

Minutes – GAGA Board Meeting

5 January 2020, SW School of Art

President Benitez called the meeting to order at 1 pm. She introduced the Board Members for 2020: Sylvia Benitez, President; Charles, Treasurer; Stefanie Spears, Vice President; Bibi Saidi, Secretary; Thelma Muraida, Webmaster; Board Members at Large: Kate Badash, Lyn Belisle, Sharyn Daburt. A quorum was present.

1. **Email for Sylvia:** sylviabenitez@gagaart.org
Sylvia spoke about the mission of GAGA which is a service to art and artists, not a sales organization. Members need to get proactive to create their own exhibitions.
2. **GAGA Mailing List:** Needs to be rejuvenated. The goal is 2000 names; get permission for 10+ contacts & email them to:
sylviabenitez@gagaart.org, with subject: contacts_your name
3. **Constant Contact** is new Mass Marketing System & will distribute a **monthly GAGA Newsletter** to the mailing list. New Law requires **unsubscribe** button. Make sure to email info on your shows so they can be listed in newsletter.
4. **Announcements** are due the **12th of each month** for the next monthly newsletter. Also send them to **Virginia Lukefahr, GAGA archivist and historian.**
5. **New GAGA website** ready, thanks to Thelma and Sylvia! Individual pages will be updated in February, with up to 9 images, headshot, personal website – show only available work. **Update schedule:**
 - Due Feb 1: Abrams – Ferguson**
 - Due Feb 8: Fields – McCown**
 - Due Feb 15: Medellin – Smith**
 - Due Feb 22: Sorensen – Zertuche**Send all updates **before due date** in one email to sylviabenitez@gagaart.org
Subject Line: Webpage update_your name
If more than 1 email needed, use:
Subject Line: Webpage update_your name+1of2, 2of2..etc.
6. **GAGA Dues are due January 1, 2020.** No increase this year, but 2 checks:
 - Membership: \$50.-** by check only!
 - Voluntary donation \$10.-** for Mahala Fund, for artist emergencies.
7. **Artist Consent Form:** Sign one form each year for GAGA info file; will be valid for all shows through the year.
8. **Upcoming Shows:**
 - UTSA – all member show: **Modern Woman – My Story**; use up to three vertically stacked 24 x 24 x 2 ampersand cradled panels; purchased in bulk @ \$35.- each. Mail check to Sylvia.
 - IW University – all member show in Semmes Gallery, using work currently available. Email up to 3 suggested pieces to Sylvia, she will select.
 - Bra Mountain at UTSA in summer – Chelle needs help collecting old bras.
9. **Location of Future Shows** is a challenge; all members should expand their horizons to contact friends with commercial buildings, offices with large walls, etc.

The board meeting ended at 1:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bibi Saidi, Secretary