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May 24th, 1982.

Dear Member,

Following the excellent Exhibition at the Den Art Gallery, the Executive has held a number of meetings and wishes to bring the following matters to your attention:-

1. Bruce Garner has kindly agreed to accept our invitation to conduct a Critique Session on works submitted by members. This Seminar will take place at 8.00 PM in Room 3001 of the National Research Council Building on Sussex Drive on Wednesday, June 9th.

Will members who are willing to do so please bring either paintings or slide transparencies of their work. The success of the Seminar will depend on the numbers and variety of the works submitted - so do please be forthcoming.

There will be no charge for attendance but a voluntary donation of \$2.00 per head will be most gratefully accepted towards the cost of the Seminar.

2. It has unfortunately not been possible to arrange the hoped-for Summer exhibition at the Royal Bank Centre despite the best efforts of Mr Murray Fraser and ourselves. Financial stringency has prevented the Royal Bank from providing the hardware needed for hanging the exhibition and our Society is not in a position to do so. We have therefore reluctantly abandoned the project for the present year. We will now aim at an "Artists' Choice Exhibition in the Fall.

3. Incorporation The first steps have been taken towards the incorporation of the Society as a non-profit organisation and certain requirements must be met.

(1) The objectives of the Society must be stated. These are already stated in the by-laws

(2) Three Directors must be appointed. These would most conveniently be the President, Vice-president and Secretary-Treasurer who are the Officers of the Society.

(3) It is desirable that the name of the Society should be as simple as possible and should not include the term "Association" since this increases the problems of incorporation. Since a number of members have expressed the opinion that our present name is cumbersome, it is suggested that:-

a) The English name of the Society be changed to:-
"The Ottawa Watercolour Society" and

b) The French name be changed to:-
"La Societe d'Ottawa des Aquerellistes" from
"L'Association d'Ottawa des Agerellistes"

(4) The membership will be asked to authorise the spending of the funds required for incorporation.

(5) A Resolution must be formally adopted by a majority of the Society authorising the Officers to apply for incorporation. It is proposed that the following Resolution or an agreed modification thereof be adopted at the Annual General Meeting to be held in September:

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:-

The Officers of the Ottawa Watercolour Society - La Societe d'Ottawa des Aquerellis be authorised to apply for incorporation of the Society as a non-profit organisation.

This is Certified to be a true copy of the Resolution passed by the Membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at
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Signed:

Secretary-Treasurer.

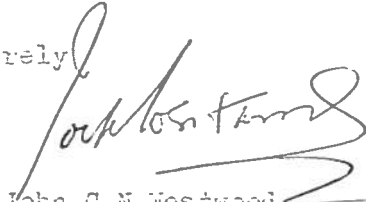
Since it is required that over 50% of the membership should approve the resolution, it may be necessary that a postal vote be taken after the Annual General Meeting.

In conclusion it gives me much pleasure to say that, as a result of the acceptance of their work for the 5th Juried Exhibition, twelve members have qualified as Associates and are eligible to apply for Fellowship in the Society. These members will receive individual invitations to submit five slide transparencies of their work for assessment by a jury to be selected from fellows of the Society in accordance with the By-laws. The jury will meet for the assessment in late August or early September before the Annual General Meeting.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of a letter written by Art Price after paying a visit to the Juried Exhibition. We are very appreciative that he should have taken the trouble to make this a sssessment of the work exhibited and feel sure that members will be interested in his entertaining and informed comments.

If I have left out anything vital in this letter please do not hesitate to call me. I hope that many of you will be able to turn up for the Critique Seminar on June 9th.

yours sincerely


John C.M. Westwood
President.