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UNIVERSITY
BELLINGHAM, WA
JULY 7, 2012**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANWG – Conferences, Connections, and Communications

Do you know when the first ANWG conference was held? It was in 1957, under the encouragement and leadership of Virginia Harvey, that the Seattle Guild held the first conference for weavers in the Northwest (see the whole history on the ANWG website under “Member Resources”). A subsequent conference was held in Portland in 1965 and two years later another one was held in Spokane, with conferences held in odd-numbered years ever since.

Conferences:

The primary purposes of these biennial conferences are three-fold: 1) to expose weavers, spinners and other fiber artists to outstanding teachers in the fiber field through workshops and seminars, 2) to provide an opportunity for people in local guilds to get to know others from the Northwestern U.S. and the western Canadian provinces who share their fiber interests, and 3) through communication with ANWG reps, to continue finding meaningful and appropriate ways that ANWG can provide help and support to local guilds.

From June 17-29, 2013, we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ANWG conferences for weavers at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. It is appropriate that the Seattle guild, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, and which hosted the first ANWG conference, is again providing the primary leadership, together with other guilds in the northwest areas of WA and the southwest BC areas. Rae Deane Leatham and her team are already hard at work planning all of the details. [NOTE: ANWG provides seed money so that guilds can have resources to begin planning, and should there be any shortfalls after a conference, ANWG is there to help—most of the time conference sponsors come out financially ahead of their expenses.]

We look forward to a great conference, “Crossing Borders, Crossing Threads,” June 17-23, 2013. I hope you all will circle those dates and plan to join us for a great time in Bellingham.

Connections:

Not only do guilds make connections through their ANWG reps and the Reps yahoo site, but many share newsletters, join in fiber challenges, and share workshops and workshop leaders. I would encourage all of our ANWG guilds to find ways to connect with other nearby guilds as there is much we can learn from each

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President's Message (Cont'd from p. 1)

other. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of guild reps is another great way to continue to make new connections. It is held each year—on alternate years, often at the upcoming conference site. We hope many reps can attend the one this year on July 7, 2012, at WWU in Bellingham, WA. At this meeting reps will vote on any needed organizational changes, meet other guild reps and get a great preview of the location of our next conference in 2013.

Communications:

Developing good communication channels is crucial for all organizations. Because we are geographically spread across great distances, this becomes important in keeping us connected. Modern technology has made this much easier with e-mail, teleconferences, and websites. ANWG began to take advantage of this technology in 1995 when Jerry Coopmans, husband of an ANWG board member from the Bozeman, MT guild, developed our first website. In 2003, Wanda Shelp, from the Western Weavers guild in Wyoming, became the webmaster, with Linda Davis as her assistant. Linda (Central Oregon Spinners & Weavers) then served as webmaster from 2005 until 2009, when she became ANWG president. Donna Faulkes then took over for a two-year period. In 2011 Linda agreed to become the interim webmaster and to make some changes to the website. (Linda will begin training others in the skills needed to maintain the website).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have worked so hard to help us stay in touch, and using current technology, to provide an excellent resource for us all. Whether you need to buy or sell equipment and materials through the Classified area, find a guild near you, get appropriate forms or learn more about ANWG's history, it can all be found at <http://www.northwestweavers.org>. Be sure to bookmark this website and check it out often to see what is happening. Also all of the newsletters are archived there, under Member Resources.

Finally, many thanks to those who have been our newsletter editors over the years, as that has always been our primary means of communication. We have had gifted people who have put these letters together, but they need their content to come from our members and guilds. Always open to hearing from you, don't hesitate to send things of interest to our current editor, Barbara Taylor at ghosttrail@msn.com.

The e-mail addresses of all on the current ANWG Board are listed under Board Members on the website. Do communicate with us if you have a question, a concern, or a good idea. We welcome your input and look forward to seeing many of you on July 7 in Bellingham.

Mary Anna Swinnerton, ANWG President

**ANWG Financial Report
January 1 to March 31, 2012**

Income and Expenses

Income	
Dues	\$ 539.00
2011 Conference	<u>800.00</u>
Total Income	\$1339.00
Expenses	
Guild Workshop Awards*	\$2,000.00
Administration	24.65
Website (includes development)	<u>515.69</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,540.34

Conference Loans

Loaned to Seattle 2013	\$10,000.00
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Current Assets as of December 31, 2011

Checking Account	\$13,678.55
Savings Account	<u>44,929.91</u>
Total Assets	\$58,608.46

*Note: Only one-half of the guild workshop grants have been paid. The remaining \$2,000 will be paid upon completion of the workshops and appropriate reporting from the guilds.

Marty Lemke, Treasurer

**Association of Northwest Weavers Guild
Board of Directors Meeting
Summary of Minutes January 1 – March 31, 2012**

Present: Marty Lemke, Linda Davis, Mary Anna Swinnerton, Barbara Taylor, Gloria Lebowitz, Joy Winther, Christine Bunnell, Janice Griffiths

Non-voting: Rae Deane Leatham, 2013 Conference Chair

Board members were asked to update their job descriptions. Done

Discussion was held on the financial statement concerning the \$4000 for guild scholarships not reflected in the statement. Marty added it to the statement.

Ellie Sheeran has taken on the job of Nominations Chair.

On Jan. 26, Linda Davis reported that she has found a new host, Canvas Dreams, for the ANWG website and submitted a proposal to them for an estimate. After reviewing and discussing the proposal, she set up an account with Canvas Dreams and Marty sent in the deposit. Linda has compiled information on the use of the web site to aid in decision making on the new site. This will be an ongoing process. As of Feb. 29, the website has been transferred to the new web host.

Discussion was held on having the Reps' site accessed through the ANWG web site rather than Yahoo groups.

Joy Winther reported that a contract has been signed with Western Washington University for the 2012 AGM.

A teleconference was held on February 1. Minutes of that meeting are presented on the next page. Following that discussion Mary Anna thanked everyone for participating and asked for us to be thinking about ways to encourage guilds to sponsor future conferences.

Additional discussion was held on spurring interest in sponsoring future conferences: paying a stipend to someone to organize the conference, providing templates for planning, having the previous chair mentor the new chair, and utilizing regional groups.

The Bylaws Amendment Committee sent proposed changes to the Board for approval. The Board will deal directly with Standing Rule Changes. A packet of both will be sent out to the Reps for review prior to the AGM vote.

Motion #1 Christine Bunnell moved that we change the Standing Rules Section 1.4a to indicate that the dues shall be assessed based on a guild's total membership at the end of its prior membership year, and that we delete the requirement in Section 1.4c for a roster. Joy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion # 2 Marty Lemke moved that we accept the proposed bylaw amendments and standing rules changes as posted for submission to the July 2012 AGM. Seconded by Barbara Taylor. Joy Winther suggested minor changes in wording. Changes accepted. Motion carried unanimously with one abstention due to member's travels.

Rae Deane reported that the Conference Workshop Committee is making final decisions on instructors to present at the 2013 Conference.

Meeting continuing in April.

Note: The full minutes are available on the Rep web site.

**ANWG Board Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2012**

Order. The meeting was called to order by President Mary Anna Swinnerton by phone conference at 10:00 a.m. Those present were: Marty Lemke, Rae Deane Latham, Mary Anna Swinnerton, Christine Bunnell, Barbara Taylor, Linda Davis, Gloria Lebowitz and Joy Winther. Janice Griffiths was not available.

Final Conference Cost Update. Marty Lemke gave the Board an update on final conference costs.

Migration of ANWG Website. Linda Davis presented information on her proposal for a new web-hosting company, Canvas Dreams. After a lengthy discussion, Marty Lemke made a motion to recommend that ANWG migrate our website to Canvas Dreams and allocate up to \$2000 for this purpose. Gloria Lebowitz seconded. The passing vote was unanimous.

Conflict of Conference Dates. Rae Dean Latham presented a situation which will be occurring in 2013 when ANWG and MAFA and Midwest Weavers conferences are all occurring on same dates. Discussion ensued about the possibility of contacting other organizations re dates of future meeting to avoid overlaps.

Marty's Report: Marty said that a check for \$4000.00 was written to WEGO to cover the 10 conference grants that we had not previously paid. As this was income for WEGO and the arrangement is that 20% of all income above expenses are returned to ANWG, Marty deposited \$3200 in the WEGO conference account and deposited a check for \$800 (20%) in the ANWG account. This leaves an accurate paper trail of the check, its amount and distribution.

Adjournment. President Swinnerton adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Winther,

Of all the sounds of the universe,
Of all the sights of the world,
And of all the smells of the earth,
There is nothing more beautiful to man
Than that which was created by his own hands.

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Don't Miss the Annual General Meeting in July

**Get the inside info about the
2013 ANWG Conference**

The ANWG Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been scheduled for Saturday, July 7, 2012 at Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA. The meeting is scheduled to run from Saturday morning July 7 through mid-afternoon with a lunch included. There will be affordable housing and food available on the campus for those who may need to stay overnight. In addition to a discussion about ANWG issues and a guest speaker, as an attendee you will get a first-hand look at the 2013 ANWG Conference venue.

It is our hope that ANWG Guild Reps will find this an enjoyable way to learn a little more about ANWG and see the Conference location, so that they can encourage guild members to attend the 2013 Conference. Guild members (who are not Reps) may also attend, but will not have a vote on any business during the meeting.

Housing will be in the Fairhaven section on the South part of the WWU campus (see [www. http://housing.wwu.edu/tour/fairhaven](http://housing.wwu.edu/tour/fairhaven)), at a cost of \$42.00 per night for single rooms, \$35.00 for doubles, and meals will be at the Commons, which is a part of this complex. ANWG will be providing breakfast and lunch for the Reps on the day of the AGM (Saturday). More details and a registration form will be forthcoming, so stay tuned.

Bellingham, Washington is about 90 miles north of Seattle, 21 miles south of the Canadian border and about 60 miles south of Vancouver, B.C. Prior to white settlement, the Lummi, Nooksack and other Coast Salish tribes thrived on the natural resources of what would eventually become Bellingham. Bellingham's historic character is remarkably well-preserved, with a large number of historic buildings downtown, in Fairhaven's Historic District, and in adjacent neighborhoods.

Be sure to circle July 7, 2012 on your calendar and make arrangements to join us in Bellingham.

Joy Winther, Kalama WA, 1st Vice President
Member of Clatsop, Olympia, Portland and Sacajawea Handweavers Guilds

Note: Our special speaker will be well-known conservator of textiles, Geoffrey Brown. Geoff is currently working on conserving and preparing the 13 Calder tapestries that are part of the permanent collection at WWU.

AGM AGENDA

**Western Washington University
Bellingham, Washington
July 7, 2012**

**8:00 – 9 a.m. Show and Share display set up
Sign in with the Secretary and present any proxies
Continental breakfast**

9:00 – Welcome and Introduction of Board Members

Details for the day (Joy Winther, 1st V-P)
Secretary reports attendance and a quorum present (Janice Griffith)

AGM Business meeting

Approval of Minutes of last AGM in Salem
Treasurer's report (Marty Lemke)
Membership Chair (Christine Bunnell)
Education Chair (Gloria Lebowitz)
Communications/ Newsletter (Barbara Taylor)

Nominating Chair – (Ellie Sheeran)

[Webmaster update](#) (Linda Davis)

Presentation of report by the Ad Hoc Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules changes

Voting on changes

15 minute break and vote on Show and Share items

Presentation by the 2013 Conference Chair

Noon – Lunch

12:45 - Table Sharing of Ideas and Challenges of Guilds

Featured speaker

Announce the winners of the Show and Share

2:30 p.m. – Adjourn

2:35 p.m. - View the Calder Tapestries

**Explanation of Proposed Changes to the ANWG Bylaws and Standing Rules
To be presented for adoption at the 2012 AGM**

The majority of proposed changes relate to one or more categories:

1. Establishment of two new membership types: affiliate individual and affiliate association.
2. Changes in the method of providing notice of meetings, establishing quorums and other details related to AGMs and special meetings.
3. Changes in duties and responsibilities of various board members and committees.
4. Other miscellaneous changes to deal with out-moded provisions, provisions that are not workable, and/or provisions that are not cost-effective.

BYLAWS:

Article III: These changes provide for inclusion of individual and association affiliate members of ANWG. The control of the organization will remain with member guilds, but affiliate members may serve on the ANWG Board and on committees where they are entitled to vote in those roles. Otherwise, affiliate members do not have a vote.

Article IV: Provides changes to the annual membership meeting (AGM) requirements including the option of providing a different means of holding the meeting in off-conference years, if there is insufficient business to be considered. This would save both ANWG and member guilds money in travel, lodging and other related expenses.

Subsection 1: The Board must develop guidelines regarding alternate methods of holding the AGM.

Subsection 2: Provides email notice of AGM in lieu of postal mail to save postage costs and provide more timely notice.

Subsection 3: Eliminates the requirement that a proxy be filed 10 days in advance of the AGM and establishes a quorum at one-third of the member guilds.

Subsections 4/5: Simplifies the language and provides for alternate methods of voting.

Article V: Standardizes requirement for notice, quorum and voting for special meetings to be the same as for AGMs.

Article VI:

Subsection 5: Permits an Executive Board member to hold more than one position on the Board for an interim period until the vacancy can be filled.

Subsection 7: Permits affiliate members to be nominees for Executive Board positions.

Article VII:

Subsection 3: Changes the requirement for annual review of Treasurer's records to the end of a term of office or every two years.

Article VIII:

Subsection 1: Permits any member of ANWG to be on a committee, including affiliates.

Subsections 2 & 3: Clarifies provisions applying only to Standing Committees.

Subsection 5.a.: Removes Webmaster from duties of Communications Committee.

Subsection 5.c.: Eliminates requirement for a Finance Committee Chair on the Executive Board; this has not been followed and is deemed unnecessary.

Subsection d/c: Eliminates requirement that guilds receiving grant monies be on the Education Committee; this has not been followed and is deemed unnecessary.

Subsection 6: Provides that an amendment to the Bylaws is required to eliminate or establish Standing Committees.

Subsection 7b: Establishes a standard for member guilds request for ad hoc committees.

Subsection 7c (new): Provides that ex-officio (non-voting) committee chairs may be asked to attend Executive Board meetings; establishes Webmaster, Nominating Committee chair, and Conference Committee Chair as ex officio members.

Article IX:

Subsection 1: Provides that the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws may be rescinded as well as amended and provides that notice of proposals can be sent by either postal mail or email.

Subsection 2: Provides a waiver for notice of an emergency meeting if approved by two-thirds of the member guilds.

Subsection 3: Allows the Standing Rules to be changed at special meetings as well as AGMs.

Subsection 5/4: Requires a plan for dissolution of assets to be presented at the same meeting proposed to dissolve the organization.

STANDING RULES

Section I: Makes provisions consistent with Bylaws changes; eliminates requirement to provide membership roster and establishes that guild member dues will be based on the previous year's ending membership and not on current year. This is proposed to make the dues payment process more speedy and efficient; it currently drags on for months past the deadline. With simpler dues payment process, in lieu of a 10% late dues fee it would be \$1.25/member if paid after November 1. Establishes dues for affiliate members. Allows the membership packet to be received by email and/or provide links to where this information can be found. This will reduce printing and mailing costs.

Section II 2.1g: Dispenses with the requirement to have a roll call of delegates at the AGM in lieu of a finding by the Secretary that a quorum is present based on registration.

Section II 2.2: Permits proxy forms to be hand-delivered at the time of the meeting.

Section III. 3.3: Eliminates the requirement of the Secretary to file State and Federal forms and transfers responsibility to the Treasurer (3.4d). Eliminates the roll call requirement at meetings.

Section III. 3.4: Eliminates the requirement for an annual review of financial records and replaces it with a review at the end of each two-year term. Requires quarterly financial reports. Gives responsibility to file State and Federal forms to the Treasurer.

Section IV. 4.1: Changes the requirement that financial records be reviewed by a licensed accountant to an ad hoc committee. ANWG's books are not complicated enough to warrant the expense of a licensed accountant.

Section IV. 4.6: Requires the Board to adopt and follow procedures for electronic meetings based on principles of Roberts Rules of Order.

Section V 5.1: Permits newsletters to be emailed and posted on ANWG website instead of being postal mailed to save on printing and mailings costs. Eliminates the requirement of the Communications Committee to maintain the ANWG website.

Section V. 5.2: Reduces the amount of guild information to be collected and distributed by the Membership Chair.

Section V. 5.3: Elimination of the Finance Committee consistent with Bylaws change.

Section V. 5.5/5.4: Clarifies that the conference is biennial (not biannual); the conference committee chair is an ex officio member of the Executive Board; and the Board has the ability to pursue other options for providing conferences if no member guild(s) proposes to host one.

Questions on these proposed changes should be directed to Linda Davis (webweaver@bendbroadband.com) or any ANWG Board member.

**Greetings from Gloria Lebowitz,
ANWG Education Chair:**

As Education Chair, I've been wondering how ANWG can provide the members of our many weaving guilds with access to continued learning, particularly during the non-Conference years. At one point, ANWG had a fairly extensive library of video tapes that were not used very often. Due to the change of technology and the low usage, the ANWG Board members decided to auction these off at the last ANWG Conference.

This was done in recognition that some of your Guilds may have videos and/or DVDs in your individual Guild Libraries, that some of your members may have DVDs that they willingly share with the Guild, that your public library may carry some weaving or textile DVDs or all of the above. The titles you have may differ from those that ANWG now owns and which are available for you to borrow for Guild programs and/or study groups. The titles are listed on the ANWG webpage under Member Resources/Videos.

Exploring the web is also a wonderful way to learn new techniques, particularly if one looks at youtube videos and/or blogs written by other textile people. It's quite surprising to see what is available: just type the technique or pattern that you are looking for in the search bar or in youtube (*youtube:overshot weaving*). Some are exceptionally well done. I've found some by searching on the following terms: Double weave, weaving a bag, rigid heddle, leno lace, Navajo weaving, Peruvian weaving, back strap weaving and the list goes on. I've also looked at a few blogs (bettyannesplace.com, rigidheddleweaving.com, rigidheddleweaving.blog.com,) as well as various instructional websites. There are way too many to list but here's one that I discovered just this morning: <http://www.weavespindye.org/html/rfts-dbl.html>

Do you have some thoughts you'd like to share about ways that ANWG can provide you with more educational opportunities (preferably, ones that are free)? Please let me know. You can reach me at globebow@yahoo.com.



**ANWG Guild Grant Report—Eugene Weavers Guild
Anita Luvera Mayer Workshop
February 25 & 26, 2012**

The Eugene Weavers guild held a workshop with Anita Luvera Mayer titled "Secrets of Creativity". The workshop income and the grant money we received will go a long ways toward removing the deficit in our current year guild budget. Our success and the ANWG workshop grant also encourage us to commit to another workshop next spring.

Alexis, our class assistant, was also our photographer. She recorded the 2 full days of activity and learning. As you can see we worked with many materials and methods and learned about the process of developing a project or several different projects. Individuals each came away from the workshop with new insight (and steps) on how to turn our ideas into projects.

Thank you for allowing the Eugene Weavers Guild the honor of receiving and using your workshop grant.

Pat Cane
Eugene Weavers Guild



Join the Conference Fun!

The countdown to the 2013 ANWG NW Weavers Conference is underway. We have a cast of 24 world-class instructors teaching our workshops and seminars. We are lining up one of the best ever marketplaces. Now all we need is YOUR participation. The conference will be June 17-23, 2013, on the campus of Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA.

THEME: The 2013 conference theme is "Crossing Borders, Crossing Threads." It is an appropriate theme for a weaving conference at Western Washington University, so near the Canadian border. It is a theme that honors the influences of the many cultures whose people have crossed borders and brought their weaving traditions with them. The theme also celebrates the influences of woven borders and traditional cultures on design and color in our modern world.

GUILDS: Showcase the skills of your members by signing up for a guild booth at the conference. We will have information on our website dedicated to helping you create a booth for your guild. You can find the conference colors and how they translate to different yarns on our color page: Get links from our main website: <http://www.anwg-conference-2013.com>.

MEMBERS: Fashion show participation by guild members is one of the major highlights of any conference. Showcase your skills, have fun with a group of friends, and create for this wonderful event. And don't forget about our juried and open shows as well. Watch our website for information on submission forms and guidelines.

NEWLETTER EDITORS: We will be providing short news articles on the website that you can submit to your guild's newsletter. You can find the link to our press releases on our website.

KEEP INFORMED in whatever way is comfortable for you: We are creating a number of ways for you and your guild members to follow conference planning. Email: Sign up for our conference newsletter. The sign up link can be found on the website homepage. Follow us on Twitter: *NWWeaversConfer*, or on Facebook: *2013 ANWG Weavers Conference*. Both knitters and weavers can find us on a Ravelry forum: <http://www.ravelry.com/groups/assoc-northwest-weavers> and everyone can find us on our website blog: <http://anwg-conference.blogspot.com/>. We will be featuring instructors, seminars, workshops and marketplace vendors. So encourage your members to bookmark and follow our blog.

REPS: You can help. Come to the ANWG Annual General Meeting on July 7th in Bellingham to find out first hand what a wonderful venue Western Washington University will be. Let everyone know about the conference and encourage participation.

Although the Seattle Weaver's Guild is the primary conference host for 2013, we couldn't do without the help of the talented members of four other guilds: Greater Vancouver, Skagit, Whatcom, and Whidbey. And what is a conference without YOU! JOIN THE FUN IN 2013!

