

Minutes of the 2004 GENERAL MEETING OF  
GLOBAL MURAL, ARTS AND CULTURAL TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Chairman, Dr Karl Schutz called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2004, in The White Pine Room, Ely, Nevada.

**Members present:**

Virginia Terry, Ely  
Lorraine Clark, Ely  
Maxine Miller, Moosejaw  
Gordon, Baron of Prestoungrange, Prestonpans  
Ray Kinsman, 29 Palms  
Wei Luan, Artist  
Gene Stevens, Lompoc  
John Dyer, Sheffield  
Art Mortimer, Artist  
Sarah Sweetwater, Artist  
Bill Denman, Lindsay  
Michelle Loughry, Vernon

Lorraine Clark reported that 105 registrations had so far been received for the 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference commencing later in the day in the Bristlecone Convention Center. There were numerous representatives from local Nevada communities contemplating starting Murals Programs attending, as well of course as delegates from all over the globe.

1. **Appointment of Meeting Secretary:** The President invited Gordon, Baron of Prestoungrange, to act as Secretary to the Meeting and he agreed thereto, noting the apologies of Doris Bucklin on this occasion.
2. **Minutes of the 2002 General Meeting held in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, October 15<sup>th</sup>:** Were read and approved without amendment.
3. **Financial Report to July 2004:** Presented by the President showing a growth in funds of some \$Cdn 300 over the period and six new members during the period.

The Meeting approved future expenditure of \$Cdn 100 by the President on visiting cards.

Noted and approved the move of bank account from CIBC to Chemainus Credit Union following uncalled for bank charges in 2003.

Agreed that the *President's Trophy* of which a model was displayed by the President should be adopted for the 2006 Conference and beyond, and awarded at each Conference City to the artist whose work the 'visiting' delegates alone adjudged best by popular vote.

Accepted with thanks the *Willie Park Golf Trophy* donated for competition within the Association at each biennial Global Conference and intervening official Association Seminar/ Symposium.

4. **Global Website Development:** Reported that Matthew Boffin and Chantal Graham as WebMasters had since Moosejaw honoured the pledge to create and maintain a gratis website for the Association at [www.globalartsandtourism.net](http://www.globalartsandtourism.net) which announced all Conferences and Symposia, carried details of membership, proffered what seemed to be 'Cool Ideas', provided some NewsNet items, captured Roving Visitor including Conference and Seminar Reports and Papers, and has built a Global Search facility giving access via Continent, Country, Town and Artist. Whilst every effort is made to add to the database within the Search Engine, it was a task that could only progress slowly. No attempt at ChatRooms had been made following earlier unsuccessful initiatives in 2000/ 2002.

Agreed that it was appropriate to share data with the Canadian Murals Trail website in Scarborough, Ontario and that a 100% effort should be made before and at the 2006 Conference for all key City Members to get their entries up to date; and that data from non-members should also be included in the best interests of the Members.

Agreed that the results of the Literature Review and the Questionnaire created for the Ely participants should be made available at the website.

5. **Presentation by Sheffield Town of Murals re 2008 Global Conference:** John Dyer, Chairman of Tasmania's Sheffield – Town of Murals Committee made a presentation of the successes and future plans of his town which has been painting murals for some 15 years. He indicated the support the town would receive from the State Government and the City if it was accepted as the host for 2008, with timing best in March/ April that year.

Agreed unanimously that the 7<sup>th</sup> Global Biennial Conference be held in Sheffield, and that Dr Karl Schutz should visit the town following the Pacific Murals Seminar in Bowen Queensland in September 2005 to ensure all procedures were properly in hand. John Dyer and his Sheffield team would then be expected to attend in Scotland in August 2006 to make their full presentation to all delegates then for 2008 registrations.

Congratulated John Dyer on an excellent presentation and expressed admiration for all that his town had achieved as one of the leading Murals cities in Australia with 175,000 tourists each year and an annual Murals Fest.

6. **Board Members' Business and Any Unfinished Business:** Confirmed that all Members of the Association are entitled to attend and vote at its General Meetings, with an Executive Board advising the President as CEO between such meetings.

That new members were always welcome with the once for all subscription applicable of \$US 100, and that three new members were expected at this Conference.

That the role of the Association is accomplished in the main by the biennial conferences held rather than by a Secretariat, but that if the President's wish for an Arts Olympics was to be realised a more considered approach was required.

That the Global Association was always pleased to publicise 'Regional' Murals Seminars at its website, and also to and 'endorse/ sponsor' such activities provided such events gave proper credit to the Association and an opportunity for membership recruitment thereat and did not conflict with the major biennial conference schedule.

Specifically, the Association has endorsed the Pacific Murals Seminar at Bowen in September and was pleased to learn that Bishop, California was hoping to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Californian Regional Murals Symposium in October 2005 following the success at Lindsay led by Bill Denman.

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.**