

Attendance: Jim Sahr, Sue Theolass, Vince LaRochelle, Diane McWhorter, James Nason, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Amy Ehn

Other participants: Bill Wright, Adam Budd

Scribe: Diane McWhorter

Minutes Approval: ***Motion: Accept the minutes (Cathy/Vince) 7-0-0

Announcements: Fundraiser for Culture Jam at Mazzi's on September 23. First candidates forum Sept. 15th at Whirled Pies 5:30-8:30 pm. Hosted by CRG and M.A.G.I.C. The election is October 19th, and there are 15 candidates for 6 positions. Candidate statements are posted on the OCF .net site. The Elections Committee can always use help counting ballots at the Annual Meeting/Election.

Agenda Approval was bypassed, as there were no changes but potential presenters had not arrived.

Booth Classifications: This is one of several deferred discussion topics. Consensus was that definitions of the classifications ("material crafts", others not yet determined such as food, service, bodywork, esoterics, informational, philanthropic, nonprofit, more?) would move the process forward. Entities to manage those booths could then be developed as needed, if they wouldn't all stay within Craft Inventory purview. The problematic issue seems to be that LMTs, for instance, are not juried within the system so an inequity has been created, particularly when it comes to booth rep position or transfer, as well as OCF not tracking who is providing services at Fair, and whether or not they are properly licensed or registered.

This encompasses two aspects: unregulated LMTs, and loss of craft booth numbers for handcrafting artisans. Solving these two problems could be done by the possible solutions of asking for more Booth Rep accountability for massage booths, and by limiting or regulating Booth Rep transfers more formally. One question is whether any type of explicit numbers would be designated for each type of booth. There has been a long effort to establish and maintain craft booth numbers at 250, but this includes all classifications, and is not clearly recorded. Some booths just don't fit into any formal classification and may or may not be regulated by CI.

Some proposals for clarification:

- Define the types of booths.
- Write a guideline such as: "Material Crafts Booths must remain as Material Crafts Booths"
- Write a guideline such as: "LMTs are approved to practice if they are invited by a Booth Rep who must obtain a copy of their license and provide it to OCF."
- Write a guideline such as: "Booth Rep status can not be transferred to an LMT unless the BR is an LMT registered with the Fair."

Moving to the Booth Rep Transfer and Displace Crafter issues, suggestions included:

- Require five years in the booth (instead of two) to become a Booth Rep
- Require one year notice before displacing a crafter from a booth
- Food Booths are required to have Booth Rep transfers approved formally: require a process for craft booths.
- Create a "toolbox of skills" expected of a potential Booth Rep similar to what food booths have

These could add a lot of work to the jobs of Registration and Craft Inventory crews, particularly if interviews would be required, including all the crafters in the booth, for Booth Rep transfers. There are maybe 5 transfers a year presently; the number could increase with the aging founding generation.

Ideas the Craft Committee feel they are in consensus about (provisional as not everyone attended):

- Tighten the Booth Rep transfer process (consensus minus one)
- Not allowing change in booth classification such as material to service (consensus minus one)
- Different classifications need definitions
- Booth Rep power needs limits by structure, or checks and balances
- Notice must be required of crafter displacement (written, time frame, etc.)
- An Emergency Plan could be asked of Craft booths as to secondary Booth Rep, etc.
- An appeals process for disputes should be in place
- Require 5 years membership in booth before becoming Booth Rep

Goals:

- to support Registration and Craft Inventory when they make decisions
- support crafters in making fair decisions
- clarify policy in existing guidelines
- increase accountability for Booth Reps

Actions:

- Write guideline change from 2 years to 5 years for BR transfer, to align with permanent placement requirements
- Propose other potential guideline changes by next meeting
- write statement for Craft Policy Summary to address clarifications
- Work to educate crafters on existing guidelines through the packet letter or other means

The Craft Committee won't be meeting in December so Diane will notify the office to take the meeting off the calendar.

Adjourned 7:40 pm

Next meeting October 9, 2019, 5:30 pm Agenda: Permanent Placements, Guideline changes