

Art Alliance of Idyllwild Membership Meeting

Date: May 16, 2015 **Scheduled Start Time:** 1 pm **Location** Town Hall, Idyllwild, CA

Purpose of Meeting: Introduction of new board members

Board Member	Present?	Board Member	Present?
Shanna Robb	Yes	Cate	No
Byron Ely	Yes	Darcy Gerdes	Yes
Erin O'Neill	Yes	Gerry High	Yes
Veda Roubideaux	Yes	Terryann Halloran	Yes
Del Marcussen	Yes	Peter Szabadi	No

Others attending

- Adrian Adams, Interim Administrator/Director for the Art Alliance of Idyllwild
- Members of AAI and community supporters
- Marshall Smith from the Town Crier

Quorum Met? Yes, 8 present

Notes transcribed by Veda Roubideaux

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by Adrian Adams, Interim Administrator/Director for the Art Alliance of Idyllwild.

Adrian discussed that this is the first of what hopefully will be an Annual Member meeting. He discussed his role as interim director and provided overview of the agenda. He also mentioned that he would be making recommendations to the new board that would include term limits for directors and future ballot processing for seating of director positions.

Adrian then introduced the eight AAI board members that were present and those absent. Board members each gave a brief introduction. Barry Zander, who resigned via email prior to the meeting, spoke about his decision to not be on the board. He stated that he thought he would be of more benefit to the AAI by not being on the board and that he supported the elected board members and their future officers.

Using a team approach, the board gave a brief outline of the AAI visions. They included:

- **Communication/Partnerships:** Byron talked of an inclusive collaborative process and communication with members and the community using round table sessions. He discussed how the round tables would be small group meetings with a focus on each discipline or business activity with the goal of providing added benefit to the artists and the community. He also provide a mind map graphic that demonstrated how the process would be developed to gain outreach for the full range of the membership.
- **Events:** Erin and Gerry explained that the board wants to get events back on the calendar stating the Plein Air event and the sizzling Sumer Gallery Tour will be held June 12-14. The event will be held at Wilder Cabins. They also explained that we are

seeking help to reschedule the Judged Member show that was cancelled to September and Youth Art Show to August. Gerry added that he wants to have more involvement with young people in the AAI.

- **Accounting:** Del and Veda stressed the need for separation of duties according to the government guidelines for non-profit organizations and the need for full transparency in relation to all financial transactions. The need for an independent CPA to file tax returns and an audit of past financial procedures was also noted.
- **Bylaws/Board Structure:** Darcy stated the bylaws of the AAI are in need of updating. That in part they need to include qualification for board members, number of directors, terms of directors and separation of duties. She shared that we will be forming a subcommittee to help review and rewrite the bylaws. We are also looking at the whole structure of the AAI which will include assistance from the members on subcommittees.
- **Transparency:** Shanna and Terryann shared that transparency to the members and the community is very important. Board meetings will be open, minutes of meetings will be posted, website will be used as a good communication tool, information about events will be posted, and the newsletter will be reinstated. They also shared that the board wants the membership and community to be involved with the AAI and share in its' vision and goals.

The incoming board thanked Adrian for his service. Adrian added that the website is a great tool for communication, that transparency is good, and that we should include the posting of minutes along with some other recommended changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm by Adrian Adams.