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Timber Framers Guild  
Board of Directors  
Conference Call  
7-2-2008 - 7:00 EST

## In Attendance

Directors -Brenda Baker, Sandy Bennett, Leon Buckwalter, Rick Collins, Whit Holder, Chris Gunn, Curtis Milton, Grigg Mullins

Absent - Al Anderson

Staff - Will Beemer, Joel McCarty, Sue Warden

Minutes from the June 4, 2008 conference call were approved. Joel was directed to post the approved minutes to the Guild website. Brenda will send copy to Becket office.

Financial Report - Sue and Rick -

Curtis asked about the comments regarding Lifetime memberships in the accountant's Financial Statement. They appear to be treating it as a 10 year 'buyout'. Will and Sue state that is not correct. They should be a language adjustment. They will contact the accountant.

ACTION ITEM: Will to contact the accountant to correct the language and accounting of the lifetime memberships.

Curtis asked about accounts payable. Sue stated that it is a timing issue.

Sandy questioned the order of the names in the Membership Directory in the state by state section. There was general discussion of reasoning behind the current order.

ACTION ITEM: Joel will contact Membership Directory editor for an inclusion of a comment in the state section of the Membership Directory regarding the ability of members to sort the membership listings on line if a different order is preferred.

## Executive Director Reports

Joel - Written report reviewed. Discussed electronic publications and e-voting options and opportunities, pros and cons. Will would like to see whatever is chosen to be tied into a membership management system

ACTION ITEM: Joel will send an email to the international members to survey their opinions on a potential membership savings by going to electronic publications. Joel will also research the electronic archiving of Scantlings to assist in the determination of its value.

Joel attended a Google webinar regarding our analytics. He learned a lot. Seems that the Guild is doing well in that area. There is a link in Joel's ED report on this.

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Tool sales on the TFG website. There was a recent call with Joel, Will, Curtis and David Powell of Timberwolf. The Board discussed how we choose what we sell on our website. Whit discussed the membership service that it provides.

ACTION ITEM: Joel will research the 'click through' technology that could allow potentially increasing the sales options on the TFG website directly with the vendor. Curtis asked Whit to survey members to get other opinions. Reports on the August Board call.

Will - received a call from the Department of Labor. The apprentice program is in the final approval stages. Discussed the prevailing wage regulation and guidelines issues. Will to continue to gather information and to call the DOL for current updates.

Will has sent a current statement regarding conference coordination between the TFG and the TFBC. The Board will review the document. Joel and Will to poll the TFG Board members on Monday. Will to contact Pam Hinton at the TFBC on Monday.

## Committee Reports.

Projects Committee - Joel reviewed status of upcoming projects. See Project report in Basecamp.

ACTION ITEM: Board members will review project documents and budget estimate for the Texas project and report back to the Projects Committee by July 7.

Education committee - Education committee report included. EC requested that the auditors report be released in Scantlings.

Joel will be responsible for the next 2 Scantlings Q & A's.

1. Where do member's dues go?
2. How do articles get published?

ACTION ITEM: Joel will put a notice in Scantlings regarding the auditor's letter and its availability to members for review.

Membership Committee - Curtis asked if there was anyone on the Membership Committee who is interested in the organizational database management software. Joel will send information to committee members. More discussion regarding database organization. Electronic voting is available as a stand alone. It will be implemented this year.

Nominations Committee - Potential candidates are in the works. Reminded that all candidates should have 10 signatures. That can be done electronically as well as on paper. Deadline for nominations is Sept 15. Voting will be completed by October 31. Nominee bios will appear in the October Scantlings (approval deadline date is 9/5). Three positions - Chris Gunn - available to run again. Curtis and Leon are term limited. Whit will assist Chris in nominee recruitment.

ACTION ITEM: Chris and Joel will submit an article regarding nominations to Scantlings.

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By Laws – Guild office will write up edits and changes for ballot insertion.

Conference Committee – Whit asked about having another conference at Montebello. Will stated that they had improved their rates offering. The possible change trade show scheduling will allow more options with potential venues. There was general discussion of the exchange rates between the Canadian and US dollar and the best method to optimize Guild dollars. Will to continue to look into this.

Camp Letts – current registrations are low, but discount deadline date is July 19<sup>th</sup>. The event will happen, but some training sessions may be cancelled.

Rudy called regarding TFG participation in the IPTW conference in Vermont.

ACTION ITEM: Curtis will contact Rudy to get specific information on the opportunity to take part in the IPTW conference.

Human Resources – no report

Scholarships – Will discussed scholarship for Salley and the documentation requested for his photography. There is still money available for Camp Letts and the eastern conference.

Curriculum – no report.

Publications – Ken Rower is in Italy. No formal report. Sue is researching membership payments required to determine qualification for periodical rate. That should be determined by next week. Curtis said Aaron Sturgis is working in his area. He will be contacting him for information on the Barn Book.

New Business

No Report.

Curtis reminded Board members that committee reports are requested on the Friday prior to the Board call to allow for more time for review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Next TFG Board call – August 6 2008 at 7:00 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda G. Baker  
TFG Board Clerk