

MidAtlantic Fiber Association - Role of the Reps

GUILD REPRESENTATIVES

Guild representatives (reps) are responsible for electing MAFA officers to two-year terms, as defined in the MAFA bylaws. While the officers run the day-to-day activities of MAFA, the guild representatives are the two-way communication link between MAFA and the representative's local guild. They are asked to:

- Share MAFA activities and opportunities with their local guild members; and
- Inform MAFA about guild activities so that information can be shared among the region's guilds.

Each guild is entitled to one voting representative. A representative may represent more than one guild. Due to the size of the Mid-Atlantic region, which limits the feasibility of physical meetings, most MAFA business is conducted electronically.

Representative assemblies are held two or three times a year. They consist of:

- A teleconference in September or October;
- An in-person meeting at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, OR a teleconference in May;
- An in-person meeting at the biennial conference, OR a teleconference in June or July, at which officers are elected.

Responsibilities of the MAFA Representative

- Attend representatives' meetings, or if unable to attend, arrange for an alternate representative to be present;
- Keep the local guild informed about MAFA activities and opportunities;
- Encourage guild participation in MAFA's biennial conference;
- Provide information about the local guild to the MAFA Membership Coordinator;
- Provide information about guild programs and activities to MAFA; and
- Supply a current membership list to Membership Coordinator by October 1 along with dues payment in even numbered years.

Term of Office

Per MAFA's bylaws, it is recommended that representatives serve for two-year terms, beginning on October 1 of even-numbered years.