

MidAtlantic FIBER ASSOCIATION  
MAFA REPS MEETING  
September 23, 2014

A meeting of the representatives of the MidAtlantic Fiber Association was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 by way of a conference call, which was also recorded.

**ATTENDING**

Ellen Dorosh, President	Lori Wall, Corresponding Secretary, Morgantown
David Moran, Vice President	Dina Callow, Treasurer
Barbara Hauck, Recording Secretary, Chautauqua Round Table	Mickie Schneider, Past President, Central Penn,

**REPS ATTENDING**

Stephen Fox, Westfield Weavers Guild	Carolyn Moore, New River Valley
Cecile Stiner, Susquehanna Valley	Cass Rugowski, Albermarle
Carolyn Hamm, Potomac Fiber Art Guild	Debbie Farth, Blue Ridge Spinners & Weavers Guild
Carol Ireland, Fiber Guild and Harmony	Sally Orgren, Jockey Hollow and Frances Irwin
Suanne Pasquarella, Buffalo, Rochester, Chautauqua	Virginia Carson, Triangle Weavers, Chapel Hill
Donna McGinnis, Butler	Liz Ann Smith, Warped Weavers Guild
Sandi Petty, Williamsburg	Marie Murtaugh, Fiber Arts Network

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President, Ellen Dorosh.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

David Moran reported on the Textile Museum in Washington DC. They are moving and will contact MAFA after the move is complete. The West Virginia Fiber festival had 26 vendors. There were approximately 1,300 people attending. Next year the festival will be in a new venue in Morgantown for the first or second week after Labor Day.

**RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

There was one change in the minutes from the spring Reps' meeting. Dina Callow moved that the minutes be accepted with one correction. Debbie Forrest seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Lori Wall reported that David Banks will be sending reminders electronically for the renewals covering the remainder of 2014 through September 2016. This cost is based on the total membership count of each guild. She suggested that if the treasurer is different from two years ago, the guild member receiving the renewal notice should be reminded to forward the bill.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dina Callow reported that there is \$30,153.13 in the checking account and \$61,183 in the money market account for a total of \$91,336.13. We have received one of the partial payments for grant.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Election of officers: Barb Hauck reported that 17 ballots were received. Ellen Turner was elected for vice president and Karen Miller was elected for recording secretary. Dina Callow cast a unanimous ballot for both offices for the next two year term. Dave Moran seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Guild Exhibits for MAFA: Ellen asked that the representatives talk to their guilds about being involved. She listed a variety of objects that could be shown. In essence it can be anything that is fiber. Sandy Petty, Williamsburg Guild, is chair of this committee. On the Conference website, the dimensions for the area to show are available. There was a suggestion that the items be labeled with the person's name and fiber content of the item. It is also suggested that a poster or banner with the guild name be included. There are two choices for the space to be used...one is with the vendors and the other is in the dormitory. There needs to be volunteers to stay with the displays one hour at a time. The board will make the decision about which venue will work best. It will not be open during workshop times.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Rack cards for MAFA: The vendors committee recommended that rack cards be produced for the conference. To get a count, each guild rep needs to contact Lori as soon as possible with an idea of how many it wants. MAFA is paying for the cards so it will not cost the guilds any money.

MAFA 2015 Workshop Weekend: The individual cost for the MAFA 2015 Workshop Weekend will be \$550. It will be held July 16-19, 2015 at Millersville University, Millersville, PA. This cost will include 16 hours of class plus room and board. Commuters will pay \$300. Dormitories are AC and are new. Everyone will be housed in the same building. Linens, towels, and washrags are included.

Volunteers acknowledged...

Ellen recognized volunteers in this meeting.

Advertising Research—**Barb Wainwright**, Rochester

Education Chair—**Beth Wilson**, Blue Ridge

Committee: **Linda Brown, Lynn Smith, Cindy Cox** all from Blue Ridge

Goody Bags—**Lori Wall and David Moran**, Morgantown

Guild Exhibits—**Sandy Petty**, Williamsburg

Instructor Transportation—**Lancaster Spinners and Weavers**

Social Media—

*Weavolution*, **Sally Orgren** from Frances Irwin and Cross  
Country;

*Facebook*, **Sara Knisely Bixler** from Central PA;

*Ravelry*, **Paula Bieber** from Lancaster;

*Pinterest*, **Jeri Robinson-Lawrence** from Millersville  
University;

*Google and LinkedIn*, **David Banks** from Williamsburg

*Membership, David Banks* from Williamsburg  
*Registrar, Joanne Trigg* from Central Penn;  
*Vendor Hall, Donna Mensler, Sara Knisley Bixler, Jeri  
Robinson-Lawrence;*  
*Webmaster, Dave Banks,*

Also thanked were the board members:

*President, Ellen Dorosh,* Central Penn, Hagerstown, Blue Ridge  
*Vice President, Dave Moran,* Morgantown  
*Recording Secretary, Barb Hauck,* Chautauqua  
*Corresponding Secretary, Lori Wall, Morgantown*  
*Treasurer, Dina Callow,* Blue Ridge  
*Past President, Mickie Schneider,* Central Penn, Hagerstown

Volunteers are needed for such things as registration desk person on Thursday, a person to meet and greet instructors, coordinators for volunteers, assistants for instructors to collect fees and hand out information, and information desk person.

Carol Ireland asked how to handle informing MAFA about new members in member guilds. Lori Wall stated that David Banks needs to be informed. Also Carol reported that the Craft Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has established a fiber arts fund now through some of the donations given by MAFA member guilds and across the country.

Marie Murtaugh, Fiber Arts Network, Lewisburg, WV, thanked MAFA for receiving a grant for their children's weaving program. The number of children attending has increased by 50% from the year before.

Sally Orgren, Frances Irwin, commended the vendor chair for the number of vendors who are already scheduled. Also she commended Sandy Petty for resurrecting the guild exhibit activity.

Mickie Schneider moved to close the meeting and Suanne Pasquarella seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hauck  
Recording Secretary