

# **COUNCIL ACTION 2005-2006**

## **Council votes and decisions since the June 05 Annual Meeting**

- **April 06: Motion to amend the bylaws to codify the GG process**

From: Elizabeth Evans

Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:29 PM

Hello, all. We have passed the motion to amend the bylaws.

Voting in favor: Allen, Covert, Drath, Geiger, Weiss, Wick, Young, (by telephone)

Absent: Chauncy Rucker, who is traveling

Mike, will you record this in the minutes, please, to be read into the record at the June meeting, and please add the wording of the proposal to the ballot:

### **Submitted by David Cockey, 28 March 2006**

Proposed TSCA Bylaw Amendment - DRAFT (Rev 112)

Article X TSCA John Gardner Fund

1. The purpose of the TSCA John Gardner Fund is to preserve, continue, and expand the achievements, vision and goals of John Gardner by enriching and disseminating our traditional small craft heritage. The TSCA John Gardner Fund will be used to award John Gardner Grants which support projects that broaden the heritage of traditional small craft, and for which sufficient funding would otherwise be unavailable. The TSCA John Gardner Fund is to be used only to fund John Gardner Grants. Only income from the principal of the TSCA John Gardner Fund should be expended unless there are exceptional circumstances as determined by the Council on the recommendation of the John Gardner Grant Committee. The TSCA John Gardner Fund is a component fund in the Maine Community Foundation.

2. Council shall appoint a John Gardner Grant Committee who will serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Committee should have five to eight members, including no more than two members of the Council. The John Gardner Grant Committee shall solicit and receive grant applications, review the applications, and recommend to the Council grants to be awarded. One member of the John Gardner Grant Committee shall be designated by the Council as the John Gardner Grant Committee Chairperson.

3. If TSCA is not able or willing to continue to award and administer the John Gardner Grants then the Maine Community Foundation should endeavor to find an entity to take responsibility for awarding and administering the John Gardner Grants using the income from the TSCA John Gardner Fund. If and only if such an entity cannot be found then the income from TSCA John Gardner Fund should be used to support programs at one or more maritime museums which preserve, continue, and expand the achievements, vision and goals of John Gardner by enriching and disseminating our traditional small craft heritage.

- **April 06: Motion to appoint John Muir to the GG committee subject to his joining**

From: Elizabeth Evans

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 12:28 PM

The motion to appoint John Muir to the Gardner Grant committee, subject to his joining the TSCA, moved by David Cockey, seconded by Roger Allen, has been carried:

In favor: Cockey, assumed by motion; Allen, assumed by second; Drath; Geiger; Young by telephone; Rucker; Weiss

No vote: Wick

**Submitted by David Cockey, 29 March 2006**

I'd like to nominate John Muir to serve on the John Gardner Grant Committee. John is the Associate Curator of Small Craft at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, and has experience in small craft research, documentation, reconstruction, restoration and preservation. He would fill the slot Ben Fuller has vacated and bring a museum perspective to the process. John has agreed to serve if the Council approves, and volunteered that this would push him to join TSCA which he has been intending to do for quite a while.

- **February 06: Motion on Sponsor Dues rates**

From: Elizabeth Evans

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 10:05 AM

The full Council has now voted, and carried the motion to change the ad rates in the Ash Breeze. The next issue will give the details.

**Submitted by Dan Drath, 20 February 2006:**

In order to eliminate the two tiered system we now have (some Sponsor members pay \$50, some \$125), make our ads rates more attractive, I offer the following motion. I have discussed the motion with the treasurer and have his seal of approval.

I move we adopt the following rates beginning April 2:

Sponsor member without ad \$50.

Sponsor member with ad \$60.

Corporate Sponsor member with 1/4 page ad \$125.

Corporate Sponsor member with 1/2 page ad \$250.

Corporate Sponsor member with 1 page ad \$350.

Existing ads will be extended prorated at the new rate.

- **September 05: Motion to codify the GG process and amend the bylaws to include same**

From: Elizabeth Evans

Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 5:03 PM

Yes, the composition of the Fund Committee should be addressed in the codification, that is, qualifications and such. I am happy to ask people to contribute their knowledge to the work, but I will leave the wording for those who know what specifics are needed. I can call Dick Wagner, and will call David Cockey when I get his phone number, to ask for their help on the project.

Drafting a bylaws change to assure the smooth continuance of the work of the TSCA Fund Committee is. . . practical good sense.

From: Elizabeth Evans

Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 1:49 PM

Good morning all.

David Cockey offered by telephone yesterday to be the interim coordinator of the Gardner Grants Committee. He will act until a replacement for Ben Fuller is appointed.

**Submitted by John Weiss, 26 August 2005:**

The other issue we have discussed is that the GG process is not codified in our bylaws in any way. While some of the Council members have a working knowledge of the process, that is not a universal truth. I believe that by including the basic GG process in the bylaws, our successors will have an easier time learning about it.

Notwithstanding the bylaws, there is no document available to Council members that describes the GG fund process in enough detail that a new member can even get a cursor understanding of the fund. Just for starters, there is no mention of the Maine Community Foundation anywhere, nor do we have a copy of the legal papers that established the fund. It is therefore impossible for the Council to get a grasp of the role of the MCF in the GG program, both legal and practical, without a long telephone conversation with one of 1 or 2 people who are intimately familiar with it. TSCA lost a significant part of its history when Ken Steinmetz died a couple years ago. How soon could that happen again?