Watauga Valley Art League 6X6 exhibit at the Park in August. Jim Stagner - Best of Show, Thomas White - Second Place, Barbara Jake Wilson - Award of Excellence, Barbara Jernigan - Award of Excellence, David Kramer - Award of Excellence, Bob Blevins - Honorable Mention, Patsy- Reading- Honorable Mention.

Tennessee Watercolor Society Board and Membership Meeting at the Biennial 2016 Exhibition Minutes May 22, 2016

President Barbara Jernigan opened the meeting with a welcome and introduction of our New President, Wendy Latimer. President Latimer proceeded to conduct the business meeting beginning at 9:45 a. m. Roll call was taken as a sign in sheet with members present: Wendy Latimer, Jean Porter, Lee Edge, Glenna Cook, Noriko Register, Jan Batts, Donna Littleton, Mary Spellings, Pat Patrick, Judy Duke, Linda Campbell, Barbara Jernigan, Suzanne Nichols, Tuva Stephens, Kate Aubrey, Vinci Kolodziejski. President Latimer had an agenda which was given to each member present. She reviewed the new officers as announced at the meeting last night. Barbara Jernigan as past president will work on the website to make improvements with Dee Hoffman as newsletter graphic designer. Ninety percent of the money comes through the website. It is essential to have some professional help on the website. Linda Campbell will serve as treasurer until October which is the end of the term for the treasurer. Jennie Sims arrives back in Tennessee by August.

Minutes were accepted as previously presented from the last meeting.

Treasurer, Linda Campbell gave a report on expenditures for the exhibition and will have a total when all fees are paid pertaining to the exhibition. There will be money available moving forward for the next administration.

Pat Patrick and Noriko Register gave a report on membership. The final count at the present is 254. Nancy Carter joined last night. Mary Spellings stated that Helen Stahl had died recently.

Exhibition 2016 was discussed by Lee Edge with credits given to those who helped with the events. The weekend was fabulous as well as the demo. The party at the Market place was excellent. It has gotten hard to get donations to support the events in the locations. President Latimer asked Lee Edge for a bullet point summary for a reference for the 2018 committee. It will be added to the minutes.

Past President/Tuva Stephens discussed the student scholarship recipient, Bryn Barrett in a beautiful report last night.

Vice President, Charley Highers will coordinate the Traveling Exhibit July – January. A discussion was held pertaining to the number of venues and locations for future traveling exhibits. It is good that several locations desire to host the traveling show but Mary Spellings and others pointed out that 6 is too many and the paintings are away from the artist too long. Tuva and Mary both suggested that the traveling exhibit end in November in 2018 meaning fewer venues. Communication is essential to promoting the success of each location of the traveling exhibit. Advertisement by newspaper, Facebook, and other means is a good way to promote TnWS society. Members in each area should attend and possibly organize a demo, and have a list of people who teach in the area to give people who are interested. Charley will finalize the contract with Customs House. All the venues have insurance except WKNO. We need better communication pertaining to Airfloat boxes of the paintings that are in the traveling show.

Art advocacy and possible grants could be found to promote the organization. Wendy plans to contact the TAC and the ABC in Nashville regarding possible programs to help fund website/social media projects and improvements for TnWS. Participation at the traveling exhibits is something Tennessee Arts Commission would like.

A historian is needed for the society. We need someone to scan documents and create digital files.

President Latimer discussed the need for updating the bylaws and including new opportunities of email communications, conference calls etc. Bylaws need specific wording pertaining to entries by deceased members' families.

Barbara Jernigan will serve as website coordinator. Communications committee will continue to work on the digital communications including Facebook. Jan Batts suggested that we also look at Instagram as a way to benefit our artists and to appeal to the younger generations. Donna Littleton told of a friend that successfully sells on Instagram. We need a blog on the website. Wendy has suggested, and Barbara liked the idea, of adding a Blog to the TnWS website. Wendy suggested to get started that we ask the Exhibition Artists to write about their paintings. Tuva brought up that she needs help or someone to take over the management of the TnWS Facebook account.

Region I contact, Tuva Stephens discussed regional shows from region 1. Memphis Germantown Art League has about 5 shows a year. Gibson County Visual Arts Association will have Ted Nutall in April 2017. The class is already full with 6 on a waiting list.

Region II has 5 artists planned to be present and have demos in Ansbach Gallery, in September, representing TnWS, in Franklin. A non juried show is coming up in August with 25 artists participating and there is a non juried show in Clarksville in October.

There is no report in Region III.

Region IV has events planned for the Art Market, Rose Center, Fountain City, Tellico Village, Oakhill , Oakridge, and Knoxville Watercolor Society has about a dozen exhibits a year.

Each region needs to post what is going on in their region on the website.

Exhibition 2018 will be held in Clarksville at Customs House Museum. The workshop presenter and juror will be Lian Zhen. This was set up by Barbara Jernigan who did the contract. Patsy Sharpe will be the chairperson for this event with a good committee of people helping her. The location of the workshop will be at Austin Peay University if a room is available at the new Art and Design Building. Timing must be coordinated with classes at the University for the room to be available. Dates of May 7, 2018 through May 11, 2018 need to be checked with the University semester end of classes.

Exhibition 2020 was discussed with both Chattanooga and Memphis discussed as possibilities. The Association of Visual Arts in Chattanooga was suggested. President Latimer will discuss 2020 with Region III members to see if there could be a committee and with AVA to see if they could facilitate the Main Exhibit. As long as we have a special traveling exhibit and event in Chattanooga, we qualify for our Lyndhurst Grant. Tuva and Mary requested 2020 if there isn't a committee in Chattanooga. Nominations for a juror for 2022 included: Soon Y Warren, Tom Schaller, Laurin McCracken, Jeannie McGuire, Janet Rogers, and Fealing Lin.

President Latimer's objectives for 2016-2018 are:

1. Update Bylaws
2. Going live with a blog on the website and Exhibition artists.
3. Build regional communities with more activities in hopes of finding new members.
4. Communicating with our members on timely and important marketing/ art business subjects
5. Open TnWS Facebook. How to share blogs of any Gallery/Artists
6. Fundraising with T-shirts or Aprons with TnWS logo.

A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Jernigan and a second by Lee Edge.

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