

**MidAtlantic Fiber Association Representatives Assembly
October 1, 2019
Via Teleconference**

Board Members Attending:

Helena Valentine, President
Sara Robbins, 1st VP; Communications
Margaret Briggs, 2nd VP; Conference; Membership Chair
Marla Campbell, Treasurer
Mary Strouse, Grants Committee Chair
Patty Chrisman, Secretary

Guild Representatives Attending:

Central PA Guild of Handweavers, Karel Henneberger (alt.)
Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild, Margaret Briggs
Chesapeake Weavers, Lisa Mielke
Fiber Guild of the Blue Ridge, Kathy Reed
Foothills Spinners & Weavers Guild, Karen Miller (alt.)
Frances Irwin Handweavers, Sally Orgren
Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild, Aileen Campbell
Handweavers of the New River Valley, Carol Masters (alt.)
Harmony Weavers Guild, Jill Coghlan
Jockey Hollow Weavers Guild, Sally Orgren
Loyalhannon Spinners, Liza Steiner
Morgantown Fiber Guild, Lori Wall
New York Guild of Handweavers, Charlene Marietti
North Country Spinners, Patty Chrisman
Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers, Sara Robbins
Potomac Fiber Arts Guild, Karen Miller (alt.)
South Jersey Guild of Spinners & Handweavers, Holly Loza, Robin Schaufler
Sunnyside Weavers, Carol Wood
Susquehanna Valley Spinners & Weavers Guild, Cecile Stiner
Three Rivers Fiber Focus, Debbie Hadfield
Warped Weavers Guild, Lizanne Smith
Waterford Weavers, Meg Lundsager
Weavers Guild of Buffalo, Joyce Robards
Weavers Guild of Rochester, Joyce Robards
Weaver's Roundtable, Karel Henneberger (alt.)
Westfield Weavers Guild, Gretchen Fancher
Walk In Arts Center (WIAC) Fiber Guild, Debbie Gilbert
Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild, Marcia Rehkamp
Woodstock Weavers, Carol Wood

Welcome

President Helena Valentine welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She provided a recap of highlights of the 2019 Conference at Millersville and noted that planning for 2021 has begun. She listed the following as her goals for the upcoming year:

1. Provide assistance for the 2021 Conference.

2. Find ways that the Board can increase assistance to the member guilds.
3. Building connections with the Reps.
4. Find ways to increase diversity – in age, gender, race, culture etc.

Minutes

The minutes of the Reps Meeting held June 29, 2019, at MAFA Conference, Millersville University, were approved as posted.

Motion to approve: Mary Strouse, Seconded by Marcia Rehkamp

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Marla Campbell) Marla discussed her submitted Balance Sheet Report (appended to these minutes) and added that both the Fannin and Dorosh funds have been depleted as of the last conference. The net profit from the 2019 Conference was \$49,622.00.

Conference Report (Past President Karen Miller) Karen noted the following Conference highlights:

- 400 students attended
- 75% attendees were guild members
- 15% were associate members
- 20% were non-members
- 25% arrived on Wednesday
- 75% volunteered to help with a job

The feedback forms from the 2017 Conference really made a difference in planning and making improvements for the 2019 Conference, particularly the food and dorms, the classrooms (fewer last-minute surprises) and the signage (could still use some improvements). A big change was having a point person at MU and all the student helpers that helped with classroom set up etc. The registration process has been streamlined. The many networking opportunities we tried this year will be even better in the future.

Communications Report (First Vice President Sara Robbins) Sara is getting acclimated to her position as First VP and is working on the next Newsletter. She looks forward to working with the team and is interested in feedback from the Reps.

Membership Report (Membership Chair Margaret Briggs) Margaret reported that we currently have 51 paid guilds. Since this is not a dues year, she reminded all Reps to send in updates of their guild's Rep, officers, and guild meeting dates and times, so we can keep the roster and website current. There is a Guild Info Update form on the website, and the link is included in every MAFA newsletter. We would also love to get more guild events for the website and newsletter, as well as guild profiles. Membership will email everyone links to submit items to us, and the minutes of the meeting will be posted on the MAFA website.

The incoming board is looking for a new Membership Chair to take over Membership Chair duties, since has been elected Chair for the 2021 Conference. Membership Chair requires some computer ability and good communication skills. If you are interested, or want to know more about what the position entails, please email membership@mafafiber.org.

Conference 2021(Second Vice-President, Margaret Briggs)

We had a great conference in June, and we have been in touch with Millersville to reserve dates for June 2021. Once we have confirmation, we will be able to make a save-the-date announcement. A Kick-off meeting for the Conference Committee is scheduled for October 8. Since planning is already starting, we are assembling the conference committee, and have some positions to fill. Anyone who is interested in

volunteering to help on the conference planning team please email me at conference@mafafiber.org. I will also list some job descriptions in the next newsletter.

Our biggest task at the moment is that we are preparing to send out instructor RFPs in the next month or so. If you have suggestions for instructors who have not taught at MAFA, that you think we should invite, please email their name and contact info to education@mafafiber.org.

Grants/Fellowship Committee Report (Grants Chair Mary Strouse) Mary reported that the deadline for applying for 2020 MAFA Grants is November 1. She noted that last year we did extend the deadline, but she does not foresee doing that for this year. In 2019 only one grant was given out and that was in the amount of \$1530.00 to the Weaver’s Guild of Greater Baltimore. In the past 3-5 years we have typically had about three applications each year. There were eight Fellowships awarded in 2019—rather than the four typically given out. We had an unusually high number of applications. The Grants Committee is composed of seven members with staggered two year positions. There will be openings on the committee coming up in January, as well as an opening for the Grants Chair, so if anyone is interested, contact Mary at grants@mafafiber.org.

Other Business

Helena opened up the floor for questions from any of the Reps. There were no questions, however Joyce Robards (alt. for Suanne Pasquarella) wanted to say how impressed she was with MAFA.

Adjourn Upon motion by Charlene Marietti; seconded by Margaret Briggs, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Submitted by
Patty Chrisman, Secretary

3:34 PM
10/01/19
Cash Basis

MAFA
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2019

	<u>Sep 30, 19</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
18 Month CD - Matures 6/1/20	75,000.00 1
Bus Money Market	51,800.98
Checking Bus Adv Plus	72,494.04 2
Total Checking/Savings	199,295.02
Total Current Assets	199,295.02
TOTAL ASSETS	199,295.02
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Fellowships	2,400.00 3
Grants Final Payment	765.00 4
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,165.00
Total Current Liabilities	3,165.00
Total Liabilities	3,165.00
Equity	
Retained Earnings	152,176.68
Net Income	43,953.34
Total Equity	196,130.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	199,295.02

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1. CD Matures June 2020. Interest earned to date is \$1,408.74
2. Amount includes unrestricted funds in the amounts of \$34.46 Amazon Smile and \$90.00 in uncategorized donations. Restricted funds for Allen Fannin (spinning) and Ellen Dorosh (weaving) are currently \$0 due to the scholarships issued at the 2019 Conference.
3. 2019 Fellowships to be paid in the fall of 2019 if requirements are met.
4. Final grant amount to be paid by 2/15/2020 to Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore if all requirements are met.