

**Vermont Crafts Council**  
**Board of Directors ANNUAL Meeting**  
**White River Craft Center**  
**April 16, 2025**

**Present:**

Martha, Steve, Sally, Peter, Katie, Daniel, Elissa, Greg, Ruby + Bill Cohn

Board meeting secretaries annual meeting report approved from April 2024 (Peter accepted, Katie second. All said aye)

- We started with introductions all around the room. Approximately 35 people attended including the Board.
- Finances were discussed. Martha suggested that folks go online to get the specifics but did note that the Board members are not paid, we are seeing an upward trajectory regarding our bank account and that we are solvent and are working very hard.
- Steve made a “pitch” for VCC.
  - Being a member is important
  - We have lots of membership benefits besides VT Open Studio
  - We added a Google map of teaching artists as well as wholesale artists
  - Please consider joining the Board
  - The VCC website is super active. Around 25K views during Open Studio with our strong online presence
- Discussion: Current slate of Officers  
Steve (president), Elissa (treasurer) and Sally (secretary). Voted in for 2025-2026.  
Bill Cohn (new Board member) voted in.  
End of officer discussion we honored Ruby and all her great work for nine years for VCC. Steve presented Ruby with gift from his studio.
- Peter gave a short talk about his friend Mark Depman. A tribute to an amazing man who was an ER doctor as well as a Recovery doctor and left this earth way too early due to cancer. Mark had another gift which he always pursued. Pottery. Beautiful, thoughtful pieces and how he could leave a piece of himself as gifts to those he loved. Really wonderful.
- After the business meeting we had a panel discussion with four gallery folks to talk about all the aspects of running a gallery and getting selected for a galley. Daniel, Greg, Elissa and Andrea Melville from Art, etc in Randolph.  
It was lively and informational !

A break for pizza and pack lunches. Comfy couches in the lobby added to the sense of just hanging out and having conversations!

Other sessions:

Small Group Breakouts:

Photography, Open Studio materials questions and distribution of materials, Selling/Promoting online

Final all-together group about Teaching. Great ideas from the presenters. Katie, Ruby, Elissa, Steve and Dayna (Day Breaks Glass Studio). Super interesting and we all felt that the idea of being a Teaching Artist could be pursued and turned into some type of “program” that VCC could package up in some way.

**Next Meetings:**

**Tuesday, May 6 (9 AM) Zoom**

**Tuesday, June 24 (9 AM in person place TBD)**