ANWG Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2021 via Zoom Conferencing

Linda Gettmann, Acting President welcomed those in attendance.

44 weavers were in attendance with 35 guilds being represented. Which constituted a quorum and the meeting and election were able to continue; the agenda was adopted.

Treasurer: Wanda Johanson presented the financial statements of ANWG, (a copy of this report is attached).

Membership: Liz Moncrief reported the Membership Summary as of June 2021: 3992 Individual Members within the guilds, 84 Guilds - down from 85 in 2020. Two of our member guilds are affiliate Guilds; Montana Association of Weavers and Spinners and

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Communication: Sylvia Emard reported:

In addition to doing the newsletter for the Portland Handweavers Guild, I have been doing the ANWG Communications Chair/Newsletter job for a year now and I want to thank all of you Northwest Weavers for sending me your news and photos for each issue.

This has been a year unlike any in our recent or remote history, and I have been both surprised and pleased at how creative you all have been in keeping your guilds going with online events. When I started the job, I worried there would be no news for the newsletter, but you all have kept remarkably busy learning, teaching and sharing during the past pandemic year.

When I took over the job, I set up a free Mailchimp account, which is what we had been using at Portland Handweavers Guild to email our newsletter to our members. With a membership list from Membership chair Liz Moncrief, I created a contact list of guild names, guild representatives, affiliates and ANWG board members and their email addresses, which I always update just prior to sending out each newsletter or other communication. This account contains just under 100 contacts and includes a media library with all of the photos I have used in the newsletters as well as an archive of digital copies of the newsletters.

Within Mailchimp's limitations, I tried to model the newsletter after the one that Ila sent out previously, using the logo, fonts, colors, and overall design that you were all familiar with, so it would be a seamless transition. In addition to your news and photos, I would welcome any comments, questions, or feedback you have about the newsletter. Please feel free to contact me any time.

Besides being free, a benefit of using Mailchimp is the statistics it can generate into reports, such as whether any emails bounced, how many recipients opened the email, what links they clicked on, etc. I do not think we have used any of this information yet to make decisions, but the capacity is there when we need or want to use it.

The program is not difficult to learn, and anyone can access it from anywhere – there is no need for special software to load on your computer.

I would like to again thank you all for your submissions, and I look forward to receiving another batch soon for the upcoming July 2021 newsletter. Please watch for a reminder coming in a couple of weeks, but you can send me your news any time.

Education: Rebecca Winter reported:

Historical Weaving Study Group - Russell E. Groff Study

We are just completing a study of weaving using drafts published by Russell Groff. There were 12 participants who completed weaving. There were 13 projects completed. Watch for the powerpoint at the end of this meeting. There will also be an eBook created with detailed study information - to be shared in the group and on the ANWG website.

We will be choosing the next study topic very soon. Join by requesting membership in the ANWGHistory groups.io See the January Newsletter for more information.

Creative Challenge Grants

The 2020-2021 grant recipients, those awarded prior to our year away from meeting in person, have until December 2022 to complete their projects or events.

For 2022-2023, there are five new grants available for those not already participating in a grant for 2020-2021. These grants are made possible because two Annual Membership Meetings were held electronically. The deadline for applying is Nov 1, 2021. See the April Newsletter or the Education tab on the website for more information and applications.

Webmaster: Isabelle Fusey reported the following:

Our website has been running smoothly over the last year. The classifieds section continues to be very active. Year after year, ANWG helps find new homes for close to 300 weaving and spinning items. Many thanks to Judi McCubbins, a member of the Salem guild, who has taken over the coordination of the Classifieds. We are still looking for a new Webmaster. Responsibilities include posting content, responding to inquiries submitted via the website’s contact forms, and ensuring the website’s infrastructure is up to date. Please contact me if interested in taking over this position.

New Business

Election of officers:

Deborah Staehle was elected President and Angelique Penaflor Treasurer by unanimous vote using the poll feature on Zoom. Angelique Penaflor is authorized to be a signer on the ANWG Chase bank accounts and to conduct the Association financial and banking business.

Linda Announced the MAWS conference would be held June 21-26, 2022, at Carroll College in Helena MT. and encouraged all to attend.

2023 ANWG Conference Report: Sue Walsh

The 2023 Committee reported that because of the pandemic it has been difficult to find a new location for the conference. They have narrowed it down to 3 possibilities and are very hopeful to have a location set by July of this year.

The conference web page has been migrated to: https//anwgconference2023.com

and the blog is continuing. So, things are beginning to get back on track for a great conference in 2023.

New President Remarks: Deborah Staehle thanked everyone for their attendance and support of ANWG and its board.

Show and Share:

A show and Share slide show was shown instead of our normal in person display. Many inspiring pieces were displayed.

Historical Weaving study group slide show:

The group showed the Russell Groff draft projects that they have been working on for the past year.

Linda thanked everyone in attendance and adjourned the meeting.

Respectively submitted by:

Melanie Smith

ANWG secretary

**Association of Northwest Weavers’ Guilds**

**Financial Report**

**June 29, 2020 – April 30, 2021**

**Beginning Bank Assets**

Checking Balance $ 5,528.78

Savings Balance $27,743.71

**Total** **$33,272.49**

**Income**

Dues $ 4,121.00

Donation $ 21.00

**Total** **$ 4,142.00**

**Expenditures**

Web hosting and maintenance $ 27.47

Challenge Grant Awards $ 3, 600.00

Professional Liability Insurance $ 758.00

Postage $ 33.85

PayPal fees $ 70.83

**Total $ 4,490.15**

**Ending Bank Assets**

Checking Balance $ 7,132.75

Savings Balance $25,747.43

**Total**  **$32,880.18**

Prepared by W. Johanson, Treasurer May 1, 2021

**Estimated Income and Expenses** (revised 02-20-21)

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| **Income**    Membership Dues  2021 Conf. Loan Repaid  2023Conference Proceeds  **Total Income**  **Expenses**  Website  AMM/Board Meeting  Challenge Grants  WA State Annual Report Fee  Prof. Liability Insurance  HGA 2-year Membership  Miscellaneous  **Total Expenses**  **Estimated Bank Balances**  Checking  Savings | **July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021**  $4,200  ------  ------  **$4,200**  $ 100  ------  $3,600  $ 10  $ 740  $ 100  $ 0  **$4,550**  $ 5,350  $27,750 | **July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022**  $ 4,200  ------  ------  **$4,200**  $ 100  ------  $3,000  $ 10  $ 760  ------  $ 0  **$3,870**    $ 6,500  $25,750 |

***ANWG MEMBERSHIP REPORT***

***Liz Moncrief, Membership Chair***

***2020-21 Annual Membership Meeting - virtual***

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In comparison, over a four-year period:

**2018 2019 2020 2021**

**Individual member count** 4151 4051 4143 3992

Guild count 85 87 86 84

There has been a net decrease in overall members within guilds between 2019-20 and 2020-21 of 92 members resulting in an overall decrease of about 4%. This seems directly attributed to our last 14 months of covid and many guilds not meeting in person and running their normal business.

Some of our member guilds were especially slow in remitting dues, I’m sure due to these reasons, so we really appreciate that several of you came thru even into March and April of this year. Having to reschedule the 2021 ANWG conference in Salem to 2023 surely had an impact too, and we hope that numbers will come up in the coming years.

We’ll keep those non-renewing guilds on our books thru this year to keep them updated on ANWG’s activity and are hopeful that they’ll decide to come back to us.

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