

Association of Northwest Weavers' Guilds

Annual Members Meeting

Friday, June 20, 2025

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order** – Malcolm Benson-Dyke, President
Meeting was called to order by Malcolm at 7:35 am.
- 2. Confirmation of Quorum**
Linda York confirmed the quorum – 39 (26 were needed for a quorum).
- 3. Adoption of Agenda** – Malcolm Benson-Dyke, President
Motion made by Dan to adopt the agenda, it was seconded – unanimous vote to adopt.
- 4. Approval of 2024 AAM minutes** – Malcolm Benson-Dyke, President
Motion made to approve the minutes, seconded by Dan – unanimous vote to approve.
- 5. Introduction of Board & Appointees** – Malcolm Benson-Dyke, President
- 6. Reports**
 - a. Treasurer** – Angelique Penaflor, Treasurer
January – May 2025:
\$40,768.16 to 41,265.02
This included some dues paid and some Paypal expenses.
This does not include the \$5,100 paid by students to the Conference or paying for the Learn to Weave teacher. She hopes to have that done in June to create the final end of year report.
Angelique explained that the conference budget this year was created from the previous conference budget, with a 5% contingency to everything.
Because of this, we are well in the black on the conference costs.
Coffee and tea were added for conference goers on Tuesday, which cost approximately \$4,000. That is covered, and we will still get back our \$10,000 seed money as that was built into the budget. Angelique is not sure if there will be a profit.
Some grants (not all) can be afforded.

b. **Membership** – Linda York, Membership Chair

76 member guilds

2 affiliate associations

9 individual associates

5-6 guilds never responded

Dues should be paid by December 1st, according to the Standing Rules

Linda sends a reminder in November that dues must be paid no later than December 31st.

c. **Education** – Liz Montcrief, Education Chair

i. Grant Results

One of the guilds (Billings?) had to relinquish its grant money due to lack of interest by the members.

Columbia Fibers Guild – mobile regional county fair displays

Eugene Weavers Guild- flowing colors project

Rogue Valley – Denise Kovnat in-person workshop

(Linda mentioned that these reports are all available to read, if anyone is interested.)

Salem Fibers Guild - Extreme work makeover with Robyn Spady

Thread Benders Weavers Guild – 3 workshops

Umpqua – workshop and presentation, October 2025

Liz offered congratulations to all of the guilds who participated in the challenge grants, and all of the members who participated in the projects funded by these grants.

It was voted on and approved that grants continue during off-conference years.

ii. Study Groups

1. ANWG History Study Group

Isabelle and Sue have decided to put the History study group on hiatus as interest is waning. This may be a short break or longer.

2. ANWG Tapestry Study Group

The Tapestry study group has lots of entries and activities, camaraderie and sharing. Isla likes being able to use ANWG's Zoom account – can we offer that to other groups in ANWG?

d. **Communications & Newsletter** – Nancy Skakel, Communications Chair and Newsletter Editor

Malcolm took over as Nancy was having computer problems.

Angelique said that Nancy is having problems with guilds sending entire newsletters, as opposed to articles and photographs.

- e. **Web Administration** – Dan Steeves, Web Admin
The ANWG Reps Google Group was started, and has been working well. Dan encouraged anyone not in the group to join. He was busy working on the conference website, but now that the conference work is ending he'll turn his attention to refreshing the ANWG website.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

- a. Election of Officers
Initially there were no volunteers for 1st Vice President. Malcolm gave a description of the duties. Joelle DuBois volunteered to serve as 1st VP.
 - i. President – Patty Huffer
 - ii. 1st Vice President – Joelle DuBois
 - iii. 2nd Vice President – Malcolm Benson-Dyke
 - iv. Treasurer – Angelique Penaflor
 - v. Secretary – Jennifer Bogut

Diane (Eugene) moved to close elections. It was seconded by Sharon (Missoula).
- b. Seminar topic for 2027 – round table discussion on ANWG
Joelle asked how many people are needed to run a conference. Deb said 20-25 as each job requires 2 people.
- c. Proposed By-Law Amendments
 - i. ANWG Grants – Annual or Biannual?
 - ii. Change WebMaster to Technology Director and make position a full voting Executive Board Member

Amendments require a membership vote (either e-vote or in person), and it is required that members are given 60 days notice.
- d. 2025 Conference Report, Deb Staehle
Deb reported that there were good attitudes all around, with some “shiny moments,” meaning it gave folks an opportunity to shine. An instructor fell ill. The registration team has been amazing – additional spots were made available in other classes. Some instructors had extra materials and spent time making up extra packets for new students. One attendee was unhappy with the change, but Deb thinks she ended up being satisfied with the

different class she attended.

Angelique mentioned that the contract for the host guilds will need to be reviewed and revised. A cancellation clause needs to be added. Board decisions will need to be made about this. We have a cancellation policy if the entire conference has to be cancelled, but not if an instructor falls ill.

Nancy mentioned that a couple of people in her guild are unhappy that there is so much focus on weaving at the conference, and not enough opportunities for other crafts, particularly in the Shows. Many guilds are finding there is more interest in these other fiber crafts. Patty said that you can only give programs and workshops for crafts that people apply to teach.

Some classes had to be dropped if fewer than 5 people enrolled. One instructor was let go for breach of contract.

Deb reported that overall, she has received many positive comments.

e. 2027 Conference Location

Sharon from Montana mentioned their guild as a possible host for 2027. Malcolm mentioned Vancouver, BC, as a possibility. Patty mentioned Boise.

Malcolm moved to adjourn the membership meeting; Liz Montcrief seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the membership meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 am.

9. Show & Share

There were several show and share items from various guilds, including (but not limited to) the following:

- a. Powerpoint from Eugene Weavers Guild – Dyeing Workshops as their grant project
- b. Ila – Tapestry Study Group
- c. Gorge Handweavers Guild – Mary Davis
Upholstery fabric for chairs & cushions at Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood, OR
- d. Victoria Handweavers & Spinners Guild
Rug from wool from the Vancouver Island Fibershed
- e. The Woolgatherers & Qualicum Weavers & Spinners Guild – Sheila?
Tartan tea towel
- f. Rogue Valley Handweavers Guild
- g. Threadbenders Guild

- h. Tacoma Weavers Guild – Betty Bale
Coat

10. Adjournment