

**MidAtlantic Fiber Association Representatives Assembly**  
**June 29, 2019**  
**MAFA Conference United in Fiber**  
**Millersville University, Millersville, PA**

**Board Members Attending:**

Karen Miller, President  
Charlene Marietti, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Communications  
Theresa Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Conference  
Marla Campbell, Treasurer  
Mary Strouse, Grants Committee Chair  
Margaret Briggs, Membership Chair  
Patty Chrisman, Secretary

**Guild Representatives Attending:**

Central PA Guild of Handweavers, Tara Kiley-Rothwell  
Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild, Margaret Briggs  
Chautauqua County Weavers Guild, Suanne Pasquarella  
Chesapeake Weavers, Pat Capogrossi  
Fiber Guild of the Blue Ridge, Kathy Reed  
Foothills Spinners & Weavers Guild, Karen Miller (alt.)  
Frances Irwin Handweavers, Patty Chrisman (alt.)  
Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild, Aileen Campbell  
Handweavers of Bucks County, Chris Field-Funk  
Handweavers of the New River Valley, Carolyn Moore  
Harmony Weavers Guild, Carol Ireland  
Lancaster Spinners & Weavers, Tara Kiley-Rothwell  
New York Guild of Handweavers, Charlene Marietti  
North Country Spinners, Patty Chrisman  
Palisades Guild of Spinners & Weavers, Linda Pierson  
Paumonaok Weavers Guild, Dorothy Berglin  
Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers, Hedy Lyles (alt)  
Potomac Fiber Arts Guild, Diana Guenther  
South Jersey Guild of Spinners & Handweavers, Helena Valentine  
Sunnyside Weavers, Candy Hargett  
Susquehanna Valley Spinners & Weavers Guild, Cecile Stiner  
Tavern Spinners & Weavers, Kathy Rohacek  
Third Star Fiber Artist's Guild, Diane Beier  
Three Rivers Fiber Focus, Angela Fishman, Debbie Hadfield  
Tryon Weavers Guild, Pat Canaday  
Waterford Weavers, Meg Lundsager  
Weavers Guild of Buffalo, Suanne Pasquarella  
Weavers Guild of Rochester, Suanne Pasquarella  
Weavers Roundtable, Barbara Diefenderfer  
Walk In Arts Center (WIAC) Fiber Guild, Lorraine Felker  
Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers Guild, Marcia Rehkamp  
Woodstock Weavers, Nan Solomon

## **Welcome**

President Karen Miller welcomed all attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. She ran through the numbers of attending guilds and the guild with the most participants was Baltimore, with 34 attendees, followed by Philadelphia with 22; a three-way tie for Fredericksburg, Lancaster County and Bucks County with 14; a tie between Central Virginia and Potomac with 13. Harmony, Rochester and Triangle from North Carolina each had 12.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the Reps Meeting held at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival May 4, 2019 were approved as posted.

**Treasurer's Report** (Treasurer Marla Campbell) The Treasurer's report is appended to the minutes. Marla noted that 11 spinners and 8 weavers were given scholarship money this year.

**Communications Report** (First Vice President Charlene Marietti) Charlene emphasized improvements made to the website in the past two years and encouraged Reps to utilize the resources and opportunities found there. We need volunteers to help with social media including Facebook, Ravelry and Instagram. She noted that after the conference the MAFA Facebook page will be changed to an independent business account rather than a "personal" page.

**Conference Report** (Conference Chair Theresa Hill) Theresa noted that she had already been receiving lots of positive feedback on the conference and thanked all the Reps who had volunteered and helped publicize the conference. There will be a final report included in the next newsletter which will come out in a little over a week. She reminded everyone to respond to the surveys. There was a question from the reps as to whether the conference will remain at Millersville and whether it would be larger in the future. President Karen Miller described how responsive the University has been to our needs and it is likely it will be held again at MU. Most felt that the current size (in the 400s) is the best as it combines the qualities of a more "intimate" conference with the array of course offerings found in large conferences.

The idea of Guilds hosting "mini-MAFA conference" in off-years was brought up. If guilds combine their efforts, there is grant money available for this.

**Membership Report** (Membership Chair/Volunteer Coordinator Margaret Briggs) Margaret noted that there are currently 51 member guilds—five joined for the conference. There are 100 associate members. She reminded the reps to provide information on their guilds for the "Guild Profile" pages on the website. She also reminded everyone that there will be a need for a new Membership Chair going forward.

**Grants/Fellowship Committee Report** (Grants Chair Mary Strouse) Since the last conference, three grants have been approved for a total of \$3300. Several others started the process but did not complete, therefore they received no funding. The application deadline for grants has been moved to November 1. The current budget for grants is \$5000; it is not likely to go to a single guild. There will be a couple of openings on the Grants Committee in January.

**Election of Officers** Thank you to the Nominating Committee, who presented the following slate of officers for the MidAtlantic Fiber Association's October 2019 to September 2021 cycle.

- for President: Helena Valentine (South Jersey Guild of Spinners and Handweavers)
- for First Vice President: Sara Robbins (Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers)
- for Second Vice President: Margaret Briggs (Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild)
- for Treasurer: Marla Campbell (Central Virginia Fiberarts Guild)
- for Secretary: Patty Chrisman (North Country Spinners (NJ))

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to approve the above candidates was made by Kathy Reed; seconded by Suanne Pasquarella. The motion carried.

**Other Business**

President Karen Miller gave a short presentation about navigating the MAFA website and pointed out various features including Reps information, guild profiles, Events and Fiber Resources. Additionally, the grants page includes final reports from past grants recipients that are very useful. She emphasized the need to keep things current and that input from the Reps is important. The possibility of including “classifieds” in the future was discussed.

**Adjourn** Upon motion by Suanne Pasquarella and seconded by Theresa Hill, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 am.

Submitted by  
Patty Chrisman, Secretary

2:44 PM  
06/22/19  
Accrual Basis

MAFA  
Balance Sheet  
As of June 22, 2019

	<u>Jun 22, 19</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
18 Month CD - Matures 6/1/20	75,000.00 <sup>1</sup>
Bus Money Market	51,697.74
Checking Bus Adv Plus	202,242.39 <sup>2</sup>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>328,940.13</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>328,940.13</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>328,940.13</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Fellowships	2,400.00 <sup>3</sup>
Grants Final Payment	765.00 <sup>4</sup>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>3,165.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,165.00</u>
Total Liabilities	3,165.00
Equity	
Retained Earnings	152,131.68
Net Income	173,643.45
Total Equity	<u>325,775.13</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>328,940.13</u></b>

1. CD Matures June 2020. Interest earned to date is \$934.53
2. Amount includes unrestricted funds in the amounts of \$34.46 Amazon Smile and \$363.00 in uncategorized donations. Also includes restricted funds in the amounts \$275.15 Allen Fannin and \$89.50 Ellen Dorosh.
3. 2019 Fellowships to be paid in the fall of 2019 if requirements are met.
4. Final grant amount to be paid by 2/15/2020 to Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore if all requirements are met.