



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 14, 2026

Thirteen members of the Board were present. The following notes highlight the topics discussed and decisions made during the meeting.

- ❖ The returning Executive Board Members (Chuck Boxwell, Julie Hill, Ron Allen, Rhea Lowell and Adrian Skiles) were welcomed and the other Committee Chairs and Members (Debbie Parke, Karen Murry, Pat Rasmussen, Roxanne Turner, Joe Mullins, Sandy Winkleman, Nicole Merkens, Harn Soper, Paula Wulff, and Karla Gustafson) were appointed by Chuck Boxwell, President and approved by vote.
- ❖ All EACA's meeting dates have been confirmed with the ECIA and the rooms reserved as needed.
- ❖ To help fund the Studio Tour, the Board is looking at expanding the Underwriter's donation category by identifying benefits they could access for their larger donations. In addition, a current Board Member is taking a class at the Community College in grant writing, and a small group has been set up to identify possible grants that we could apply for.
- ❖ To date, we have 81 members in 2026; 73 of the memberships are renewals and 8 are new members. Overwhelmingly, those signing up have indicated their reasons for joining are the Studio Tour and the Spring/Winter Shows, but many are also interested in Networking and Educational Opportunities.
- ❖ The Studio Tour Chair, Debbie Parke, is currently looking for a Co-Chair. Other Chair positions that are needed are in Distribution, Digital Advertising and a Co-Chair for Education.
- ❖ Our website continues to be updated with new photos at the top of the home page and a new featured artist every month along with postings about current activities such as the upcoming Spring Show.
- ❖ Because the Spring and Winter Shows are so popular and registration often fills within minutes, the Board is considering ways to expand opportunities for its artists. Currently being considered is adding a Holiday show that will take place approximately two weeks after the Winter Show and the possibility of finding either a larger venue or an additional venue so more artists can be accommodated.
- ❖ The Board is talking with the ECIA regarding whether they are planning to or could improve the lighting in ECIA's living room and dining room. EACA members could help by attending ECIA meetings and voicing the need for and importance of improved lighting.
- ❖ The next EACA Board Meeting will be held on February 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM. All EACA general members are welcome and encouraged to attend; any comments can be offered before or after the meeting.