

WeGO General Meeting
April 18, 2026

The General Meeting was called to order by Donna Wilson at 1002 am. Carrie Gordon made a motion to approve October 2026 General Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Kathy Nelson. Motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Donna Wilson President; Sue Walsh Vice President; Annali Cross Treasurer; Communications substitute-Annali Cross (for Lisa Krebs); Sarah Mostkoff Secretary, Long Range Planning; Dorald Stotlz State Fair Coordinator; Pam Sullivan State Fair Demonstrations, & Salem Fiberarts Guild; Carrie Gordon HGA Rep, & COSW; LeAnn Meyer Education/ Workshops, and Clatsop Weavers Guild; Cheryl Richardson Eugene Weavers' Guild; Annali Cross (substitute for Lisa Krebs Saturday Handweavers).

Leigh Wheeler Aurora Colony Handspinners Guild, and Portland Handweavers Guild; Laurie Foster Gorge Handweavers Guild; and Columbia Fibres Guild; Eva Bailey Heritage Textile Arts; Janet Miller Humbug Weavers & Spinners Guild; Kathy Nelson Klamath Spinners & Weavers Guild; Cathy Hamm RVHWG; Maureen Kelly Threadbenders; Corienne Geddes Umpqua Weavers & Spinners; Patricia Beckman Webfoot Weavers & fiber Artists.
GUEST Cynthia Newman, Janet Tilton Alternative Rep for Heritage Textile Arts.

New Representatives noted:

Maureen Kelly, Threadbenders
Janet Miller, Humbug Mountain Weavers and Spinners Guild
Eva Bailey, Heritage Textile Arts
Laurie Foster, Gorge Handweavers Guild
Cathy Hamm, Rogue Valley Hand Weavers Guild

VICE PRESIDENT, Sue Walsh:

Scholarship report, Sue has received all information from past VP Karen Sieradski. All four guilds have accepted the scholarships.

TREASURER, Annali Cross:

Annali reviewed the **Balance Sheet for year ending 2025**. Certificate: \$25,603.58. Checking account: \$3,695.85. Savings: \$17.01. **First quarter 2026**: Certificate: \$25,852.82. Checking account: \$4,351.59. Savings: \$17.01.

Review of **Profit and Loss Sheet for year ending 2025**. Total Operating Expense: \$2,969.20.

First Quarter 2026 Total Operating Expense: \$586.99

Forms are available for review upon request. The increase in funds is attributed to raised membership fees, and funds put into CD's.

THE TRAVELING SHOW Donna Wilson:

2023 was the last Traveling Show. The group verbalized a desire for another Traveling Show. Representatives will go back to their guilds and investigate possible venues and desires to host the 2029 Traveling Show. The Committee members are Donna Wilson, Cynthia Newman, and Kathy Nelson. WeGO supplements \$2,500 to offset the entry fees to cover the show. The show gives membership an opportunity to show their best pieces to the public and to sell their art. Art galleries generally take a commission. In the past, Salem has held the last show, and wishes to do so again. Salem is a central location for easier pickup by the majority of artists when the show concludes thereby lowering the return postage costs. Several Representatives

expressed interest in hosting the Traveling Show, Umpqua, Salem, Threadbenders, COSW, Heritage, and EWG. Representatives, contact Donna Wilson if your guild is interested in hosting the 2029 Traveling Show. The committee will be meeting within a month. Portland and The Gorge were on the waiting list last year and expressed interest in hosting the next show.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR Annali Cross (sub for Lisa Krebs):

WeGO has a Facebook (FB) page where we share news of Oregon guilds, area fiber events and promote the Oregon State Fair. Representatives, if your guild has a FB page, please encourage your social media administrator to “like and follow” WeGO’s FB page. (Follow from your Guild page - not your personal pages!). This allows the State Fair to share information. WeGO’s website has a direct link to the FB page. Pam’s short videos and outreach posts helped spike the number of views on our website and FB. The most hits are on our homepage and membership guild lists. The most activity is the first of the year, and then again around the State Fair. Annali showed charts with the ebb and flow of views, age and gender, city and countries, Facebook predominately is used by those over 65 yrs of age. Contact Lisa Krebs for follow up questions and specific statistics.

Education/Workshop report LeAnn Meyers:

There are two possibilities for a workshop program, Stacy Schlutsmeyer with Tablet Weaving, or Ivy deHart with Painted Warps. The group preference was for a painted warp program. LeAnn needs to know which guilds are interested in hosting a workshop. And which options are most wanted:

1. A one day demonstration; or
2. A two day workshop; or
3. A three day workshop.

It was suggested that smaller guilds combine to hold workshops. Last time we had approximately 4 locations. The workshop is usually held in the fall prior to bad weather. Have representatives respond to LeAnn by May 15th if they are interested in hosting. Annali Cross will report back what the guilds vs WeGO’s financial portions are. Typically WeGO pays for travel expenses for the Instructor. If there is any balance left in WeGO’s budget, it goes towards the Instructors fee, divided among the hosting guilds.

STATE FAIR COORDINATOR Dorald Stotlz:

The Oregon State Fair is August 28-September 7. Please let your guilds know that if you entered a piece in a county fair, it can still be entered in this year’s State Fair. You can not enter any piece that has been in a previous Oregon State Fair. Each guild may collect all entries from their guild into one box and mail it, WeGO will reimburse the guild for mailing costs. These are guild collections. Not individual mailings. The State Fair uses the Danish method of judging against a standard, not against each other. Ribbons are awarded; Best of Division; and an Oregon Award.

OREGON STATE FAIR DEMONSTRATIONS AND COMPETITION Pam Sullivan:

Pam begins work on the State Fair the first of the year. Emails are from “**Fairlife**” **g-mail**. Pam and Dorald are available for zoom presentations for guilds, and if in close proximity, an in person visit to the guild. Judges are Corienne Geddes, Sidney Pigeon, Pat Spark, and Cameron Fries. If your guild “likes” Pam’s posts on Facebook, that will allow you to share her posts with your guild. Please encourage kids to enter. They are very much wanted-in any fiber category. There is a separate Fiber Arts prize for kids.

Demonstration signups begin in June. Reserve any or all of the 4 floor looms on a first come basis. (Note: there will be predetermined weaving projects on the looms with simple drafts to

follow.) Encourage and organize your guild to demonstrate. It is a 4 hour shift. You may demo any portable fiber art project you want. Sign up to get free parking and entry.

The WeGO **Certificate of Merit** will be offered in weaving and spinning categories at the Oregon State Fair. Reps may request the certificates for their local events. Instructions will follow.

Membership Drive: Please email names of any spinning groups that might be interested in joining WeGO to Pam, so she can contact them.

LONG RANGE PLANNING Sarah Mostkoff:

We have achieved many goals of our ten year plan and may add new goals at a future meeting.

Goals met are:

Goal 1 -

Objective 1: *Maintain a more active role in Oregon Fiber Festivals* met by the Certificate of Merit. We have expanded to cover weaving and hand spun fiber. Providing promotional material at Fairs. (Thank you Pam Sullivan for display information!) Maintaining the webpage (Lisa). WeGO is not able to budget cash awards at this time for the Certificate of Merit.

Objective 2: *Increase participation in State and County Fairs* by offering the Certificate of Merit, educating guilds prior to the Fairs by Representatives' ongoing encouragement of entering, and inviting Pam or Dorald to do a brief guild presentation about the State Fair. Offering a state wide delivery process to assist members' participation in the State Fair.

GOAL 2 - *Improve fiber art educational opportunities for member guilds.* All objectives met.

GOAL 3 - *WeGO communication with member guilds throughout the year.* All objective met except we need to work on improving reports to our home guilds after meetings.

GOAL 4 - *Stabilize income source.* Goals met per the Treasurer.

Ongoing goal:

GOAL 5 - *Improve Executive Board recruitment and retention.* We need to set up a committee to study officer recruitment and retention going forward so we can maintain a pool of upcoming candidates.

10 Minute Break, resumed at 1126 am

HANDWEAVING GUILD OF AMERICA (HGA) Carrie Gordon:

Encourage your guilds to watch Textile and Teas held live every Tuesday. There are many of the teachers from the NOLA Conference on this interview. Free recordings of the event are on the HGA website. One takeaway for Carrie is that we should be using our handwoven and not keep it hidden away as treasures.

Carrie thanks WeGO for allowing guild communication that lets us fill empty seats in other guild's classes. Her guild got two new members this way.

1143 pm Guild Reports available on the WeGO website.

NOMINATIONS: 2027-2029

President - Sue Walsh

Secretary and Long Range Planning - Sarah Mostkoff

State Fair - Dorald Stoltz

Future meetings 10-24-26 and 4-17-26 via Zoom

Motion to adjourn meeting, Annali Cross. Carrie Gordon seconds the motion.
Submitted by
Sarah Mostkoff, Secretary

Final 4.30.2026