

WeGO Board meeting 3/5/16, 10AM, Clackamas Hampton Inn, Clackmas, Oregon

Attendees:

Carol Piersee, President

Barbara Wythes, Vice President (taking Minutes in Darlene Wingfield's absence)

Annali Cross, Treasurer

Dorald Stoltz, State Fair Coordinator

Marlene Lloyd, Long Range Planning

Ladella Williams, ANWG Rep

Carrie Rohn, Oregon State Fair Demo Booth

-Introductions of all members

-Carol called the meeting to order

-BW moved to accept the agenda, 2nded by DS

-We reviewed previous meeting Minutes as best we could remember, (no one could locate a copy of the spring 2015 Board meeting minutes), including:

-It was noted in spring 2015 that the judges at the State Fair were paid in 2015. (Monies for this would come from the State Fair, not WeGO.)

-The Traveling Show/Exhibits was moved to a Standing Committee

-There was a move to approve the minutes, but it was tabled since no copy of the 2015 Executive Board Meeting minutes was available. Approval may be done via email, once the Executive Board members receive a copy.

-This will become the future policy regarding minutes at both the Executive committee and the Board of Directors meetings so that they may be made available for publishing on the website to the membership without a 6 month or year waiting period.

-Annali's Treasurer's report

-The 2015 Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet was approved. (ML moved, DS 2nded)

-We need to add money into the budget projects for 2018 Traveling Show expenses. Carol will communicate with Linda Davis on when the monies will be needed. Executive Board will then approve or reject proposed Budget Projections for 2016 via email. (Also see below for more discussion of 2018 Traveling Show).

-We agreed to continue our financial support of the following festivals: Black Sheep Gathering (Eugene), Fiber Market Day (Prineville), Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival (Canby), Fiber Mania (Grants Pass) and Columbia Gorge Fiber Festival (The Dalles). Annali will mail checks in March/April to ensure timely use by the festival organizers.

-Barbara, Vice President

-All guilds which were awarded WeGO scholarships in the fall 2015 drawing have met deadlines for reporting their intended use of the monies. Those guilds are Umpqua Weavers and Spinners, Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers, Portland Handweavers and Salem Fiber Arts.

-Annali read a report from Education and Workshops Coordinator, Kathy Semmes, who was not able to attend.

-A travel contract with Jette Vandermeiden has been agreed upon and they are in the process of getting it signed. Jette will arrive in Oregon on October 20, 2016 thru November 4 + or - a day, 2016. She will probably be starting her tour arriving at the Medford airport and driving to the Coast for a triple Guild Event with Humbug Mtn, Webfoot and Heritage Guilds. Then she will be traveling to Salem Fiber Arts and finishing up in Portland and the Gorge. Exact dates are to be determined.

-Kathy is continuing to create a weaving "program in a box" to help teachers expose grade school children in Oregon to weaving and has met this spring with various teachers and artists in residence to get ideas on how we might go about creating an education program in the schools that is mobile and easy to use.

-Dorald, State Fair Update

-The State Fair is working with the same management company. This should help the operation should run smoothly this year. There was an increase in exhibitors from 2014 to 2015, which we would like to see continue. Guild Reps need to encourage submissions from their guild members.

-Hopefully Exhibitor's Handbooks will be available on-line by May 15, earlier than previous years. Drop off locations for exhibitor's pieces will include the Bend Extension office, Eugene Textile Center, Oak Park in Portland. State fair officials will work to add more locations. Annali will verify if one of the following locations would also act as a collection point: Columbia Fibres Guild Odell studio or the Knot Another Hat store in The Dalles

-Dorald will send info and links on State Fair to Annali, so that she can add to the WeGO website.

- The same policy regarding judges will be in place this year. (See above re: Executive Board Meeting, Spring 2015).

- We discussed the possible changes to the position of Traveling Show/Exhibits and State Fair Coordinator, but decided to keep it as it is stated previously, ie. Dorald as the State Fair Coordinator and the Traveling Show/Exhibits handled by a Standing Committee, as needed. (See below.)

-Annali, WeGO Website

-Annali is always looking for more photos of fiber events, news of upcoming events and workshops, and resources for classes and supplies.

-We discussed possibly listing fiber arts instructors on the website, but decided this was not feasible/advisable. Too difficult to maintain, may imply that WeGO supports those instructors and not others, etc.

-Discussed asking that each guild send their respective newsletter to Annali for uploading to the WeGO website

-Carol wants to ensure that Executive Board meeting Minutes get uploaded to the WeGO website in the Members Only area. (DS moved, Annali 2nded). Annali proposed that the Secretary sends these minutes to all board members within 30 days of the Executive Board meeting and that they are approved via email, rather than waiting until the next Executive Board meeting. Once approved by a majority of the board, minutes could then be uploaded to the website in a much more timely manner.

-We had previously agreed that WeGO would no longer publish paper copies of the Newsletter, since all would be available on the website. However, Guild Reps and Executive officers are still required to print and file the newsletters from the past 3 years in their WeGO notebooks. The WeGO website will also store newsletters from the 3 past years.

-Marlene, Long Range Planning

-Discussion of hosting the 2021 ANWG Conference. Marlene contacted Lewis and Clark College, but they do not have indoor facilities to handle the possible 500 attendees. Dorald contacted Willamette University and they are capable of and willing to house the event. They need \$1000 deposit ---

-Carol will talk with the ANWG President to get specifics of when WeGO would need to commit to host the event, what information we would need to present to ANWG in our bid to host the conference. (Chairperson name(s), etc.?)

-For the WeGO General meeting in April, 2016, Marlene and Annali will make a slide presentation and subsequently email it to the Guild reps to enhance discussions with their guild members. Topics to cover:

-does WeGO want to host the ANWG 2021 conference? (discuss pros and cons)

-necessary committees and possible guild assumption of various chairperson roles

WeGO needs response from Guilds at the fall 2016 General meeting.

-Lunchbreak

-Carol, Traveling Show 2018 "Color Gone Wild" Organized by Linda Davis

-The emphasis of the Show will be on weaving. The statement of the different categories is in the publicity statement. Linda will be at the Spring Meeting and give a full report.

-maximum of five to six venues:

Central Oregon Comm College, Bend, January/February 2018

Marylhurst College, Marylhurst, Oregon, March/April 2018,

Willamette Heritage Center, Salem, September 23-December 23, 2018

Possibly Thread Benders in Baker/LaGrande

- \$1000 (maximum) budgeted for awards (Linda Davis has discretion on specifics)

- \$1500 (maximum) budgeted all other costs (Linda Davis has discretion on specifics)

-Carol, Nominating Committee

-Carol tried to get people on the nominating committee but has received no affirmative commitment. The Executive Board discussed having to step into locate members willing to fulfill empty positions.

-Offices of President and Secretary will be open as of January 1 2017. Carol will make a few more calls. Executive Board members should also scout around their guilds, acquaintances in the weaving community for people interested/capable of filling these positions.

-Need to clarify with Darlene Wingfield, current Secretary, if she would be willing to continue in her role of maintaining membership roster (only WeGO Executive Board and Guild Reps, NOT members of the individual guilds, which should be maintained and accessible through the individual guilds.). If Darlene is not willing/able, perhaps it would fall to Treasurer or Website Coordinator.

-Carol also asked that each Executive Board Member review, reword and revise their respective job description, as shown in the current Bylaws. This is necessary to reflect technology changes, etc. (Newsletter Editor will become Communication Coordinator, etc.) These changes will be compiled and presented for approval at an upcoming General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3PM.

Submitted by Barbara Wythes – Vice President