WeGO General Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2026

Sue Walsh convened the WeGO General Meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Present: Sue Walsh (President); Annali Cross (Treasurer); Sarah Mostkoff (Secretary); Dorald Stoltz (State Fair Coordinator); Lisa Krebs (Communication Coordinator), SHG and RVHWG; Nora Gessert for Leigh Wheeler, ACHG and PHG; Carrie Gordon (HGA Rep) COSW; Laurie Foster CFG and GHG; Cheryl Richardson EWG; Eva Bailey HTA; Janet Miller HMWSG; Pam Sullivan (OSF Demonstrations) SFG; Cynthia Newman Threadbenders; Corinne Geddes UWS; Patricia Beckman WWFA.
Absent: LeAnn Meyer (Ed & Workshop Coordinator) and CWG. Kathy Nelson, KSWG.

A motion was made by Carrie Gordon to accept previous General Minutes as submitted, seconded by Lisa Krebs. Previous minutes approved as submitted.

Sue Walsh, VP, was appointed WeGO President. Due to illness, Donna Wilson stepped down as President after serving many years in the position and guiding WeGO through the pandemic and many changes over the years, including transitioning WeGO from in-person to Zoom meetings. She will be greatly missed. Vice President and ANWG positions remain open. Cynthia Newman is the new Representative for Threadbenders.

Scholarships: Sue Walsh: The rotating scholarship schedule ends in 2026. COSW scholarship is complete. PHG report is incoming. Humbug received an extension. **2027 scholarships were awarded** to Clatsop Weavers Guild, Klamath Spinners & Weavers Guild, Webfoot Weavers & Fiber Artists, and Eugene Weavers Guild. **Alternatives are:** Threadbenders, Rogue Valley, Heritage, and Gorge Handweavers. Sue will notify them and send them a welcome letter and scholarship policies.

Treasurer Annali Cross: Reviewed Current Balance Sheet and Profit and Losses as of October 24, 2026. Forms are available for review upon request. **PROFIT AND LOSS:** Total operating expenses $1,988.69. **Balance Sheet:** WeGO Certificate $26,418.34. WeGO Checking Account $2,775.25. WeGO Savings Account $17.01. Net Profit $105.84.

Annali and Lisa are working on transferring computer work to Google Workspace or a comparable platform so information is retained under WeGO rather than personal accounts.

Communications Coordinator Lisa Krebs:
Lisa shared documents showing the Facebook and website graphics and usage. She discussed increasing the number of followers by keeping the pages dynamic. Each guild is asked to follow the Facebook page and to promote it monthly. There were 1.7K views. FB views spike around the time of the State Fair. Sue suggested listing a draft of the month from the general domain; other suggestions were possible book reviews and tips of the month. Dorald said to remind members there is a Facebook page and website for WeGO. Send ideas to Lisa to increase views.

Education and Workshop Coordinator Report Given by Sue Walsh:
LeAnn Meyers was absent, no report provided. No further information to report to guilds for the Workshops until 2027.

State Fair Coordinator Dorald Stoltz:
Dorald discussed the success of the 2026 Oregon State Fair. Guild participation was increased in 2026 with 171 fiber art entries over 5 divisions, partially attributed to the friendly competition between three guilds. Central Oregon COSW had the most entries, followed by Eugene EWG, and Salem SFG. This is WeGO's 48th year providing demos at the State Fair. 2026 stats: 69 demonstrators with 8 guilds involved, a total of 1047 hours of demos in 2026. Roseburg demonstrated all 3 days. Dorald told the executive committee that they might need some money to cover another weaving judge for the OSF. It would be nice if the guilds would sponsor some of the awards ie: People's Choice and cash prizes for Dyeing and Felting. The Aurora and Salem guilds provide $100 cash awards for the one weaving division and two spinning divisions. She suggested that if a guild didn't feel they could afford $100, perhaps two or three guilds could collectively sponsor an award.

Aurora Colony Handspinners donates $250.
Salem SFG donates $250.
ETC donates $300 in gift certificates.
WOOL Clubhouse donates $50.
WeGO donates $300 and pays for guild shipping to and from the fair.

State Fair Demonstrations Pam Sullivan:
Pam did a wonderful slide show for the State Fair on the website. She asks to have guilds "like" the State Fair fiber section so it will populate on guild websites. She has information for guilds to put on their websites. Pam discussed that guilds with liaisons who are very active in the fair encourage their guilds and have the most successful entry turn out. Annali requested the State Fair slides be put on WeGO's website.

Long Range Planning Sarah Mostkoff:
Goals and objectives of the 2025 plan were discussed. Looking forward, we need to update the plan every 3 years and reevaluate it every meeting to see if we are meeting our objectives.
Goal 1 - Maintain a more active role in Oregon's fiber festivals is mostly met. We will look at having a trifold available at the next State Fair, and possibly business cards. Guilds can display the QR code at their events. We can put the QR code on our Home Page. People want to keep the Certificate of Merit, but it needs to be promoted more to the guilds next year. I didn't do that this year, and there were no certificates requested. It is available for weaving and spinning. Contact Sarah Mostkoff for information.
Goal 2 - Improve fiber art educational opportunities for member guilds - 50% of goals met. We are decidedly lacking in providing workshops to the guilds. This needs to be improved as it affects our accountability with the guilds.
Goal 3 - Maintain WeGO communication with member guilds throughout the year. This goal is mostly met. Representatives are encouraged to continue reporting back to their guilds. If guild representatives cannot attend a meeting, please let Sue Walsh know and also arrange for an alternate member from your guild to attend the meetings.
Goal 4 - Stabilize income source - Annali reminded us that our dues do not carry the organization. Historically, we have had money from hosting the ANWG show every 10 years to support scholarships and workshops. It is no longer the money maker it used to be, mainly due to inflation, and college campuses not being available to hold the conference. We will monitor how Portland does hosting ANWG.
Goal 5 - Improve Executive Board recruitment and retention - work on clarifying object #3 regarding travel expenses. Sue asked board members to update their job positions to help with recruitment.
Sarah also discussed the **Fire Fund** briefly. We have money in the general fund earmarked for this.

Handweavers Guild of America Carrie Gordon:
Carrie reminded us that HGA Spinning and Weaving week just ended, and online videos are available for 3 months. The one-time cost is $90 plus a membership. Textiles and Tea are available to watch every Tuesday. They are on the website for 3 months, and are on YouTube permanently.

Break 10 minutes

Traveling Show Cynthia Newman:
The 2029 team is Cynthia Newman and Kathy Nelson. Donna Wilson is no longer able to participate. Linda Gettman will be contacted to judge her interest in being on the ad hoc committee. COSW will host at Barber Library. Salem Fiber Guild will host the last showing due to the central location for pickup. The schedule is pending, and venues are being secured.

Old Business:
Sue discussed the need for an ANWG representative, especially in light of information needed for the ANWG conference. ANWG is June 14-19, 2027. Dorald will speak with Salem's ANWG representative.

New Business:
Sue related that Dan Steves from ANWG needs lots of volunteers for the event. Representatives, please encourage your guild members to fill volunteer spots; soon there will be a job description list. Dorald gave the website address for volunteering online at @anwgconference.org. Sue will secure a place for an in-person meet-up. Perhaps a breakfast or lunch.

Guild Reports and Show and Share provided.
Available on the WeGO Website.
There was a guild request to add Spinning Fairs to the WeGO Website.

Election of Officers:
Nominees: President (Sue Walsh); Secretary (Sarah Mostkoff); Long Range Planning (Sarah Mostkoff); State Fair (Dorald Stoltz). All agreed to stay in their positions. Carrie Gordon moved for the slate to be elected. Lisa Krebs seconded the motion. All in favor, motion accepted.

The Vice President position is open. The workload is light. The job entails managing scholarships and being the safety net under the president.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
Spring Meeting via Zoom, April 17, 2027
Fall Meeting via Zoom, October 16, 2027
In Person Meeting during ANWG Conference, June 14-19, 2027 meeting place TBD

General Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Mostkoff
WeGO Secretary