

**MidAtlantic Fiber Association
Representatives Assembly
July 22, 2017**

The conference meeting of the representatives of the MidAtlantic Fiber Association was held on Saturday, July 22 at 7:30 a.m. in the Reighard Multipurpose Room in the Student Memorial Center of Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

Board Members in Attendance

Elisa Eiger, President	Karen Miller, Secretary
Charlene Marietti, First VP\Communications	Mary Strouse, Grants Chair
Donna Mentzer, Second VP\Conference	Dave Banks, Membership Chair
Marla Campbell, Treasurer	Joan E. Martin, Incoming Secretary

Guild Representatives in Attendance

Albemarle Handweavers Guild – Margaret Briggs
Central Penn Guild of Handweavers – Barbara Diefenderfer
Chautauqua County Weavers Guild – Suanne Pasquarella
Chesapeake Weavers – Pat Capogrossi
Fiber Guild of the Blue Ridge – Deborah Forrest
FiberGuild – Carol Ireland
Foothills Spinners and Weavers Guild – Karen Miller
Frances Irwin Handweavers – Sally Orgren
Handweavers Guild of the New River Valley – Carolyn Moore
Handweavers of Bucks County – Chris Field-Funk
Harmony Weaving Guild – Carol Ireland
Jockey Hollow Weavers Guild – Sally Orgren
Lancaster Spinners and Weavers – Kelly Czyzewski
New York Guild of Handweavers – Charlene Marietti
North Country Spinners – Patty Chrisman
Paumanok Weavers Guild – Dot Berglin
Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers - Debbie Cummings
Potomac Fiber Arts Guild – Diana Guenther
Richmond Weavers Guild – Susan Quel
South Jersey Guild of Spinners and Weavers – Helena Valentine
Susquehanna Valley Spinners and Weavers Guild – Cecile Stiner
Third Star Fiber Guild – Diane Beier
Triangle Weavers Inc – Marion Flint
Waterford Weavers – Meg Lundsager
Weavers Guild of Buffalo – Suanne Pasquarella
Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore – Deb Herrin
Weavers Guild of Rochester – Suanne Pasquarella
Weaver’s Roundtable – Barbara Diefenderfer
Whirling Whorls – Margaret Briggs
Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers – Dave Banks
Woodstock Weavers – Nan Salomon

Absentee ballots received from: Canaan Weavers

CALL TO ORDER

President Elisa Eiger called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Representatives of 31 guilds were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Reps Meeting of May 6, 2017 were approved as posted.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Marla Campbell reported current account balances of:

Checking	\$ 12,502
Money Market	\$181,516
CD 18 mos.	\$ 75,000
Total	\$269,018

Many conference expenses are not accounted for in these balances. A clearer picture of our finances will be available later this fall.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Communications Chair Charlene Marietti reported that volunteers have been busy on social media platforms: Facebook, Pinterest, Ravelry, Weavolution, and Twitter. She is always looking for more volunteers to help monitor and feed the platforms

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Conference Chair Donna Mentzer reported that the conference is going well. Many volunteers have assisted with planning and running the conference.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Chair Dave Banks reported we have 44 member guilds.

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Grants Chair Mary Strouse reported on the guild grant program. She stressed that the grants are a yearly program, with applications due the end of each January, with decisions made by early March. To encourage guilds to submit proposals, she outlined key requirements that include:

- 1) A clear plan including an evaluation plan to measure the project's effectiveness
- 2) An educational purpose meeting MAFA objectives
- 3) A public benefit not limited to the members of a specific guild
- 4) Matching funds

Guilds that receive grants will receive 50 percent upon announcement, with the remainder to be paid by MAFA upon completion of the project and the required report, which must include actual vs. projected expenses, evaluations, photos, photo release forms.

Priority is given to Guilds that have not received a grant in the previous 5 years. A list of previous grant awards can be found on the MAFA website. Complete information and application instructions for 2018 will be available shortly on the MAFA website.

Photo release forms for children must be signed by parents. It was suggested that organizers photograph backs of heads, and/or hands, but not faces, as these photos may be posted on websites. In addition, last names should never be used.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There were no nominations from the floor.

Suanne Pasquarella moved that the Secretary cast a unanimous vote for the slate. The motion passed.

The slate for 2017-2019 was thereby elected:

President: Karen Miller
First VP/Communications: Charlene Marietti
Second VP/Conference: Donna Mentzer
Treasurer: Marla Campbell
Secretary: Joan E. Martin

Nominations Committee: Sally Orgren, Leah Haymaker

DISCUSSION:

The group then broke into smaller groups to discuss guild involvement in future MAFA conferences and activities. Results of those discussions will be used by the incoming board for planning purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Miller
Secretary