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Dear Fellow Member,

Only a few months into the year and we are off to a solid start on our second hundred years with many things happening at the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh. With your robust support we've just completed a successful membership survey that makes it clear what your expectations for the organization are going forward.

We have a strong working board in place with a number of new members chosen for their unique skills. We have recently hired a highly qualified office administrator with a CMU Master of Arts Management degree to support all of us. We have high functioning board committees in place, a dynamite new website and a focused agenda that will lead us forward.

But the one thing we do not have yet is a home. Your survey responses made it clear that you wanted more exhibition opportunities and that you strongly wanted to be part of an AAP art community both intellectually and socially. This requires a physical "place," a destination where we can exhibit our work, come together to learn, interact and feel a part of something larger.

The time for that place is now. At the April 17th membership meeting about 95 of you saw the nearly 5,000 square foot space that we would like to lease. When I asked for a straw poll of those that would support this specific space I received a 100% thumbs-up.

Therefore I ask that all of us consider a financial contribution to make this a reality. My goal with your help and the help of private and foundation donors is to secure two years of start-up funding to give us time to put in place planned, on going, revenue generating programs that will financially sustain our new home's future operation.

Your contribution is essential to demonstrate to all non-AAP donors that all of our members support the AAP, an organization with the longest track record of exhibitions and the most professional artists of any in the country.

Sincerely,

Wesley Smith
AAP President



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