

**MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE OF NEW YORK, HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020, PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY GIVEN, VIA INTERNET TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM).**

President Robin Frank called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Staff member Tom Tacik acted as Recording Secretary.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 12, 2020, Business Meeting were read and approved without opposition.

**II. Address of the President**

President Frank provided an overview of League accomplishments this year, to date:

- Elimination of class tickets
- Repair of Hermes sculpture
- HVAC cleaning, repair and upgrades
- Upgrading HVAC system filtration to MERV 13
- New flooring in office and administration area
- Refitting restrooms with touchless fixtures
- New floors in bathrooms first floor
- Mold and flood remediation
- Membership for Instructors
- Directory for Instructors and Staff Directory
- Model raises
- Paid for three months the entire salary of all staff
- Schedule for windows
- Dinnerstein honored with solo exhibition and coordination with Gerald Peters Gallery
- Purchase of artwork from Harvey Dinnerstein for Permanent Collection
- Harvey Dinnerstein donation of artwork to the Permanent Collection
- New Scholarship for Student of Figurative painting
- Started process to digitize collection
- New iron doors for 58<sup>th</sup> Street entrance
- New audio/visual system
- New Alarm System
- New General Ledger system and accounting application
- New model changing rooms
- New studio tables
- Studios re-painted
- Updated website
- New telephone system
- Partnership with Harlem School of Arts
- Seeds of the League Parks program took place
- League support for Summer In The City program
- Partnership with Chashama for League's Exhibition Outreach Program
- Art store opened for in-person sales and remote ordering
- On-site in welding classes re-started
- In-person Central Park workshop conducted by Leonid Gervits
- Coordination of claim with lawyer and insurance company
- Successful application to Paycheck Protection Program
- Successful transition to over 100 online classes
- Hiring of Teaching Assistants for online classes
- Successful online member meetings

- Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws
- New lamps for models for Zoom classes
- Development grant writing efforts in-progress
- Instituted “League Responds” Fund
- Successful online exhibitions: Pollinator, Red Dot, Grant Winners, Final Project, Fantasia, Concours
- Website: online gallery
- Closing school in timely manner in response to coronavirus pandemic
- Continuation of Certificate Program
- Addressed protocols for operating under COVID
- New shades for the fourth floor windows
- New lockers to be installed on fourth floor

### III. Election of New Members

A list of candidates applying to become members was projected. The new members were approved without opposition.

### IV. Deferred Business

There was no deferred business.

### V. New Business

- a. Nomination of Board of Control candidates:

The following members were nominated to run in the Board of Control elections:

President

Robin Lechter Frank

Board Members

Beth Berns

Cathy Blake

Nelsena Burt-Spano

Vice President Nominated by Men

Michael Jacobs

Vice President Nominated by Women

Charlotte Bialek

- b. Other new business:

1. A “Meet the Candidates” town hall meeting was announced for October 28, 2020.
2. Board member Charlotte Bialek reported on recent activities of the Constitution Reform Committee.

The floor was then opened to questions.

Member George Nader advocated for an amendment to the By-Laws for a “Meet the Candidates” event provision. Ms. Bialek stated that the proposed amendment would be posted and put to a vote by the membership.

Member Elaine Denton asked about the search for the new Executive Director. President Frank responded that an announcement would be made soon.

Member Marilyn Rogers asked about the status of the printmaking studios. President Frank provided an update of the renovation of the printmaking studios.

Member Jeff Sauber asked about notification of reopening the League for classes. President Frank discussed communication efforts and awareness of the health situation.

A member asked about the recording of online classes. Director of Programs Robert Telenick discussed the building of an online platform for League classes.

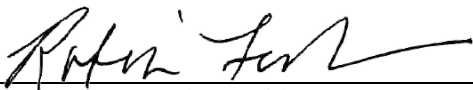
Board Member and Finance Committee Chair Beth Berns responded to a question regarding The League's financial health and reported on The League's strong financial position, noting that financial statements would be included in the forthcoming election ballot mailing, to be followed by the Treasurer's Report at the Annual Meeting.

Member Any Reiss thanked the Board of Control for their extraordinary work during this period.

Member Linda Dennery asked if virtual concours exhibitions were being considered. President Frank responded that yes, this was being considered, but that there needs to be coordination with instructors.

President Frank explained the process for requesting locker access and artwork pick-up.

There being no further business, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned 7:35 p.m.



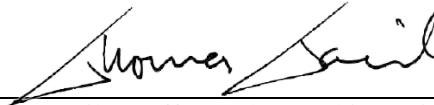
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Robin Lechter Frank, President

12/2/2020

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Date



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Thomas Tacik, Staff Member (Taking Minutes)

12/2/2020

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