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October 14th, 1982

First News-letter of 1982 - '83.

Ottawa Watercolour
Society.

Dear Member, 22 members attended the Annual General meeting of September 30th to form a quorum. The following are the main items of news arising from the meeting.

1. The name of the Society was changed to "The Ottawa Watercolour Society". The French version of the new name is still under consideration.
2. The sentence "To provide opportunities of mutual contact amongst its members" was deleted from the Objectives of the Society in order to avoid legal difficulties in seeking Incorporation as a non-profit organisation.
3. The Resolution to authorise application for Incorporation was passed unanimously.
4. The month for holding the Annual General Meeting was changed from September to October.
5. After presentation of the Financial Statement and a projected budget for the coming year, it was decided by the membership that the membership fee for 1982 - '83 be set at \$20.00 for all members regardless of grade of membership. It was also decided that a \$5.00 application fee be charged on each painting submitted for exhibition during the year, and that a small charge be made for attendance at Seminars at which honoraria are paid to invited speakers. These charges should permit us to do a little better than break even.
6. Alan Bain has arranged an invitation for selected paintings from the 6th Juried Exhibition to be exhibited at the Cornwall Gallery for two weeks during December, and we sincerely thank the Cornwall Gallery for this invitation. Works will be selected for this exhibition at the time of jurying for the exhibition at the Atelier Lise Girard and will be identified by tagging during the exhibition. Alan Bain has also approached other galleries in the Belleville area and has been met with active interest from three galleries for a travelling exhibition during 1983 or '84. This development could be very important for the Society and will be further explored. We are extremely grateful to Alan Bain for his enterprise and his offer to continue the good work.
7. The Ottawa Art Association has recently accepted responsibility for arranging exhibitions at the Ottawa Little Theatre and has generously offered the Society a month of exhibition time during 1983. We have gratefully accepted this offer and have opted for the month of May. Accordingly the 7th Juried exhibition will be held in the Ottawa Little Theatre. No consideration has yet been given to the format of the exhibition. We are grateful to Madeline Holmes for coming to the meeting and making this offer and at the same time joining our Society. It is good to see the development of a growing linkage between our Society and the Association. I will be writing to the President of the Association, Mr Jim Caves, to make formal acceptance of the offer.
8. The future of the Society and its objectives and structure were debated at length. The membership was strongly in favour of maintaining the present open nature of the Society and not restricting its membership in any way. It was felt that the present objectives should be strongly endorsed but that the maintainance of high quality of work should be ensured by jurying all public exhibitions. Unjuried exhibitions should be purely internal affairs restricted to members of the Society.
9. In keeping with previously expressed wishes of members there will be four seminars this year and bookings have been made with the Billings Estate

for the following dates: Tuesday, November 23rd.
Wednesday, January 26th.
Thursday, March 31st.
Friday, June 3rd.

Details will follow in due course and other events may also be arranged.

10. With one exception the present members of the Executive have agreed to stay on for another year and their reappointment was approved by the members. Sad to say Cecile Loubert has found the requirement of Publicity Secretary too exacting in view of her many other commitments and would rather not continue for the coming year. We will part with her with much regret but are very fortunate in that Mike Deslauriers has kindly offered to take on this responsibility. With his experience in this field he will be a fitting successor to Cecile.

The Executive for the year will therefore be:

President	John Westwood
Vice-President	Audrey Ross
Secretary Treasurer	Jim Edwards
Recording Secretary	Muriel Haigh
Membership Secretary	Janet Thurm
Publicity	Michel Deslauriers
Public relations	Morton Baslaw
Exhibition Committee Chairperson	Irene Mottadelli Dawn Bennett Jean de Neergaard Robert Mann Margaret Carter Alton Lang Edith Liepa Patricia Smith

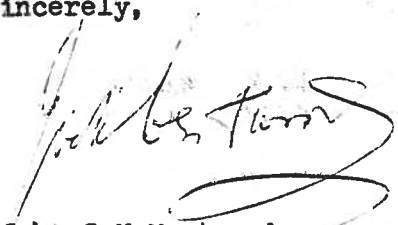
WOULD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW \$20.00 AND IS ALSO NOW DUE. PLEASE make cheques payable to the Ottawa Watercolour Society and send them to

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Having, I hope, had a good Summer I trust that you will also have a good Fall and Winter of lively participation in the activities of the Society. Ideas will always be welcome.

yours sincerely,



John C.N. Westwood
President