

PTWA INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2024, MEETING

NO NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH –THE PRESIDENTS LETTER

Time marches on as the adage says. Seems like a long while since I have been to a meeting - medical issues, travel, family priorities and before you know it a couple of months have slipped by. Here it is January almost gone and the February meeting is in a couple of weeks.

I joined PTWA early in my turning journey. I was immediately impressed with the fact there were no secrets with those guys. They wanted to share their skills with me. Over the past 11 years I have grown logarithmically in my skills, I have made lifelong friends, and I can truly say all that time and those resources expended on woodturning have been a good investment. A key piece of that success has been the help and advice I have received from this club. We have a long history in PTWA providing a forum to share our craft with friends old and new. Does this tradition need to continue?

Our club is at a critical point as discussed in the January meeting and the past president's letter (pasted below for your review). Little has happened to address this critical need. Leadership roles typically have changed on an annual or biannual basis. It is that time. Rotating officers keeps things fresh and allows for new perspectives to emerge. It's time for new leadership to step up --- OR -- it is time to dissolve the club.

Geoff Purser
1/30/24

As briefly discussed at our December meeting, it is time to nominate new officers and fill positions for our club in 2024. So far, the only role filled is Treasurer. This leaves multiple openings that need volunteers. The solemn reality is that unless we have several folks to step up and help carry the load, it is likely that PTWA will have to be dissolved. Job descriptions of the officer positions are attached and some basic responsibilities for each are included below:

- *President: **open** – prepares agenda, runs meetings, writes memo for newsletter, coordinates activities with other officers, chooses President's challenge.*
- *Vice President: MIKE LOBENBERG is now a candidate – supports President, assists with meetings, coordinates demos and activities such as turner of the month.*
- *Secretary: **open** – takes notes and minutes during meetings, maintains records and results from any votes taken, shares details with Newsletter coordinator to publish.*
- *Treasurer: Bob Schasse – oversees financial aspects of the club.*
- *Newsletter coordinator: **open** – receives input from President, Secretary, and others to publish the monthly newsletter. This is the key role for communication across the club members.*

- *Website administrator: **open** – updates and maintains club website. Notes, Jason Lathrop has been developed a new club website. We are just waiting on someone to help administer before turning on.*

Steve Coley

1/1/24

No single role/task requires an excessive amount of time to complete. No single role/task requires a unique skillset to execute. No single role/task requires anyone with expert turning skills.

They only require individuals who are willing to step off the sidelines, share their talents, help others, and dedicate some time to lead and make a difference and promote the craft of turning with others.

You would not be doing it alone. There are plenty of folks in the club who there to help support, guide, and coach those taking on new officer positions in the club for the first time. Please consider volunteering for one of these key roles at our January meeting to keep our club alive. If you are unable to make a “full” commitment but would consider a “shared/co-position” in one of the roles, then that could be considered.

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On February 13, 2024, there will be a brief meeting, discussions about open positions and a vote on officers. You may notice that we have a name in the VP position. Mike Lobenberg stepped up and agreed to be VP for the club. Bob Schasse will have a demonstration on turning a vase with a glass insert.

Tool Sale will be rescheduled.