

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

On December 8 the Executive Board met at Indianapolis. Minutes from the meeting on April 26 were read and approved. The Treasurer reported that the balance before the Annual Meeting on September 8 was \$4,160.00. After that date income was \$155.00, expenses totaled \$1,554.02 leaving a balance of \$2,760.98. There was discussion about the need to augment our income. A listing of the current membership was distributed and can be obtained from the Assistant Treasurer.

The Central Chapter reported that pieces from the Annual Exhibit went on tour to Cool Creek Nature Center in Carmel and then to the Southern Indiana Nature Center at Seymour. There was mention of a possible photo field trip to the Natural Sciences section of the Children's Museum and to the Indianapolis Zoo. Information will be forthcoming.

The Northern Chapter reported plans for the 25th Annual Exhibit at Wabash in 2008. The possibility of combining the awards presentation with an Anniversary Dinner on Saturday evening was noted.

There was no report from the Southern Chapter.

Several other items of business were addressed:

- A review of the membership application forms
- The possibility of screening new potential members via the applicant's web site rather than requiring photo samples
- Preparing a brochure explaining the IWA insurance to be provided to all members

At the time of publication we do not have details about these items; we will provide them when they are available.

CHAPTER NEWS

IWA NORTH

On November 4 members of the Northern Chapter met at Warsaw. The primary business centered on the 2008 exhibit that will open on September 7 at Honeywell. The group talked about details of inviting art students from Wabash High School to display work in connection with the show. The possibility of celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Annual Exhibit with a special dinner was also discussed. There was also mention of a special certificate or other anniversary item for the entries.

Volunteer committees were set up to handle the various responsibilities connected with the exhibit. Revisions to the prospectus will be prepared for review by the Executive Board at its December meeting and a deadline calendar will be ready for the next chapter meeting.

A couple of exhibit possibilities were mentioned:

1) an annual Wild Game Dinner at Warsaw in late January (exhibit only)

2) a shared booth at the Paradise Art Festival at Wabash in September. This would be during the period that the IWA Annual Exhibit is hanging in the Clark Gallery so work for the art fair could be transported at the same time. Details will be forthcoming.

The next Northern Chapter meeting is scheduled for December 15 - location to be announced.

____Kris Bontrager

IWA NORTH

The blizzard of 12/15/07 changed plans for the scheduled meeting and the chapter made a unique decision . . . its first meeting in cyberspace. We'll report on this in the spring newsletter and let you know how it worked.

PROFILE

JEFFREY KLINEFELTER



Jeff is a lifelong resident of Etna Green in Kosciusko County. Interested in art since elementary school, he went on to receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Herron School of Fine Art, Indiana University.

Much time is spent in research, photographing his subjects and making sketches in preparation for his final compositions. His principle medium is gouache, although he works with acrylic or ink as well. He creates accurate and impressive images of nature with clear, pure coloration and fine detail.

He began entering conservation stamp competitions in 1983. He has won all three Indiana stamp contests as well as those in various states in the U.S. and was a top-twenty finalist for the Federal Migratory Waterfowl 1987 design.

As a member of The Nature Conservancy and a charter member of Indiana Wildlife Artists, Jeff is aware of the need to help the public understand the threats to our natural resources. He serves on the Board of Directors of Potawatomi Wildlife Park and is active in his church and community.

*Photograph taken at Wildlife Prairie Park
Peoria, IL 1997*