

Ossining Arts Council — Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026

Location: Ro Hocking-Sanzari's House

Time: Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Attendance

Attending: Allison Midgley, Anne Zimmerman, Anthony Cuozzo, Jennifer Poulos, Rosemary Hocking-Sanzari, Keith Gordon, Barbara Levine, Sharon Powell, Daniel Oppenheim

Absent: Dennis Kirby

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve June 22nd meeting minutes: Anne motioned, Sharon seconded.

 **All approved.**

Action Items

- **Potential OAC Partnership With ENU Builds:** The OAC Board welcomed guests Tamarah Bridgewater and Jermain Smith, co-founders of [ENU Builds, Inc.](#) (Empower, Network, Uplift). Tamarah and Jermain provided the history and mission of ENU Builds and its role as facilitator to help address unmet needs of underserved communities without charge, through grants and a network of partners. As ENU Builds currently has a contract for space at the [Olive Opera House](#) in Ossining, Tamarah and Jermain proposed sharing the lobby/gallery and possibly workshop area with OAC (ENU Builds to hold 3 or 4 specialty shows a year, remaining time would be available to OAC, approximately 8-10 art pieces, lighting and hanging system to be provided, possibly rolling walls for displays, more details re: security and access to follow, expected occupancy Q1 2027). There was also mention of the possibility for OAC to curate art in the rest of the building space.
 - **Tour of Olive Opera House:** Tamarah and Jermain encourage OAC Board Members to tour the facility. Allison to confirm a date for interested OAC Board members to view the under construction facility. OAC Board Members thanked Tamarah and Jermain for their time and generous proposal, and are looking forward to touring the facility.
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Treasurer's Report

- \$14,711 in bank account
- \$2,412 membership dues
- \$338 donations
- \$828 Insurance Premium paid, 3 or 4 payments left
- \$786 Storage Unit renewal, paid through February 2027

Allison requested that budgets for opening reception costs be included in art show proposals.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Ro motioned, Jen seconded.

 **All approved.**

President's Report

- **BAC Community Survey:** Allison requested that Board Members complete the BAC Community Survey.
 - **Update From Co-VP Dennis:** Allison provided an update from Dennis - Addendum link: [Co-VP Update From Dennis](#)
 - **Liaison to Village:** Allison proposed that OAC Board members volunteer to attend Village/Town meetings (Chamber of Commerce, etc) in an effort to develop relationships for outreach, represent the interests of OAC, and have a presence in local happenings.
 - **Google Workspace:** Allison and Dennis worked on cleaning up OAC Google Drive, Allison will provide a demo on how to search for documents.
 - **Governance and By-Laws:** Allison requested that OAC Board Members review the [OAC By-Laws](#) and add comments with revised text for changes to group document [By-Law Revisions](#) for August OAC Board Meeting. Allison will bring a projector for ease of By-Law review.
 - **August Board Meeting Date Change:** Allison requested to change the OAC August Board Meeting from Monday, August 24, 2026 to the prior Wednesday, August 19, 2026, to be held at Ro's house at 7 pm.
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Committee Updates

Membership Engagement Committee:

- *Per Allison, there are 69 current members. Allison requested a volunteer to manage the MailChimp database.*

Exhibition Committee: No updates.

Venue/Space Committee: No updates.

Promotion/Marketing/Communications Committee

OAC Marketing/Publicity Strategy: No updates.

Fundraising/Finance Committee: No updates.

Old Business:

- **Friday Open Studios at Cedar Lane:** Allison proposed monthly 4-7 pm “Friday Happy Arts Hours” to the Town re: open studio time. Allison did not receive a response from Town, will follow-up re: status.
- **Hops on the Hudson:** Allison mentioned that OAC needs to choose an event to honor the Hops on the Hudson sponsorship.

New Business: No updates.

Show and Event Calendar Updates:

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- **July: Rev250 Exhibition:** The Jug Tavern Gallery, opening reception Friday, July 24th 6-8 pm, set-up at 5 pm. Volunteers needed to cover Saturday, July 25 gallery sitting 10-noon. Allison to send out a request for volunteers.
- **August/September: Art picnic at St. Paul's? Giant canvas art event? No updates.**
- **September: Waterlilies on Hudson:** Tentatively scheduled - Allison to contact the Town. **No updates.**

- **Oct: Second Act - 2026 OAC Challenge Show:** Instruments picked up, call for in-process photos to be sent out. The October auction date needs to be finalized by the end of August for publicity planning.
- **Nov: Member Holiday Party:** Allison & Sharon will plan. **No updates.**
- **Dec: Holiday Show at BAC:** Ro and Dennis to craft/request a call to be sent out ASAP. **No updates.**

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- **January: New Year's Irresolution.** **No updates.**
- **February: Souper Supper (Keith).** **No updates.**
- **March: Craft Show at Boat Club?** **No updates.**
- **April: Earth Day.** Dennis suggested a card-making activity, as it was popular at the Windrose on Hudson show. **No updates. Living Art Event With WCT performances.** Allison motioned to participate, Keith seconded, all approved. Will need docents to introduce art & one act performances.
- **May: Windrose on Hudson - Mother's Day Weekend Hudson River Spring Festival - [Croton Council on the Arts \(CCoA\)](#)** expressed interest in involving/highlighting OAC artists for 2027, with a possible discount for OAC participants. Also, the Board agreed that OAC should have a booth at the event next year. **No updates.**
- **June: Annual Member Show at the Ossining Public Library.** **No updates.**
- **July: Volunteer Appreciation Show:** **No updates.**
- **August: Ideas/proposals needed.**

Announcements:

- Ro has an art show opening at the [Howland Art Center](#) in Beacon, Saturday, July 25, 2026, 1-3 pm - Congratulations, Ro!
- Anthony stated that the Palette Newsletter has been re-designed. Allison reminded members to respond to the survey questions.
- At the July Board meeting, Ro informed the board about Lisa D'Amico's proposal to invite 7 OAC artists to participate in a show at the Art Gallery at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve. The board discussed whether Lisa's request was an alternative to an OAC show at the Gallery at the Rockefeller and the OAC website as the source of Lisa's choices. The board asked Ro to respond to Lisa to find out whether OAC had any role and/or would be recognized in any way.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 7:00 pm, location Ro's house/Zoom.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Keith motioned, Anne seconded.

 ***Meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.***