

July 31, 2017  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
Orlando, FL

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Maldonado.

**I. Establish Quorum**

No quorum; all voting required unanimous results for motions to pass.

**II. Review of Minutes 2016 Meeting**

Minutes were not available at the 2017 Business Meeting; unable to review and approve at this time.

**III. President's Report / Board Report**

2<sup>nd</sup> vice President Barbara Schoenoff is willing to serve another year. Anne Myatt is slated to be Treasurer.

Motion was made to approve officers and seconded, with universal approval.

Christine and Sarah informed those present that 3 officers terms-President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Secretary need to be filled in a year and asked that each member consider stepping into a more active role.

Sandra Wright Justiss recognized Donna Sims for all the hard work she has contributed over the years. Donna was presented with a plaque, awarding her Life Member Emeritus status.

The Board discussed contents of the Handbook; revisions are overdue and much of the content is out of date. Revisions are currently being made and will be completed soon.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Donna Sims presented the ODACA financial Report for 2017:

Statement balance dated June 30, 2017	\$11,898.41
Balance on July 14, 2017	\$12,227.03

These figures do not reflect recent deposits and expenditures that will be reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report.

Expenses for ODACA in Orlando will be reported 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the new fiscal year. Those expenses are typically \$7000 or more.

**V. Patron Chair Report**

This is Barbara Norwine's last year as Patron Chair, and asked members to think of anyone who would like to fill this role.

Barbara reported that Patron numbers are growing, with 20 to 25 new Patrons every year.

Christine said the Board had discussed the possibility of Patron co-chairs, to break up the responsibilities of the job. Kim Bertram will be in Phoenix next year, and would be willing to help. Barbara would be a resource for the incoming Patron Chair(s).

Christine presented Barbara with a worker bee pin.

**VI. Committee Reports**

Standards Committee:

Welcome new Artist Member: Charlie Patricolo. Charlie works in cloth, and had several dolls on display at the Business Meeting.

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**ODACA Day 2018:**

Dates

July 16 – 17, 2018

Hotel

JW Marriott Desert Resort  
Phoenix Hotel  
Phoenix, AZ

Reservations Open

January 1, 2018

Luncheon

July 17, 2018  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Theme

“A Gift to be Simple”

Souvenir Doll Artist

Art Rogers

Centerpiece Doll Artist

Rhonda King

Program Presenter

TBA

**Reminder!**

Please make all checks payable to ODACA and specify in the memo what the payment is for.

All checks should be mailed to:

**Anne Myatt**  
6910 Cyress Point Dr.  
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VII. Old Business

ODACA Facebook Presence:

Jennifer Schermerhorn has been working diligently over the past year on increasing and improving ODACA’s Facebook presence. Stevi T. and Rhonda King are members of the Social Media committee and help Jennifer with postings.

Audit and Timing of Financial Review:

During the Board’s review of the Handbook, of concern was Article VII Section 7.01, which states “The President shall appoint a qualified person, team or independent auditor to audit ODACA’s financial records within thirty (30) days of close of ODACA’s fiscal year.” Audits by professionals (CPAs) are expensive. Sarah discussed changing the word “audit” in the bylaws. Sandra informed members present at the meeting that the use of an independent qualified person to review the books was more appropriate when we have a change in treasurers and that the term “audit” means “review” that may be completed by members of the organization, not a CPA audit. Sandra made the motion that the audit procedure would occur at the end of the Treasurer’s term (every two years) without a formal change in the Bylaws, to be performed by a member or members of the organization or by an independent individual or firm. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

VIII. New Business

Dues Reminder: Membership dues are due today, July 31.

Tax Reminder and Sales Room set up: Artists have access to the sales room immediately following the Business Meeting. The room will be open at 6:30 a.m. tomorrow as well. Last year there was an issue with mobile devices not accessing the Internet. Be sure to check your devices for Internet connection. Tax information is in the summer issue of ODACA Expressions.

Joan Ross Sweetheart Award: Ute Vasina has served as newsletter editor twice, has been 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and presented programs and provided centerpieces. Ute was not present, but has been notified. Congratulations, Ute!

IX. Comments/Topics from the Floor

Judith met a couple (he makes bears, she makes dolls), and suggested that they apply for Artist membership, explaining the application process to them.

Next year’s Convention will be in Phoenix. Rhonda King will make the centerpieces, and Art Rogers will be the souvenir artist. The theme will be “A Gift to be Simple.” We’re still looking for someone to present the Luncheon Program.

X. Adjournment

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 5:33.

A reception in Honor of Gloria “Mimi” Winer, a long time member of ODACA, was held immediately following the Business Meeting. Her contributions to the art doll community have been invaluable.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanna Hogan, Acting Secretary