

VPS ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW
October 4, 2009

The Annual meeting was held October 4, 2009 at the Wood Gallery in Montpelier, Vermont. Twenty-Three members were present to discuss the Society's activities.

President Wendy Soliday called the meeting to order. After introductions, Wendy announced her resignation due to family obligations.

The Board has appointed Jayne Shoup to serve as President until the Fall 2010 election. Arlene Hanson volunteered to serve as Vice President.

Secretary Belle McDougal presented 2008 member meeting minutes, which were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Annie Gould reported on VPS finances and presented a proposed budget for 2010, which includes an increase for the very popular DVD Lending Library. Dues revenue amounted to \$3000. Annie will step down in 2010 and requested a volunteer to replace her as Treasurer. Cindy Griffiths, of Middlesex, volunteered. The pair will work together for a smooth transition next fall.

Membership Secretary Rene Schall informed us that 92 of 103 members had renewed for 2009-10. Rene also runs our DVD Lending Library. A lively discussion occurred about replacements for damaged DVDs. Daniel Green, Albert Handel, and Ramone Kelly were suggested for new purchases. Rene has asked for a volunteer to take over the DVD library.

Joyce Kahn updated the group on the Waitsfield Exhibition at The Artisans' Gallery as part of the Mad River Arts Festival. Members discussed VPS having an annual juried exhibit, including prizes and possibly a demonstration by juror. Annie Gould suggested we pursue an annual show venue.

The exhibition Committee needs to expand: Diane Bruns volunteered to coordinate. Janice Solek-Tefft will contact Helen Day Art Center about a VPS exhibition. Janice will solicit prizes for our juried show.

Phil Laughlin summarized website guidelines and potential abuses. Phil will add information on our website concerning program and workshop procedures so members have ready access. The Members' Gallery will continue to be updated twice a year. October 1 and April 1 are deadline dates for submissions of new digital images. Jayne Shoup requested a volunteer to be Program Coordinator. Rene will email a request for a volunteer for this position.

Inak Gieysztor, of Montreal, received an IAPS 2009-10 Calendar for traveling the greatest distance to attend the Annual Meeting.

Following an introduction by Wendy Soliday, Michael Chesley Johnson presented "Working with a Pastel Grisaille"--a demonstration of how to use a monochromatic under painting to establish values in a painting before adding color. Michael's demonstration was so informative that the group immediately agreed to purchase his DVD, "Backpacker Painting: Pastel on Location!"