

# Belmont Art Association Meeting: March 7, 2019

**Location:** Belmont Gallery of Art

**Members Present:** Paul Beckingham (Website Maestro), Nicole Bernstein, Naomi Ellenberg-Dukas (Co-Chair), Bert Halstead (Treasurer), Dari Paquette (Co-Chair), Dianne Rahbee, Ken Stampfer (new member), Jane Wentzell (Recording Secretary).

## Business Meeting

1. **PayPal:** Co-Chair Dari Paquette brought the meeting to order at the BGA. Dari told us that she spoke by telephone with Christine Chang. Christine told her that she will not be moving back from Barcelona any time soon, and since the PayPal account on the BAA website is Christine's personal account, our new treasurer, Bert Halstead, will create a new BAA PayPal account. In the interim, people wishing to renew their membership or newly join the BAA can mail a check to Bert. Bert's address is on the BAA website at [belmontart.org/join](http://belmontart.org/join) toward the bottom of the page.

2. **Bank Account:** Since Belmont Savings Bank has recently been sold, the Co-Chairs decided to move the BAA account. Naomi and Bert researched banks and decided on East Boston Savings Bank for the new location. Christine's name was still on the BSB account, and former treasurer Erika Hartwig's travel schedule left us without access to our account for extended periods. EBSB allows for three people to be on the account, unlike Belmont Savings Bank, which only permitted two signatories, so now the BAA account will be accessible even if someone is out of town. EBSB also has good online banking. Current signatories are Bert, Dari and Naomi, with Bert taking primary responsibility.

3. **Belmontart.org:** The BAA website list of member artists needs updating. Members not currently listed should email a headshot, artwork photo, a brief bio, artist's statement, website address, and contact info to Dari at [darip@tiac.net](mailto:darip@tiac.net). Members who are no longer current will be removed from the site, so if you are late in paying your dues, make prompt amends!

4. **BAA Facebook Page:** The BAA Facebook page is not restricted, so it can be accessed even by people who have not joined Facebook. Dari runs this page and updates it a few times a month with BAA information and other items of interest. Take a look.

5. **Our Next Show:** A BAA group show at the Belmont Gallery of Art is a possibility for the fall of 2019. A BAA committee is needed to plan and execute it. If you want to help make this a reality, contact Dari at [darip@tiac.net](mailto:darip@tiac.net) or Naomi at [nellenberg09@gmail.com](mailto:nellenberg09@gmail.com). A show is an opportunity to increase our visibility in the community and attract new members. Current members are invited to participate, but we need to act soon in order to get a time slot for the fall. Rebecca will not put us on the BGA calendar until she gets a definitive proposal. The show committee's first order of business will be to meet, plan and create the proposal.

## Member Presentation

Paul Beckingham shared his remarkable oil paintings. Paul's work is often dramatically lit and is photorealistic, usually painted on aluminum, composite or wood panels. He described his artistic evolution starting with wandering the fields drawing what he saw as a boy, creating model aircraft, taking drafting classes as an older student, and adult watercolor classes much later at the MFA. Just two years ago he began oil painting as a break from the tech industry, initially copying photographs and learning techniques from online tutorials, and later seeking out classes and private painting tutors. He has numbered his paintings in order of creation and showed his progression from his early work to his current level. Paul's presentation turned into an art class as he showed his numbered paintings and explained to the group what he learned from painting each one. It was fun.

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