

ANWG Annual Membership Meeting

Marriott Hotel, Prince George, BC

June 14, 2019

Minutes

Welcome, call meeting to order

President Linda Gettmann called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Introduction of board members and nominees

President Linda Gettmann introduced board members and nominees in attendance:

Linda Gettmann, ANWG President

Rae Deane Leatham, ANWG Treasurer

Wanda Johanson, Nominee for ANWG Treasurer

Deborah Staehle, Nominee for ANWG 1st Vice President

Isabelle Fusey, ANWG Webmaster and Education Chair

Ila McCallum, ANWG Newsletter Editor and Communications Chair, acting secretary for the meeting

Also introduced: Ruth Terry and Melody Murter, 2023 Conference Co-chairs from Billings, Montana

Sue Walsh, Karen Sieradski, Ila McCallum, and Linda Gettmann from 2019 Conference Committee

Written questions to the board

President Linda Gettmann asked attendees to write down any questions they have and bring them to the head table. These will be answered prior to the end of the meeting.

Determination of a quorum; formal adoption of agenda

The President noted that a quorum of voting members is in attendance. The agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes of 2018 AMM

The minutes had been distributed. Questions and comments were asked for.

It was moved to adopt the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report, Rae Deane Latham

Rae Deane reviewed the June 2019 FYE financial statement, attached as Exhibit 1.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee, Liz Moncrief

Liz was unable to attend due to family illness. Linda Gettmann presented her report.

The membership of ANWG remains constant as to the number of guilds but the number of members has decreased slightly since 2016, the reduction is in the Canadian guild members. Current membership is 86 guilds and 4084 members. There are two affiliate guilds, MAWS and WeGO. We have lost four guilds in the last four years. We need to find ways to keep older members interested.

The Membership Report is attached to these minutes as Exhibit 2.

Communications report, Ila McCallum

The newsletter has been published quarterly and contained the President's message, news from ANWG, news from guilds, and upcoming fiber arts events Ila thanked all who have contributed to the newsletter. The newsletter program was also utilized to forward other information to the membership as necessary.

The Communications Report is attached to these minutes as Exhibit 3.

Education, Isabelle Fusey

Isabelle noted that the Wrapped in History group exhibit is in the Exhibit Hall at the Coast Hotel and asked everyone to stop in.

Webmaster, Isabelle Fusey

Webmaster Isabelle Fusey would like someone to back her up as webmaster. If anyone is interested, please contact Isabelle. The website has been completely redone in the past 18 months and is now more user friendly and contains much more information. Guilds were encouraged to look at the site often for current information.

Old Business

President Linda Gettmann presented ANWG Challenge Grant Proposed Guidelines, April 2019. This proposal gave a history of the grants along with suggestions for future grant guidelines. These guidelines can be changed by future boards. These guidelines were made of a part of the board meeting minutes. A copy of ANWG Challenge Grant Proposed Guidelines, April 2019 is included in these minutes as Exhibit 4.

President Linda Gettmann noted we will have two new board members and have added the Historical Weaving Study Group.

New Business**Election of Officers**

This year's election of officers' results are as follows:

President - Linda Gettmann

First Vice President – Deborah Staehle

Second Vice President - Anne Oglevie

Secretary - Melanie Smith

Treasurer – Wanda Johanson, acting secretary for the sole purpose of banking.

A motion was made to accept the slate of officers. Motion was seconded and motion passed.

Bylaws

The proposed bylaws update to change the fiscal year to correspond with the IRS tax year was voted on and approved. Article VII, #3 of the ANWG bylaws was amended to read:

The Executive Board shall prepare and adopt a budget at the beginning of the fiscal year and ensure that the financial records of ANWG are reviewed at the end of each Treasurer's term, or every two years if the Treasurer holds two consecutive two-year terms of office. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to

June 30 to correspond with the IRS tax year and required filing of the non-profit corporation 990-N e-postcard return.

This information will be posted on the website.

Written questions to the board

One question was received regarding ease of non-computer users to register for conference. It was suggested that each guild help its non-computer using members to register. Also, classes fill and teachers have set the limits on the classes. Please be open to taking a different class and learning something new.

2021 Conference Report

Ila McCallum presented a slide show inviting all attendees to the 2021 Conference, Fiber Connections, to be held in Salem, Oregon, June 7-13.

2020 Annual Membership Meeting

The next Annual Membership Meeting will be held in Salem, Oregon, at Willamette University, June 6, 2020.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.

Submitted by Ila McCallum, acting Secretary for the meeting

Exhibit 1 – June 2019 Financial Statement

Exhibit 2 – Membership Report

Exhibit 3 – Communications Report

Exhibit 4 – ANWG Challenge Grant Proposed Guidelines, April 2019

Exhibit 1 – June 2019 Financial Statement



Financial Statement

May 2018 through June 2019

Income		Estimated	Actual
Membership dues July 2018 through June 2019		\$4,200.	\$4,251
Regular Expenses			
EPP board insurance	(jul '19)	\$. 725.	\$ 728.00
Wa registration (Feb '19)		\$. 10	\$ 10.00
Newsletter		\$ 100.	\$ 97.20
Website		\$ 160	\$ 259.79
Miscellaneous (office, travel, etc.)		\$ 200.	\$ 87.70
AMM 2018 (Travel, food, rooms)		\$4,825	\$4603.74
AMM 2019 (Board meeting: food & room)		<u>\$1,100.</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Expenses		\$7,120	\$5,786.43
Biennial guild awards			
Twenty-five awards at \$600 ea budgeted (2 withdrew)		\$15,000.00.	\$13,800.00
Total income minus regular expenses and awards			
			\$15,335.43
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Bank Assets (chk+savings) May 2017/June 2019.		\$50,193.48.	\$27,447.98
Balance of income minus expenses from 2018-2019		\$15,335.43	
AMM budgeted expenditures June 2019			\$ 1,100.00 Net
Income/Expenditures July 2018 - June 2019		\$16,435.43	
Projected bank account 6/30/19			
			\$26,347.98
Loans(Seed Money)/Assets			
Conference Disbursements	Allocated	Disbursed	To be disbursed after July 2019
2019 Prince George	\$10000	\$11,000.00	\$ 0.00

Exhibit 2 – Membership Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT, May 2019

Liz Moncrief, Membership Chair

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Membership Summary as of May 2019

4084 Individual Members within the guilds

86 Guilds - down from 87 in 2018

Two of our guilds are affiliate Guilds with large membership

Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners

Weavers Guilds of Oregon

1 Guild chose not to renew this year, and we've lost 4 guilds over the past 4 years

Total membership count from renewed guilds, US = 2615

Total membership count from renewed guilds, CA = 1469

Total guilds renewed, US = 50

Total guilds renewed, CA = 36

We have 4 affiliate members this year.

In comparison, over a four-year period, 2016-2019:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Individual member count	4138	4074	4151	4084
Guild count	85	85	87	86

There has been a net decrease in overall membership within guilds between 2018 and 2019. We've had a slight net increase in US guilds (10 members) and a larger decrease of 84 members from the Canada Guilds. The one guild in Canada which chose not to join this year registered 10 members in 2018, so that didn't account for the lower numbers for the Canadian Guilds. Our non-returning Canadian Guild registered as a new guild in 2018, so perhaps they didn't have enough interest to sustain the year. We'll keep them on our records and will hope to welcome them back in the fall. It may be that our Canadian members in attendance have seen reduced membership in their own guilds and we'd be curious to know their ideas.

On a very high note, since being the membership chair as of June 2016, I was almost overwhelmed with the dues responses starting even before September of last year. I hardly used my harassment tactics on our guilds through the winter and was delighted to have 94% accounted for by the end of 2018. We always have a few slow pokes, but that gives the opportunity to request dues and wish good holiday tidings to soften the blow.

Exhibit 3 – Communications Report

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Newsletter Editor and Communications Chair Report for 2018-2019 Year since last

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Ila McCallum

ANWG Newsletter, “Northwest News”, was published quarterly in July 2018, October 2018, January 2019, and April 2019. The next issue will be published in July 2019. Each issue contained a President’s Message, ANWG News, News from Member Guilds, and a short listing of fiber events with a link to our website for a more complete listing of events.

I wish to thank the many ANWG Representatives and others who provided articles and pictures for the issues. Many newsletter editors have the problem of getting enough news for the current issue; however, my experience has been the opposite. I have had to shorten some articles and cut others because the issues were too big! A wonderful problem for a newsletter editor to have!

I have also assisted other board members when possible and appreciate the comradery and professionalism of the ANWG board. It is my pleasure and honor to be the ANWG Newsletter Editor and Communications Chair. I serve to assist you and welcome your comments and communication.

Ila McCallum

Exhibit 4 – ANWG Challenge Grant Proposed Guidelines, April 2019

ANWG Challenge Grant Proposed Guidelines

April, 2019

The Challenge grant program that ANWG has funded the past 5 years has been a huge success. It was started in 2014 to provide funding for individual guilds to provide an educational opportunity for their members in lieu of a regional conference in 2015. The response has been so great, all the profits from the treasury prior to 2015 and the profit from the 2017 Victoria conference have been disbursed to guilds in three grant rounds.

In 2015, 29 guilds received a total of \$17,400

In 2016, 24 guilds received a total of \$14,400

In 2017-18, 25 guilds were awarded a total of \$15,000; two events are cancelled so the actual grant expense disbursed is \$13,800. There were 37 applications.

Half of our 85 guilds have applied for a grant at some time.

2 guilds have received three grants

13 guilds have received a grant twice

10 guilds have received a grant once

The grant selection committee in 2017-2018 established an extensive points system to evaluate each application on the same merits and be fair about the selection process. If a reviewer recognized the event, they did not score that application. All applications were scored without the guild or location names.

The Board feels it is time to evaluate this award process and set some guidelines for future ANWG boards to use or modify as they see fit. We want to encourage the guilds that haven't applied before to generate an event/workshop and apply for any future conference profits awarded as grants.

Several previous ANWG boards and this current board have voted to only use future conference profits as grant awards. The ANWG treasury has been depleted down to the bare minimum needed to support the conferences with seed monies and to carry on the annual meetings and duties of the organization. The only revenue source for future grant awards is the 20% ANWG portion of the total conference profits after all expenses are paid. In the event that there is no profit to distribute, no grants will be offered. In the event that the conference is unprofitable and the seed monies paid out to fund part of the initial conference expenses are not paid back, no grants will be awarded until the deficit is recovered from another source, either an increase in ANWG dues or future conference profits.

Suggestions for grant guidelines from the current Board are:

1. Allocate only ANWG's portion of the biennial conference profit for grant awards, keeping a sustainable balance in the accounts for ANWG funding as has been approved in the past.
2. Giving all or part of the grant money to individuals to attend outside workshops or conferences is not allowed, guild scholarships are for that purpose.
3. Grant funds are to be used to benefit as many members in the guild/area as possible and/or educate the public in the various fiber arts.
4. Develop an online grant application form on the website before the next grant round.

Linda Gettmann, President

Motion carried at the June 13, 2019 ANWG board meeting to adopt these guidelines for future grant awards.