

WeGo General Fall Meeting - MINUTES
October 11, 2014
Eugene, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:00 AM at the Eugene Textile Center. The agenda was approved. Annali made the motion and Barbara Wythes seconded.

Officers present: Pres. JoAnn Sutter; Vice-pres. Barbara Wythes; Sec. Darlene Wingfield; Treas. Annali Cross; Newsletter Ed. Judy Stewart; Education & Workshops Coordinator, Kathy Semmes; Exhibits and State Fair Coordinator, Carol Piersee; and Long-Range Planning Coordinator, Denise Mass.

Guild Representatives present: Mary Wonser (Central), Linda Frizzell (Columbia), Barbara Wythes (Corvallis), Shanna Suttner (Eugene), Kathy Nelson (Klamath), Janis Johnson (Portland), Penny Unverzagt (Salem), Mary Portinga (Saturday Handweavers), Christina Scott (Webfoot), and Bonnie Powell (Yaquina). Gloria Way was introduced as the new representative for Rogue Valley Handweavers, and Barbara Martin as the new rep for Humbug Mountain. A quorum was present with 12 of the 16 guilds represented.

Others present: Ladella Williams (ANWG rep and Complex Weavers rep), Eva Douthit (HGA rep), six members of the Eugene Guild and Linda Fizzell's sister

Corporate Meeting: The President called the Annual Corporate Meeting to order. There being no business to come before the corporation, the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Penny Unverzagt; seconded by Denise Mass

Secretary: The minutes of the previous spring meeting were read and approved. Janis Johnson made the motion; seconded by Kathy Semmes.

Darlene discussed managing the WeGO notebooks. We currently ask the officers and reps to print out materials and keep their notebooks up-to-date. In the future we should have a discussion of how much could just be posted to the website instead. We need to discuss how far back to post items to the website, the backup policy, and whether the guild reports should be posted in the public area. The Bylaws state we should have a notebook; they would need to be changed.

Treasurer: Annali presented the year-to-date financial statements. She also had prepared a profit and loss comparison for 2013 and year-to-date 2014. She has received a final determination letter from the IRS. They will not be charging the penalty of \$1,140.00.

There was a discussion of continuing the fair sponsorships. Several of the fairs sent thank you letters or acknowledged WeGO on their websites. Some of the events will occur before we meet again in the Spring, so it was necessary to arrange to continue our sponsorship now for next year.

Motion 14-1: Continued Fair Sponsorships - It was moved by Barbara W. to continue to award sponsorships to the same fiber fairs as last year. The amount will continue to be \$100.00 for each event. Seconded by Penny.

Denise will write up guidelines asking the fair management to mention WEGO in their brochures or acknowledge on their websites in the future. These guidelines will be sent with the check. We will send graphics to them for their use.

There was a discussion of placing the logo on the website and how it should be made available.

Scholarship report: – Barbara W. presented an updated Policy and Procedures for the Guild Scholarships to be included in the notebook.

Four guilds (along with their alternates) were selected to receive scholarships in 2015.

<u>2015 Winner Guild</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
• Columbia Fibres Guild	Portland Handweavers
• Klamath Spinners & Weavers	Yaquina Fiber Arts
• Saturday Handweavers	Rogue Valley Handweavers
• Humbug Mountain	Heritage Textile Arts

Barbara W. will notify the winning guilds.

Guild Reports: The representatives presented reports of the guild's activities since the last meeting.

Newsletter: Judy and Annali announced that we have moved off the Yahoo site. She thanked everyone for their help in putting the newsletter together. This will be her last meeting.

Education and Workshop Coordinator: Kathy reported on progress for the next round of WeGO sponsored workshops in 2015. The final workshops are being scheduled for Heather Winslow. Hood River will schedule her Twill Magic workshop. Portland would like to schedule her New Millennium Fibers workshop. Other workshops may still be added in Eugene and Medford. Each guild will have a separate contract with the speaker.

WeGO will pay for a coach airline ticket, shipping of workshop materials, a rental car and food and lodging expenses between venues. Her rate is \$450.00/day, and she will take up to 19 people per workshop.

Discussion of whether non-WeGO or guild members should pay an additional amount. Some guilds charge annual dues as the additional amount to encourage new memberships.

Representatives need to get back to Kathy ASAP so she can make commitments.

State Fair and Exhibits Coordinator: Carol was warmly thanked for her efforts to get things up and running at the State Fair. There were many more entries and the displays were well done. Carol was happy with working with the State Fair people. Sleep Country worked for accepting and returning items. She felt that next year will be much easier as much of the ground work is already done.

Carol also reported for Carrie on the State Fair demonstrations. There were 49 demonstrators who donated 528 hours. This is the 35th year demonstrations have taken place.

Carol feels we should form a separate committee to run the Traveling Show in the future. The next show will be set for 2018.

Long Term Planning: Denise presented an updated revision of the Long Range Plan as of March 16, 2014. The revisions primarily concerned timing of workshops and the traveling show. Denise is looking for someone to take up working on the remaining unfulfilled goals.

Membership: Darlene requested that the guild reps send in their rosters for updating to the WeGO directory.

Nominations: Carol Piersee has agreed to serve as President for the next term. This frees up her position as State Fair and Exhibits Coordinator. In addition the position of Newsletter Editor is open. Darlene has agreed to continue as Secretary for the next term.

The nominating committee has not been able to find candidates for the two open positions.

There has been discussion of splitting the coordinator position with standing committees to do the activities and report to a coordinator.

Nominations were opened from the floor. There were no new nominations and nominations were closed.

Carol and Darlene were elected as President and Secretary respectively.

Carol passed out a guild membership report and asked that it be returned to her.

HGA Rep: Eva is leaving as the HGA rep. She passed out a questionnaire to report to HGA.

ANWG rep: Ladella reported that ANWG is again doing challenge grants for next year. The next submission is 10/15/2014 for January 2015 awards. The 2017 ANWG conference will be in Victoria BC. The 2017 AGM meeting will be in Boise.

Ladella reported that Oregon Flock and Fiber had only four weaving entries. The theme for next year will be crocheting.

Other Business: Carol passed out a new brochure for the Central Oregon Guild. She requested money to have a banner made by the Central Oregon Guild laminated for WeGO. It would be used for future events.

Motion 14-2: Janis moved to spend \$50.00 for the WeGO banner to be laminated. Barbara W. seconded. Approved.

Future Meeting: It was agreed that the Spring meeting will be in Bend on May 1st or 2nd, 2015.

The Executive Board will meet March 28 or 29 at ETC (?).

The 2015, Fall meeting may be in Hood River.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wingfield Date
WeGO Secretary

These minutes were approved on _____
at the Spring, 2015 WeGO Board Meeting

Darlene Wingfield, WeGO Secretary

Meeting Handouts Secretary's Records

Agenda

Financial Reports

IRS Final Determination Letter

Policy & Procedures for WeGO Scholarships

Heather Winslow Workshop List

State Fair and Traveling Show Report

Long Range Plan Update March 16, 2014

WeGO Guild Questionnaire for new President

HGA Questionnaire

Copies of E-mail Correspondence including resolution of Sharon Alderman expenses and fair donations