

**Minutes of the Business Meeting  
AIC Textile Specialty Group  
June 12, 2005**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Meeting Opened by Kathleen Kiefer, Chair**

Approximately 26 TSG members were present. Board members present were Nancy Pollak, Vice-Chair/Program Chair, Sarah Stevens, Treasurer, and Beth McLaughlin, Secretary.

**Approval of Minutes**

Sarah Stevens motioned to accept the minutes from the 2004 business meeting; Anne Murray seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report**

Sarah Stevens reported that we brought in more than we spent. She reminded us to send her a copy of expenses. The closing balance for FY2004, is \$24,104, including the Harpers Ferry Fund, with \$125 of the total currently in dispute.

**Vice-Chair's Report**

Nancy Pollak reported that 30 people attend the Friday night dinner at Nye's Polonaise Room. The polka bus was great. Many thanks go to Tom Klaas of TestFabrics, Inc. for providing the bus and dessert. Nancy thanked the nine speakers who presented that day. Due to questions that have arisen, Nancy will survey the membership regarding the TSG dinner.

**Information from the Chair**

Kathleen thanked the Postprints editorial committee for a good year. She also thanked all who contribute to TSG and are willing, and excited, to volunteer for the various committees. This year we have two new committees: TSG Web Committee (Melanie Sanford, Anne Murray, Renee Walker, Camille Breeze and Beth Szuhay); and the TSG Study Trip Committee (Susan Adler, Ann Frisina, and Yadin Larochette).

**Web Committee**

Melanie Sanford reported that the committee has focused on the graphics and layout of the website. She explained the process and decision making via a PowerPoint presentation. The committee suggests creating our own domain, which could be linked through the website. Information will be mailed to membership via TSG Announce (managed by Rebecca Rushfield) for comments. The committee is asking for volunteers to assist with the history section of the website. Nancy thanked Melanie for her work with the committee.

**Study Trip Committee**

Ann Frisina presented the information gathered for a TSG study trip (modeled after the Wooden Artifacts Group) to France to examine historic textiles and those textiles manufactured with historic precedence. They have developed a rough cost estimate of \$2,000 for two weeks (not including all expenses.) The committee is seeking a treasurer and someone to coordinate

logistics and make contacts . Please contact committee or board members if you are interested in helping. The group thanked and applauded Susan Adler for her work on this committee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CNCT Update**

Yadin Larochette summarized her two recent trips to Chile and Santiago and stated the group is looking forward to working with the North American Textile Conservation Conference (NATCC)

### **ASTM Representative's Report**

Kathleen Kiefer shared Claudia Iannuccilli's information regarding specific links and publications. Claudia has served as liaison for several years and would like to rotate off as representative. Task commitments and requirements were explained. Anyone interested in volunteering to work with ASTM please contact the TSG Board or Claudia.

### **AATA**

Robin Hanson continues to do abstracting. Kathleen Kiefer thanked her for her contributions.

### **TSG Publications**

Kathleen Kiefer read a list of TSG Publications available for purchase (including Postprints and the Directory of Stitches). Paul Messier, AIC Director of Communications has offered the opportunity to update the "Caring for Your Treasures" outreach brochure. The brochure is available to members for the cost of postage. Robin Hanson volunteered to serve as liaison to the communication committee. Please contact Nancy Pollak or Robin Hanson if you would like to make update suggestions.

Kathleen MacKay reported on housekeeping issues related to publishing the Postprints. We print around 400 copies each year. The committee is investigating ways to keep the publication current with new publishing trends and the needs of the TSG.

Virginia Greene spoke to the group regarding the publication process used by the Objects Specialty Group for their postprints.

### **Textile Conservation Catalogue**

Nancy Pollak reported that information was included in the Spring TSG mailing. Teresa Knutson has volunteered to produce the first draft on making mannequins.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Nominating Committee Report and Announcement of New Officers**

The nominating committee was Zoe Annis Perkins, Vicki Cassman, and Melanie Sanford. Melanie announced that Ann Frisina was elected Vice-Chair/Program Chair and Anne Murray as Secretary after tallying the 68 ballots received by the committee (a 23% return rate, down from last year.) Melanie is stepping down from the committee. Vicki will continue with the

committee. They are looking for a volunteer to help with the 2006 election. Please contact Vicki, Zoe, or a board member.

### **Certification Development Working Group**

A sign-up sheet was posted in the room. Please contact Deborah Trupin, who is heading this group, if you have interest in helping.

### **Additional Comments**

Nancy presented a proposal for changing the term for the Chair (as included in the Spring mailing.) Due to the lack of time the topic will need to be discussed on TSG Announce. She also requested that members contact the board and share opinions on what you would like TSG to do, as a group.

Sarah Stevens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joel Thompson and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth McLaughlin  
Secretary, AIC-TSG