

**Hudson Society of Artists
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2025**

In Attendance:

Members:

President:	Denny Stoiber
Past President:	Bill Baker
VP/Art on the Green Co-Chair:	Cathy Welner
Treasurer	Betty Derrer
Social Media Coordinator	John Bender
Art on the Green Co-Chair	Jane Dilullo

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by **Stoiber** at 7:15 p.m.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. HSA non-profit status. **Derrer** has researched the history of our status as a 501c3 and confirmed that the organization had let that lapse fourteen years ago. She spoke with our accountant and attorney and both advised that we would be well advised to reinstate that status. The cost of getting 501c3 status has been reduced but the exact amount is unclear. **Derrer** recommended that the board approve \$500 for the process although she believes it will be more in the range of \$300. That will be a one-time payment, not annual. We are currently a non-profit for the State of Ohio but not the federal government. Last year we paid \$680 as a corporation in federal taxes, which would be eliminated if we are reinstated. Additionally, we would avoid a sizable tax burden for the sale of donated paintings and would be able to entice future donations since those would be tax deductible for the donor. We would also be able to apply for private grants. Also, non-profit status provides some protection against lawsuits. **Dilullo** made a motion to approve a \$500 budget for **Derrer** to proceed with making application for 501c3 status. **Welner** seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Proposed policy language regarding the administration of member shows. There was discussion about the recent members' show in which the exhibition coordinator added

two honorable mention awards during the judging process. The coordinator, subsequently, was awarded one of those honorable mentions. The board felt that there was an appearance of impropriety that should be addressed. **Welner** and **Dilullo**, as co-chair, are not eligible for prizes at Art on the Green and that same restriction should apply to other shows. The Board has asked **Stoiber** to create policy language for board review.

3. Date of officer elections. **Derrer** pointed out that, with our present schedule, a new treasurer would take office in September, which is the busiest time of year for that officer. Art on the Green wrap-up and new membership enrollment both take place then. It is very difficult in any case but doubly so when someone new is trying to learn the job. She recommended that new officers be installed in January. **Bender** suggested that the elections be moved from May to November to decrease the time span between election and installation. This would be a change to our by-laws which would have to be approved by the membership. The board also discussed changing the membership interval from September-August to January-December to align it with officer terms. The board voted unanimously to make those changes and directed **Stoiber** to create language for those calendar changes for board review and presentation to membership.
4. Report on April workshop with David Rankin. **Derrer** reported that the workshop revenue was \$2,890 and expenses were \$1,920 for a net of \$970. She also reported that the recent Spring Show had revenue of \$690 and expenses of \$733.90 for a deficit of \$43.90.

Other Issues:

Bender asked for help on getting another administrator for social media to assist if he is not available. Dilullo suggested Kim Tetmeyer but Bender had a problem with her not being an HSA member. Stoiber will ask for volunteers at the regular meeting.

Having covered all items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis C. Stoiber
Acting Secretary