



85th Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017, 5:00 PM

Location: The Craft Center and League HQ
49 South Main Street, Suite 100
Concord, New Hampshire

Agenda:

- **Juried Member's Advisory Board Report**
- **LNHC Reports**
- **Open Discussion**

Hors d'oeuvres & spirits provided by the Board of Trustees and LNHC Staff

Directions to The Craft Center and LNHC Headquarters:

From the south:

Take 93 North to Exit 13 (Manchester Street exit). Take a left at the bottom of the ramp toward Main Street/ Downtown Concord. Continue straight as Manchester Street changes to South Main Street. Proceed approximately one mile to League HQ on right, at the corner of Main Street and Theatre Street. Located across from the Capitol Center for the Arts, in the SMILE! building.

From the north:

Take 93 South to Exit 13 (Manchester Street exit). Stay right as the ramp forks. Take a right at the light at the end of the ramp toward Main Street/Downtown Concord. Continue straight as Manchester Street changes to South Main Street. Proceed approximately one mile to League HQ on right, at the corner of Main Street and Theatre Street. Located across from the Capitol Center for the Arts, in the SMILE! building.

Parking Information:

Metered Parking: 2-hour metered parking on Main Street in front of League HQ. Parking is FREE after 5:00 pm.

Capital Commons Parking Garage: Paid parking in the Capital Commons Parking Garage. The entrance to the garage is on Storrs Street. There is access to Main Street on foot from Level 3, the elevator or the stair tower. The parking rate is .50 cents per hour. Parking is FREE after 5:00 pm.

Handicap Parking: Limited handicap parking is located in parking garage under The Craft Center and League HQ. The entrance is located on Theatre Street. Handicap parking is free at metered spots.

Free Parking: Located in the Storrs Street lot after 4:30 pm. and also along Storrs Street.

Storrs Street lot (marked as Concord Hospital Parking), from Exit 13 take a right onto Storrs Street at light after Dunkin' Donuts, the entrance is the first left or continue on Main Street and take a right onto Theatre Street, directly across from the Capitol Center for the Arts, and another right at the stop sign and go to the second right into Storrs Street lot.

Included is your ballot for the League of NH Craftsmen, Inc. Board of Trustees. Please submit your ballot and RSVP to attend the meeting and social hour.

Ballots may be scanned and emailed to nhleague@nhcrafts.org or faxed or mailed to the fax number or address below.

RSVP by May 24 to:

League of NH Craftsmen, 49 South Main Street, Suite 100, Concord, NH 03301

Fax: 603-225-8452 Telephone: 603-224-3375

“The management of the League shall be conducted by a Board of Trustees consisting of not more than 16 persons, such number to be determined by the Board of Trustees. All except eight shall be Trustees-at-Large elected by the membership of the League and four of whom shall be the Chairperson of the Juried Members Forum [now known as the Juried Member’s Advisory Board (JMAB)], the Chairperson of the Standards Committee, the Chairperson of the Fair Committee and the immediate past President of the Board, all of whom shall serve as Trustee ex-officio voting members; the remaining four Trustees shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the League, all elected by the membership of the League.” The Nominating Committee, chaired by Charles Bauer, Esq., sought new members to the Board representing the craft community, as well as the business community. We identified nominees with vision who are committed to making the League a stronger organization through their participation.

Current Board of Trustees

Alice DeSouza, Co-President	2018	Parker Potter	2017
Bev Wolf, Co-President*	2017	Sharon Stephan	2018
Charles Bauer, Esq, Vice President	2018	Judith Raskin	2017
Eric Rowley, Treasurer	2017	Pam Peterson	2017
Nancy Rowley, Secretary	2017	Alice Veenstra	2017
Deborah Coffin	2017	Donna Zils Banfield, Chair, Standards Committee	**
Jacob Marvelley, Esq.	2017	Jack Dokus, Co-Chair, Fair Committee	**
		William Mitchell, Chair, Education Committee	**

Leaving the BOT in 2017: Alice DeSouza, Deborah Coffin, Pam Peterson, Alice Veenstra, and William Mitchell.

* Will remain on the BOT until 2018 as immediate Past-President.

**These are ex-officio voting members who are members of the BOT by virtue of their committee positions.

2017-2018 BALLOT

Nominating Committee Slate: Board of Trustees

New board members

Choose up to (4) four for three year terms ending in 2020:

- Chris Archer, Member at Large (see biography on reverse)
- Laura Jacobi, Member at Large (see biography on reverse)
- Kristin Kennedy, Member at Large (see biography on reverse)
- Beverly Taylor, Vice-President (see biography on reverse)
- Write in candidate(s) _____
- _____
- _____

Returning Board Members

Choose up to (5) five for terms stated:

- Jacob Marvelley, Member at Large (running for three year term)
- Judith Raskin, President (running for a two year term see bio on reverse)
- Eric Rowley, Treasurer, (running for three year term)
- Nancy Rowley, Secretary, (running for one-year term - see bio on reverse)
- Bev Wolf, Immediate Past President, (running for one-year term)
- Write in candidate _____
- Write in candidate _____

RSVP for Annual Meeting and Social Hour

Yes, I will attend. No, I cannot attend.

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PLEASE RETURN BALLOT BY MAY 22 FOR TABULATION

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Bios for Existing LNHC Board of Trustees

These individuals joined since the last Annual Meeting to complete the terms of departing members

Judith Raskin, Running for President:

I am honored to be nominated as President of the Board of Trustees. I believe my background and experience have prepared me for this critical juncture with the League. I founded and served as Executive Director of a NH nonprofit for 26 years, and assist other nonprofits throughout the country with nonprofit management, grant writing, evaluation, board development and strategic planning. I have volunteered at the Annual Craftsmen's Fair in various capacities for 30 years, served on the Council for the League's Concord Gallery and the Board of Trustees many years ago, served on several of the League's committees, and worked at the League's Hooksett Gallery. I have a pretty well-rounded knowledge of the various activities and needs of the League. My daughter, a juried craftsperson, and I coordinated the CraftWear exhibit at the fair for four years, and I volunteer in her booth at the fair. I am privileged to have known so many talented League craftspeople for so many years.

As President, my plan for the first year will be looking at the League's infrastructure and developing a plan for addressing weaknesses identified in the 360 Degree Assessment, strengthening the Board of Trustees, developing a new strategic plan, growing the League, and better utilizing the talents of board members, staff, committee members, and volunteers. I believe rebuilding a strong infrastructure and financial stability will be the most important things we can do in the coming year.

Nancy Rowley, Running for Secretary: (Invited to join the Board in June 2016 as a rep for the Fine Craft Galleries)

I have a background in retail with a degree in Marketing and Business Administration. I have managed the Meredith Gallery since 1989. The history of the organization and the people involved within it have inspired me over the years. Twenty-eight years later, I still love to come to work every day.

Bios for New LNHC Board of Trustees

Chris Archer, Member at Large

Over time, practice has expanded beyond the studio and become integrally tied to the classroom and more recently my community. In each of these, I am informed by both an innate creative spirit within and an awareness of the culture around. This balance has been invaluable in my studio and in my classroom. Until recently, however, much of my 15 years of state-juried membership with the League of NH Craftsmen has demonstrated modest engagement and a limiting perspective on my part. Though my support and advocacy for the LNHC has been unwavering, it has often been by promoting it to others through rhetoric rather than from visceral, active, experience. At times, I have been unsure of what the fit might be with the League and my membership means. Serving as a juror for Ceramics has been a wonderful experience, and along with recent interactions with driven, inspired, and dedicated League members, I have committed to well beyond talking about the importance of the League and jumping in deeper. I am excited for the opportunity to engage the League directly, working to ensure its effectiveness and sustainability while honoring its rich history. I look forward to bold, creative, and spirited discussions about our identity, goals, and ultimately our future.

Laura Jacobi, Member at Large

A resident of NH for more than 20 years, I have a commitment to the community and the cultural environment we create and the lifestyle this environment provides. I am a long-time volunteer... beginning in my youth at nonprofit events with my parents in Massachusetts. My volunteer activities have included children-centric services, the arts, health and wellness, and business incubators to name a few areas. With more than twenty years in business with a focus on finance, operations and marketing, I bring the value of a skill-based volunteer... coupling the traditional passion, which makes someone a great ambassador for an organization, with skill and drive resulting in a contributor who can add foundational value to an organization's success and strategic sustainability.

Kristin Kennedy, Member at Large

As a member of the League for more than fifteen years, I have had the opportunity to be a part of the League's evolution from its previous location on North Main Street to its new home across from the Capitol Center for the Arts. During this time period I have also had the opportunity to participate in the Annual Craftsmen's Fair, which is a uniquely amazing event for the League artists and all those who attend.

I have enthusiastically worked as an artist and independent business owner for the past 20 years. In 2013, I opened a retail gallery on Warren Street in Concord. This has been an exciting experience, which has opened new opportunities and challenges for me. I endeavor to make the gallery a destination location for the customers to shop and enjoy the ambiance. As a Board member, I expect to bring my experience as an artist and business owner to assist the League to continue to grow in its membership and mission.

Beverly Taylor, Member at Large (running for Vice-President)

As an active supporter of the League, I look forward to the opportunity to help make a great organization even better. I am a New Hampshire resident with more than 40 years of business and retail experience. I've been involved with the League for more than ten years as a supporting member, volunteer and paid Sales Assistant in the CraftWear exhibit at the fair, and I've worked several years assisting a juried League member in all aspects of her business, including working in her booth at the Annual Craftsmen's Fair. I was a member of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) for many years, serving as Hospitality Chairman, Bulletin Chairman (for which we won a national award) and Vice-President. I believe my strong organizational abilities, dedication, knowledge of the League, and knowledge of craft will be an asset to the Board of Trustees and organization as we move forward to strengthen the League, develop new partnerships, and educate the public about the strengths and talents of our craftspeople and the value of fine craft.