

WeGO Spring Board Meeting

April 7, 2018

Eugene, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:00 AM in Eugene, Oregon. The meeting was held at the Glimakra Warehouse – Thank you to Suzie Liles and her daughter Sarah for providing the meeting space.

Officers present: *Pres.* Marty Lemke; *Vice-pres.* Donna Wilson; *Secretary* Kathy Nelson; *Treas. and Communications Chair* Annali Cross; *Long Range Planning Education & Workshops Coordinator* : Marlene Lloyd , *2018 Traveling Show Coordinator* Linda Davis .

Guild Representatives were present for: Aurora (Carrie Rohn), Central Oregon (Donna Wilson), Clatsop (Vicki Pero), Columbia Fibers (Linda Frizzell), Eugene (Shanna Suttner), Gorge (Kathy O’Hern), Heritage (Kim Thompson), Humbug Mountain (Barbara Martin), Klamath (Yvette Lowery), Portland (Sue Walsh), Rogue Valley (Marty Lemke), Salem (Dorald Stoltz), Saturday Handweavers (Cindy Fowler), and Umpqua (Corriene Geddes). Guilds not represented Threadbenders and Webfoot. A quorum was present with 14 of the 16 guilds represented.

Others present: 2021 ANWG conference co-chairs Linda Gettmann (and Sue Walsh), WeGO President Ex Officio Carol Piersee, ANWG and Complex Weavers Rep Ladella Williams, HGA Rep Margaret Zeps.

Secretary: The minutes of the previous fall meeting were approved (with name corrections) to be archived. Secretary also reported the good news that membership numbers are up in 9 of our 16 member Guilds. Possible reasons include Guild Facebook and Instagram webpages, advertising in local papers, teaching beginning classes with membership included in the cost.

Treasurer: Annali presented and explained the Statements of Financial Position, Activities and Activity Comparison (2016 -> 2017), and current and previous Budget Projections. The progress of moving the account to Rivermark from Washington Federal, and QuickBooks transfer were discussed.

Vice Presidents/scholarships Report: All four grant recipients (Threadbenders, Heritage, Eugene and Aurora) have their projects in progress.

2021 ANWG Conference Report: Co-chairs Linda G and Sue W. showed lovely towels made in, and gave handouts with color numbers for, the different fiber yarns in the conference colors. All positions for the Conference organizational crew are filled except Publicity. A meet and greet of these people at Convergence is planned. Looking forward to Theresa Rauch’s hand painted warps in the conference colors for sale, and there will be a contest for their best use. Linda and Sue will resume visits to Guilds to provide conference information, solicit class ideas, generate interest, and encourage participation. Linda

Davis is starting a committee to search for teachers, judges, and plan for class and event organization, rooms, etc.

Guild Reports: The representatives presented reports of their guild's activities since the last meeting, and their show and share items. Please see the WeGO website for detailed guild reports.

Education & Workshops: WeGO is supporting four Guilds in hosting Rosalie Neilson workshops in may 2018. The guilds are Eugene, Roseburg, Bend and Astoria – open spots were announced. No Workshops are planned in 2019 so as not to compete with the ANWG Conference in Prince George. In 2020 WeGO plans to sponsor a Rigid Heddle / Saori –like workshop to target the more beginning weaver group.

Workshop Procedures: Marty brought up a procedures document from Nadine Purcell to clarify workshop procedures by and with the Reps. The board agreed on the following conditions:

- WeGO will not sponsor /host workshops in an ANWG Conference year
- WeGO will not sponsor single-site workshops - a minimum of two and up to five venues
- Workshop hosting by Guilds will be voluntary, not by rotation
- Anyone attending a workshop must have joined a guild to enroll
- WeGO's intent is to help Guilds sponsoring workshops cover expenses only – not for Guilds to make a profit on the workshops

Traveling show: Is being very well received, with good numbers at receptions. Five pieces have been sold already (pieces must stay in the show until the end, which is Dec. 23rd in Salem)

Communications Chair: Annali requested Reps send her links to Guild Facebook pages, blogs, websites, Instagram, etc. and turn on sharing so she can put the links on the WeGO website. Also, send her traveling show and other events info and PICTURES (no names or personal info).

State Fair Report: Carrie and Dorald: Fair is August 24-Sept 3. Guilds are reminded to send Dorald their State Fair liaison – she currently has 11 out of 16 guilds. They reminded us that demonstrators get free entry and parking, and anyone is welcome. Registration starts May 15 – looking for felting, spinning, weaving entries (no fee to enter), as well as demonstrators. There are prizes including goodie baskets for Best of Category, \$250 for Best of Show. (accepting items for prize baskets ex. fleeces for felting/spinning categories). They are working on remote location pick-up sites and working on a plan to pay for shipping for guild collections from remote sites to encourage entries. Entries must be received by August 18. Guild Reps received a handout with rules divisions and classes, scorecard samples and these are also available online at oregonstatefair.org or on the WeGO website.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee is Yvette L., Corienne G. and Kathy O. They are charged with bringing to the fall meeting a slate of candidates for President, Secretary, Communication Coordinator, and State Fair Coordinator.

HGA Rep: Margaret Zeps told us about the Professional Member Directory on the HGA website which lists people who teach classes on different fiber related subjects. She also raffled off a book and a bag and set out free copies of previous Shuttle Spindle and Dyepot publications for us to take.

ANWG Rep: Linda G. reminded us the next ANWG meeting is in Portland Sat. May 19, Jantzen Beach. Laura Fry will be there to talk about the 2019 ANWG Conference in Prince George. ANWG is offering up to 25 \$600 grants this year – application deadline is April 15 and so far about 14-15 applications have been received. ANWG Newsletter will be coming out soon.. **Note:** Ladella is the WeGO representative to ANWG and will report back after the June ANWG meeting.

Complex Weavers: Ladella said the group is meeting at Convergence in Reno in July – they will have an exhibit “Complexity” in town but off site from the Conference. Their website is complex-weavers.org and membership is \$50/year and members receive a journal subscription. (Ladella is mentoring attendees at Convergence.)

NOTE: Due to unforeseen circumstances, President Marty Lemke is resigning as of this meeting and Donna Wilson will be President Pro Temp until the Fall 2018 WeGO meeting when election for the President position will be held.

The next WeGO meeting will be in Klamath Falls October 13, 2018, and Bend hosts the Spring 2019 meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:56.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nelson

WeGO Secretary 4/11/18