

MidAtlantic Fiber Association Representatives Assembly -- October 10, 2017

The fall meeting of the representatives of the MidAtlantic Fiber Association was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 via teleconference.

Board Members in Attendance

Karen Miller, President
Charlene Marietti, First VP\Communications
Theresa Hill, 2nd VP\Conference
Marla Campbell, Treasurer

Joan Martin, Secretary
Mary Strouse, Grants Chair
Margaret Briggs, Membership Chair
Elisa Eiger, Past President

Guild Representatives in Attendance

Margaret Briggs, Albemarle, Whirling Whorls
Karen Miller, Foothills
Suanne Pasquarella, Buffalo, Rochester,
Chautauqua
Carol Ireland, FiberGuild, Harmony
Sally Orgren, Frances Irwin, Jockey Hollow
Paula Beiber, Lancaster
Charlene Marietti, New York, South Jersey
Patty Chrisman, North Country Spinners
Penny Coleman, Southern Tier
Barbara Richter, Warped Weavers
Barbara Diefenderfer, Weaver's Roundtable
Stephen Fox, Westfield
Pat Capogrossi, Chesapeake, Greater Baltimore

Deborah Forrest, Blue Ridge
Diane Baumgartner, Foothills
Carolyn Moore, New River Valley
Chris Field-Funk, Bucks County
Lori Wall, Morgantown
Fred Brown, Palisades
Susan Quel, Richmond
Sandra Talarico, Shore Fiber
Helena Valentine, South Jersey
Diane Beier, Third Star
Meg Lundsager, Waterford Weavers

Other attendees:

Aileen Campbell
Deborah Herrin

CALL TO ORDER President Karen Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Representatives of 32 guilds were present.

APPROVAL of MINUTES The minutes of the Reps Meeting of July 22, 2017 were approved as posted.

OFFICERS and COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS President Karen Miller reported the resignation of Donna Mentzer. The Board has appointed Theresa Hill as VP Conference.

The survey form from Conference 2017 had a great return rate and provided the board with an overview of the conference pluses and minuses, as well as a number of suggestions for 2019. A meeting with Millersville University is scheduled to discuss a date for the next conference, preferably at a time when there are no football players there.

Discussion groups at the previous rep meeting were used by the board as they set out their goals and objectives for 2017-2019. These goals include:

- Improving information sharing & guild-to-guild connections
- Involving more reps and guilds in MAFA activities
- Facilitating more educational opportunities

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Marla Campbell reported Current Account Balances as of 9/30/2017 are:

Checking:	\$14,703.46
Money Marketing:	\$71,696.90
CD:	<u>\$75,237.00</u>
Total:	\$161,637.36

She also noted that, although final reporting is not quite complete, it appears that the conference produced excess proceeds of over \$45,000, which will be directed towards other MAFA objectives.

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR REPORT Communications Chair Charlene Marietti asked that the reps join her committee in keeping the social media sites alive. We have over 850 Facebook followers. She is reviewing several proposals for a major re-building of the main website and its infrastructure.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT Conference Chair Theresa Hill asked that reps and their guilds volunteer for conference jobs. The various categories needing help include: vendor prizes, sample exchange, book signing, spinning games and competitions, goodie bags, the fashion show. More information is on the MAFA website under the "[Get Involved](#)" tab.

The committee is considering scheduling the conference for June 27-30, 2019 or August 1-4, 2019. All reps should poll their members to see if these dates work for them, and let Theresa know at secondvp@mafafiber.org if either of the dates is problematic.

Once a conference date is announced, instructors will be asked for proposals. Any additional suggestions should be sent to education@mafafiber.org

GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT Grants Committee Chair Mary Strouse announced that she now has seven members on the Grants Committee. Applications for 2018 grants are due on January 31, 2018. The application will be available on the website by November.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Membership Chair Margaret Briggs announced there are currently 43 member guilds. The Fredricksburg Guild of Virginia will be joining soon, and their rep Ailene Campbell was present at the meeting. The reps need to let Margaret know of any officer changes. MAFA plans to more regularly publish communications with the guilds in the coming months. Guild input will be especially important. Margaret will be sending out a survey in November to collect ideas and suggestions for what information guilds would like about other guilds and how they would best like to share information about programs.

WEBMASTER REPORT Webmaster David Banks was not able to attend, but Karen Miller reported that he is working with Charlene on the new website. In addition, he continues to provide guilds with help in setting up and maintaining their own websites. Contact him at webmaster@mafafiber.org with

questions or requests for assistance.

NEW BUSINESS Karen Miller announced that we are planning to more regularly communicate with the reps, every two months. Watch for our next communications in early November.

Carol Ireland announced that the Harmony Weavers are exhibiting their work at the Delaware Art Museum in Wilmington, Delaware. The show runs until mid-January 2018.

Barrett Brown, Richmond Weavers, reported that her guild had recently digitized the guild's sample books. She is willing to serve as a resource to help others in MAFA do this with the MAFA books. Primarily, one person needs to organize the effort, and standardize the searchable fields. Then others can scan the samples and the drafts and enter in some data. Dave Banks would help us to create the searchable database. Perhaps this could be a guild project, if any guild is interested.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Martin
Secretary

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the MAFA Representative Assembly will take place the first Saturday in May 2018 at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. Exact time and location will be announced later and publicized later next spring.