
AS THE WOOD TURNS

January 2004

Did we have a good time at the Christmas Party?



Frank's smile tells it all



Ken's smile confirms it



Ernie's "yes we did" smile

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 27th, 2003, 7:00 P.M.

At Hank Cahill's *Dust Bowl*

Refreshments by: Jeff Keller

Member Challenge: Trivet

(See picture on page 2)

Demonstration by Mr. Inside-Outside

Thanks to Jane, Gina and Hank for a Great Christmas Party

The members, wives and guests appreciate your efforts
in providing us with a most memorable evening.

Build a Mini-Lathe in your shop

ShopNotes magazine issue 73
has a construction article for a
neat little lathe you can build.
Also the issue features a lathe
tool cabinet and 7 must-have
turning tools.



Member Challenge

Trivot from *WOOD* Magazine, March 2004, article on
page 70. Detailed fixture and full size drawings included
in article. If you can't obtain magazine, see if you can
duplicate or create something similar.



It's that time of year
Dues are due!
Give or send your \$20 dues to
Wally Kemp, Treasurer

Note: Recent new members Bob Allen,
Cliff Geyer, Tom Holland, and Al Lucini
are paid for the year 2004

A Christmas Party Favorite

Baked Corn Pudding

from Vicki Iannuccillo

1/2 stick butter or oleo
1/2 cup sugar
4 beaten eggs
2 cans of cream-style corn
1/2 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder

Cream butter & sugar together.
Stir in beaten eggs
Stir in corn, add flour & baking powder.
Pour into baking dish - sprinkle with paprika.

Bake at 350° for 1 hr. (+). Til browned on top.

Enjoy!

Woodturning Demo

Saturday, February 21, 2004
Set the date aside.

Ocean Woodturners (R.I.) will host a special all day
demonstration by Richard Angus, noted bowl turner,
President of the Connecticut Woodturners and frequent
demonstrator at woodturning clubs and woodturning
symposiums.

We will meet at the library in North Kingstown, RI
around 9 a.m. Setup will be from 9 to 10. The demo will
commence around 10. At an appropriate time near 12,
we will break for beverages and a lite lunch. The demo
will continue and end sometime between 2pm to 3pm.
The cost to club members is \$10 and that includes the
lunch. Such a bargain!

Don't miss it. Come to learn and enjoy.

Directions to the library can be found at:

<http://www.lori.ri.gov/lori/public/nki.php>

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Contact: Emilio Iannuccillo: Elannuccil@aol.com

2003 AAW Board Election

Letter sent by Hank concerning AAW Board election:

December 5, 2003

Mary Lacer, Administrator
American Association of Woodturners
3499 Lexington Avenue North, Suite 103
Shoreview, MN 55126

RE: Board Election of October 2003

Dear Ms. Lacer:

I have written to you in my capacity as President of the AAW Chapter known as Massachusetts South Shore Turners. I am also a past office holder and member of one of the founding chapters, Central New England Woodturners. I have been a member in good standing since AAW was formed.

Angelo Iafrate is a member of both clubs. He recently went through the qualification procedure, for the second time, to be a candidate for the AAW Board. It is my understanding that he was approached by the Board some time ago to run for membership. He has informed me that when nominations closed, there were no more than four persons running for three seats on the board.

I do not understand how two other persons ran when they did not meet the requirements set out by our bylaws to run for office.

I speak for our entire membership when I tell you we are outraged at how the Board or someone acting on behalf of the Board filled the vacancies. We had no notice that applications for board seats had been opened up after the deadline to apply. We had no idea that no requirements were met or had to be.

You personally know of how hard local clubs and their members worked to make the symposium in Providence a roaring success. We feel slighted by the manner in which the election was held.

Furthermore, it is my understanding that the election was not held pursuant to the bylaws. By this I mean the Bylaws printed in the 2003 edition of the AAW Resource Directory as listed on pages 23-30 and Directory of Procedures printed on pages 31-34.

Would you kindly provide me with the name and address of the registered agent for the organization?

It is my understanding that the Board must always act within the bylaws and laws of the State of Minnesota. I do not believe the Board so acted with respect to the recent election for the following reasons.

At the end of Article V of the Bylaws is a section consisting of five paragraphs on page 26 entitled Board Elections. Paragraph IV therein is entitled Candidate Application Procedures. It is clearly stated that a candidate must be a member in good standing for the past three years, approved by the nominating committee and more specifically a member who has somehow given a statement of intent, including qualifications and reasons for applying along with two letters of recommendation from individuals who can affirm the candidate's organizational and leadership abilities.

It does not mention deadlines specifically in the bylaws. There was a deadline set by the board or some agent or entity acting on its behalf. It is my understanding that after the deadline was reached, only four candidates were approved by the nominating committee for the three available seats. Angelo Iafrate was one such candidate.

I do not know or understand by what right two other persons were added as candidates after the deadline and evidently without qualifying. I also do not think it was done in a fair manner. I cannot find anywhere where it is in the bylaws that there must be two candidates running for each seat available.

Would you kindly explain this to me? Would you kindly advise as to what if anything I can do, short of a lawsuit, to compel the Board to rerun the election with the four candidates that originally qualified and exclude those that did not?

Sincerely,

Henry E. Cahill, President
Massachusetts South Shore Turners

CC: President AAW, Phil Brennon, Angelo Iafrate

E-Mail received from Ron Robertson:

I sent this twice to AAW and it was kicked back twice. I am wondering if they are hiding or something. Needless to say I was quite upset with their explanation in the recent letter.
Ron

Mr. Phil Brennon,
Reference your letter of December 10, 2003 explaining the recent election of 2003:
To put it bluntly, NOT GOOD ENOUGH!
You claim a desire to maintain a level of trust and confidence of the membership. You, sir, do not have mine.
You readily admit to numerous bylaws not being adhered to concerning the election. You then tell me that the "breach of bylaws has resulted in a need to review, clarify and possibly restructure the entire procedure...". That well may be, but it does not change the fact that this election DID NOT FOLLOW THE RULES IN PLACE!
You go on to tell me that no "unethical intent by any member of the board (was) not apparent ...". But how can I believe that sir? You go on to say "But the fact remains, one of the most important organizational elements, the nominating process, was compromised". You bet it was.
I don't care how many lawyers tell you it is a valid election. The point remains that the process was compromised. Our bylaws were not adhered to. In fact they were flagrantly disregarded. And you want me to believe this will not happen again?
I demand another election. In fact, I am beginning to wonder whether there should be a total recall of the entire board.
This was a sham election.
Disgusted,
Ron Robertson
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Note

Despite the serious recent issues with the AAW Board elections, we still advise new and old members to join the AAW. The American Woodturner magazine you receive is worth the price and you can become a voter/voice in future elections.

Members who wish to see what other AAW members are saying about the election, check out this forum:

http://www.woodturner.org/aaw_forums/

Christmas Grab Bag Gifts 2003



Our President, Hank Cahill, admires the gifts made by members



A view only seen by Santa and peaking members