

**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 Eiger, 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