

WeGO GENERAL BOARD MEETING

April 19, 2025 via Zoom

Executive Board Meeting for Spring 2025 deferred.

Meeting Called to Order by Donna Wilson, President at 10:05 am

Roll Call:

Executive Board: Donna Wilson (President); Karen Sieradski (Vice President); Annali Cross (Treasurer); Sarah Mostkoff (Secretary); Lisa Krebs (Communications Coordinator); Pam Sullivan (State Fair Demonstration & substitute for State Fair Coordinator); Vicki Pero substitute for Education & Workshop Coordinator)

Representatives: Leigh Wheeler (Aurora Colony Handspinners) and (Portland Handworkers Guild); Carrie Gordon (Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers); Pam (substitute for Salem Fiberarts Guild); Cheryl Richardson (Gorge Handweavers Guild) and (Columbia Fibres); Sarah Mostkoff (Eugene Weavers Guild); Lisa Krebs (Rogue Valley Hand Weavers Guild); Maureen Kelly (Threadbenders); Corienne Geddes (Umpqua Weavers & Spinners); Patricia Beckman (WebFoot Weavers & Fiber Artists).

Absent: (Heritage Textile Arts); Humbug Mountain Spinners and Weavers (no Representative appointed); Kathy Nelson (Klamath Spinners and Weavers). Cindy Fowler (Saturday Handweavers Guild)

Approval of October 2024 Minutes: Motion made by Karen Sieradski, seconded by Carrie Gordon. Motion passed.

Secretary Report by Sarah Mostkoff:

Awaiting final membership renewals to come in. Four Outstanding Guilds who have yet to pay dues. Reminders were sent in December 2024, and March 31, 2025. Webfoot Weavers

requested we send an additional remind in February. Two Boxes of WeGO records were received via US Postal Service from the previous Secretary Cassandra. Contents were inventoried. An updated list of Representative and Officers will be sent out to the group when we complete the membership renewal forms. A separate, non public list of Guild Presidents will be kept confidential in case we are unable to contact a guild's representative.

Currently we have 1,162 individual members. Representative Sandra McDonald/Rose is no longer with Humbug Mountain Spinners and Weavers. Currently they have no representatives, but have paid their dues for 2025.

Vice President Report by Karen Sieradski:

Scholarship update-Accepted by Threadbenders, Rogue Valley. COSW's scholarship went to first alternative Gorge Handweavers Guild, they are planning to do Krokbragd. Salem Fiberarts Guild is using their scholarship to bring in speakers for their programs.

Communications Report by Lisa Krebs:

There has been lots of traffic on our website and Facebook page. Only visitor count is reflected, not specific as to who they are or what they accessed. Current information including guild reports are on the website.

Education/Workshop Coordinator Report:

Report deferred as LeAnn is out of the country. Vicki Pero is substituting as Representative. Vicki will forward information for Dues and Renewal of Membership to her appropriate guild member.

State Fair and Demonstration Report by Pam Sullivan

Oregon State Fair teams and judges are in place. The Office opened in February. 2026 judge will be Robyn Spady. Pam

and Dorald Stoltz are available to talk up the State Fair at local guilds via zoom, or in person. Divisions available are hand felting, hand weaving, hand dyeing, and hand spinning.

Long Range Planning by Sarah Mostkoff:

We are awaiting final answers from the workshop committee and we should have a final draft for approval for LRP. The Nominating Committee continues looking for a volunteer to take over the Nominating Committee, and continues the search to fill an open President position in January 2027.

The Certificate of Merit Committee - Pam, Dorald and Sarah, have completed the final draft for the Certificate of Merit. Included are the *Explanation Sheet* (listing Purpose, Pre-Fair, During Fair, and Post Fair). The Certificate was created by Pam Sullivan as well as the individualized *List of WeGO Guilds* with QR code It will be updated per several requests by WeGO Representatives. Columbia Fibres will include two Washington State counties. Also included is the *Post Fair Survey*. This year we will only be including the Oregon State Fair and county fairs. *Surveys* will be assessed and the plan is to offer the Certificate of Merit to other fairs the Representatives wanted. Please remember to submit your request to Pam Sullivan at **pam7881@comcast.net** 2 weeks prior to your County Fair. We are going live this summer 2025. Many thanks to Pam and Dorald for their valuable work on the Certificate of Merit.

Treasurer Report by Annali Cross:

Annali presented comprehensive information on the following reports:

Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activity, Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Year to Year Comparison; and Ninth Restated Bylaws of WeGO. Forms available upon request.

See attachments for WeGO-Weaving Guilds of Oregon Profit and Loss Jan 01, 2025 to April 18, 2025; Gross Profit \$1,236.40; Total Operating Expenses: \$229.68. Net Profit: \$1,006.72. BALANCE SHEET As of 4-18-2025: Total Cash and Bank: \$31,072.01, Total Assets: \$1,006.72. Total Liabilities \$0.00. Total Equity \$1,006.72.

A discussion ensued regarding three of our big expenditures including Scholarships, Workshops, and The Traveling Show. Representatives preferred keeping our Scholarship rotation, and Workshops as our educational programs. We discussed as an alternative to The Traveling Show, having a booth for display vs vending, at Black Sheep Gathering, Oregon Flock and Fiber, or the High Desert Fair. The following guilds are very interested in hosting the next Workshop: Eugene, Rogue Valley, Umpqua and Clatsop.

Traveling Show: A motion was made by Sarah Mostkoff for the next Traveling Show to be tabled and revisited in 2027. Motion was seconded by Carrie Gordon. All approved and motion passed.

HGA (Handweaving Guilds of America) by Sarah Mostkoff: WeGO is sponsoring a Textile and Tea program in memory of Bette Nordberg May 6th. The featured guest is Joanne Soroka. January is HGA's Guild Building Retreat. This is a valuable source of information. Guilds might consider sending members to this virtual retreat next January.

ANWG Report: The ANWG conference in Yakima is progressing. Ala cart classes are open for registration. Check ANWG's website for information.

10 minute break, resumed at 1150 am.

Guild Reports given with slideshows presented. Guild Reports on the website.

Bylaws by Annali Cross: Cheryl Richardson and Annali have finished the Ninth Restated Bylaws, it is on the website. Annali reminded Sarah that any change of officers, representatives and all motions must be added to the minutes to fulfill IRS requirements.

Mentoring Guilds: Deferred

Recruitment and Retention: Tabled for a later date.

Guild Representatives PLEASE remember to report back to your guilds the news from this meeting. Anyone may access the WeGO website.

Karen Sieradski had questions about other guilds that have Saturday meetings to include employed weavers. An informal survey was taken about guilds who have Saturday meetings, or have tried them in the past.

Send Guild Reports to Lisa Krebs to put on the website. Annali suggested Representatives read the reports; good ideas can be gleaned from the reports. Sarah to send out reminder to absent guilds to pay dues and renewable membership.

A discussion was held about filling the role for President with representatives vs old board members; the importance of experience vs a president coming in cold turkey. This is Donna Wilson's last year as President. We continue our search to fill the role. Annali reminded us that sometimes VP's are not able to progress to the role of President. Job descriptions are more detailed in the recent Bylaw pages. Growing into the ranks is

preferred for President nominations. Sarah and Annali will follow up with old Board contact sheets for possible candidates. Now that all meetings are all virtual, there is no longer the financial burden of housing, food and travel. Motion to Adjourn by Sarah Mostkoff, second by Annali. All approved.

Revised and Submitted on 5-20-2025
By Sarah Mostkoff
Secretary

Next Meetings via Zoom:
October 18, 2025
April 18 2026

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