MidAtlantic Fiber Association
Representatives Assembly
May 7, 2016

The spring meeting of the representatives of the MidAtlantic Fiber Association was held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival.

Board Members in Attendance
Elisa Eigler, President
Lori Wall, Corresponding Secretary
Karen Miller, Recording Secretary
Charlene Marietti, Communications Chair
Ellen Turner, Past President

Guild Representatives in Attendance
Linda Furlong, Albemarle
Karen Miller, Blue Ridge, Foothills
Tara Rothwell, Central Penn
Suanne Pasquarella, Buffalo, Rochester, Chautauqua
Fredi Brown, Frances Irwin, Palisades
Ellen Turner, Bucks Co
Sandy Buckworth, Harmony
Sally Orgren, Jockey Hollow
Angela Krick, Lancaster
Lori Wall, Morgantown
Charlene Marietti, New York
Nancy Turner, South Jersey
Cecile Stiner, Susquehanna Valley
Marion Flint, Triangle Weavers
Gregory Wollon, Warped Weavers
Deborah Herrin, Greater Baltimore

CALL TO ORDER
President Elisa Eiger called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Representatives of 20 guilds were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES
The minutes of the Reps Meeting of October 27, 2015 were approved as corrected.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Treasurer Marla Campbell provided a balance sheet, showing a year-to-date balance of $114,461.73.

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR REPORT
Communications Chair Charlene Marietti distributed a press release with conference information to be shared with our guilds and communities. It is also available on the MAFA website. She also noted that MAFA now has a presence on Facebook, Pinterest, Ravelry and Weavolution, where it can be found as MidAtlantic Fiber Association, and on Twitter at @MAFAfiber.

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT
Grants Committee Member Suanne Pasquarella reported for Grants Chair Carol Wood that there are now more members on the committee. Last year Triangle Weavers received funding for the establishment of a community fiber arts center. See their report on the MAFA website for details.
This year the committee received five applications, and approved four. The one not approved was not really for an “outreach” activity. Guilds were encouraged to look at their opportunities for outreach in their communities, and to apply for MAFA funding, if needed.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Karen Miller reported for Chair Donna Mentzer that next year’s conference would be held from July 20-23 at Millersville University. Forty workshops have been selected by Education Chair Judy Donovan. Registrar Pat Capogrossi is already setting up an online registration program. Vendor Chair Angela Krick will soon be sending out vendor applications. Vendors will be juried this year, with selections announced in October.

Our keynote speaker on Thursday evening will be Madelyn van der Hoogt, former editor of Handwoven. Carol Ireland and the Harmony Guild will be organizing a juried fashion show, as well as an exhibit of attendee fashions and other creations. The committee decided not to do guild exhibits again this year, but Barbara Fornoff is going to organize a sample exchange.

We will again be asking guilds for fiber-related goodies for the “goody bags.” The Lancaster Guild is organizing collection, and they are asking for one representative from each MAFA state to organize and collect goodies from the guilds in their state.

NEW BUSINESS
Bylaws Review
President Elisa Eiger led a review of the proposed bylaws changes.

Suanne Pasquarella moved that the bylaws be accepted as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Turner moved that the transition plan attached to the proposed bylaws be implemented. The motion passed.

Suanne Pasquarella moved that the secretary be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, spacing, capitalization, cross-references and any other formatting or technical changes necessary, while maintaining the assembly’s intent in conjunction with these bylaws. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Miller
Recording Secretary