

INTERNATIONAL GUILD OF MINIATURE ARTISANS, LTD.
Annual Membership Meeting, Hartford/Windsor CT
Monday, Sept 23th, 2018 – 8:30am to 9:30am

Karon Cunningham welcomed everyone to the meeting called meeting to order at 8:35 pm.

Call for a motion to approve minutes from the IGMA Annual Meeting 2017 – Karon Cunningham

Motion by Erin Carter, Seconded by Cindy Adams

Request for discussion – Karon Cunningham No discussion raised

Vote to accept minutes passed unanimously

Last year's minutes, accounts and committee reports on the table

Karon Cunningham recapped last year –

2018 began with the with the National Toy and Miniature Museum and the Miniature Masterworks Show.

She thanked Nell Corkin, Althea Crome, and Bill Robertson (on the Special Events Committee) for their work in overseeing the organization and execution alongside the Museum.

Last year was the first Guild Show at the new Hartford/Windsor Marriott. She commented that it was a huge improvement and great success thanks to the impressive dealer list and variety of classes.

This year the Wild Apricot Management Software System was introduced. It allows new members and renewing members to register any day of the year.

IGMA social media presence has grown hugely allowing us to reach a larger audience in promoting the Guild, Guild events, and Guild Artisans and Fellows.

Thanked Tom and Leni Bishop for their support of the Guild by allowing us to present the annual This Is The Guild presentation, the auction, the Gallery of the Guild table, and the Guild administration table.

Our international presence has increased mainly due to our Facebook Page but also because 2 overseas shows support the IGMA at their shows. Thank you to Charlotte Stokoe at the Kensington Show and Rika van Nellestijn & Marcus Verhey at The Doll House Nederland Show.

The Guild School had 2 international firsts this year. The first Russian student and the first Australian instructor.

The Guild Show had 2 first as well. The first artist/dealers from Mexico and Brazil.

Remember the Guild needs donations for the auctions – Small Beginnings Table or silent and live auctions.

For the future –

New guild study program in Maysville, KY this October. Well received and classes are full. Thank you Kaye Browning and the Kentucky Gateway Museum.

2019 is the 40th anniversary of the Guild. It will be celebrated at the Guild Show. More information coming soon. Please contact one of the board members if you have ideas.

Called for all board members present to stand.

Noted that the Guild is a huge machine to keep running. Please remember all the volunteers and supporters that make it possible.

When you buy something from an artist, you are buying more than an object. You are buying hundreds of hours of errors and experimentation, you are buying years of frustration, and moments of pure joy. You are not just buying one thing you are buying a piece of a heart and a piece of a soul; a small piece of someone else's life.

Karon Cunningham thanked the Guild for the opportunity to serve as president for the last year.

Carol Block –

Gratitude for all the volunteers, show is successful so far this year.

Thanks to Annelle Ferguson for the Guild Show classes (105 students in the classes this year) and Desserts and Demonstrations.

Applause

Thanks to the show committee - Annelle Ferguson, Pat Richards, Cindy Adams, Carol Kubrican, Susan Farnik, Lissa Loosemore, Julie Hagel.

Carol Kubrican designed the new logo – Visions of Miniature Grandeur.

This year the show had an exhibit and slide show on the Guild page.

Raffle drawing for a Peter Kendall room box – Pat D'Lecta won.

Drawing for a complimentary table – Michelle Pardom

Special thanks to Erin Carter, Cindy Adams, Pat Richards, Dick Hardy

Karon Cunningham (in Marjorie Smelt [treasurer] absence) read the Finance Report as required by our guidelines.

Karon Cunningham read the Bylaws Committee Report (submitted by Erin Carter) as it was not included in the reports put on each table.

Misty Barth –
New Artisans
Bel Ayala – Food
Brigitte Delage – Needlework
Carolyn Denning - Needlework
Kamilla Dlugowolska – Wicker Furniture
Hillary Lee - Metalwork
Sun Lemmens - Jewelry
Tomoko Masakage – Animal Figures
Doraota Mateusiak – Home Appliances
Susan Milmore - Needlework
Chiemi Oba – Decorative Art
Sybille Schwandt – Fantasy Figures
Sergey Shevchenko – Metal work
Loredana Tonetti – Accessories
Applause

Karon Cunningham – Thanks to Ruth Stewart for photographing all of the Artisans and Fellows dealer's work.
Offered questions – None

Introduced new President – Elizabeth Loosemore

Elizabeth Loosemore -

Thanked Karon Cunningham for her 1 year of service as President of the I.G.M.A.

Introduced continuing trustees –

Cindy Adams
Carolyn Beesley
Erin Carter
Ruth Clay
Karon Cunningham
Julie Hagel
Tim Kraft
New Trustees
Sandra Palesch
Natalia Frank

Carol Kubrican
Deb Mackie
Kate Unver
Debi Weisler
Tori West

New Officers-

Lissa Loosemore - President
Karon Cunningham- 1st VP
Julie Hagel -2nd VP
Erin Carter 3rd VP

Cindy Adams -Corresponding Secretary
Debi Weisler – Recording Secretary

Adjourned at 9:57am

Respectfully submitted
October 12, 2018
Deborah Weisler
I.G.M.A. Recording Secretary