

**MidAtlantic Fiber Association  
Representatives Meeting  
May 2, 2015**

A meeting of the representatives of the MidAtlantic Fiber Association was held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival.

**Board Members in Attendance**

Ellen Turner, President  
Elisa Eiger, Vice President

Lori Wall, Corresponding Secretary  
Karen Miller, Recording Secretary

**Guild Representatives in Attendance**

Kim Pierce, Blue Ridge  
Sara Bixler, Central Penn  
Suanne Pasquarella, Buffalo, Rochester,  
Chautauqua  
Pat Capogrossi, Chesapeake  
Carol Ireland, Fiberguild, Harmony  
Diane Baumgartner, Foothills  
Sally Orgren, Frances Irwin, Jockey  
Hollow

Carolyn Hamm, Potomac Fiber Arts  
Nancy Turner, South Jersey  
Cecile Stiner, Susquehanna Valley  
Marion Flint, Triangle Weavers  
Deborah Herrin, Greater Baltimore  
Linda Shinn, Harmony  
Elisa Eiger, Palisades  
Lori Wall, Morgantown

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 PM by President Ellen Turner. Introductions were made. Representatives of 18 guilds were present.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Elisa Eiger congratulated the Triangle Weavers Guild of Durham, North Carolina, for receiving a MAFA grant to assist with the creation of a fiber arts center. Elisa reminded reps that MAFA awards grants to guilds for activities that involve bringing fiber arts to the general public. In the past, guilds have received grants for fiber festivals, for workshops open to the public, for fiber work with youth, etc . Applications are due January 31. More information is available on the MAFA website. Previous grants have ranged from \$700-1500, depending on what funding is available.

**RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

No changes to the minutes of the Fall 2014 Reps Meeting have been received. Suanne Pasquarella moved that the minutes be accepted. Carol Ireland seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Lori Wall noted that the Board would like a Nominating Committee to find officer candidates for the offices up for election in the fall of 2015. Open offices are President, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary. Contact Lori or Ellen to volunteer to be on the committee.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Treasurer's report was available.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ellen reiterated Lori's call for a Nomination Committee. Since this is a volunteer organization, we are constantly looking for committed volunteers. Ellen noted that if the committee members were in place before the conference, they could talk to potential officers there.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***MAFA 2015 Conference Report***

Ellen reported that the July conference was going to be on a bigger scale than recent conferences have been. We already have 270 participants registered for workshops. Thirty vendors will be in attendance. Ten guilds will be setting up guild exhibits.

Early registration closes May 15, at which point the Board will determine which workshops have enough participants to run. Confirmations will then be sent out to instructors and students. Late registration will continue until June 9.

Registration will be held in the dorm, so participants can park, register, get their dorm keys from the university personnel, and move into their room all at one stop. Carts will be available to assist with offloading.

At registration, students will learn the location of their workshops. We hope to have students available to help with unloading of the looms at the various buildings where the classes will be held.

Jennifer Moore will give a keynote address on Thursday evening. The Fashion Show will take place Friday evening. (Remember, you don't have to be able to WEAR what you show – lawn chairs and dishtowels have been shown in the past!) Open Studio visits will take place on Saturday evening.

Guild exhibits will be set up in part of the vendor hall. A question was raised about security. We will need to have a volunteer monitoring the exhibits whenever the vendor hall is open. Some questions were also raised about the size of the exhibits allowed. It was noted that the exhibits will not have walls to hang things on – but some guilds plan to bring racks of some kind to create a "wall" for their exhibit. Additional questions should be directed to Sandi Petty at [guildexhibitscoordinator@mafafiber.org](mailto:guildexhibitscoordinator@mafafiber.org).

Ellen also noted that participants could apply for MAFA (or HGA) fellowships to attend the conference. Beginning spinners and weavers will also be given a scholarship, with no need to apply. See the MAFA website for more information.

There will be a special table set up to sell Ellen Dorosh's stash. Proceeds will go to a special scholarship for MAFA 2017.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Karen Miller at [volunteercoordinator@mafafiber.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@mafafiber.org)

**Membership:** We now have 42 guilds belonging to MAFA.

***Volunteer Recognition***

Ellen recognized the following volunteers:

MAFA 2015 – Registrar – Pat Capogrossi

MAFA 2015 - Vendor Chair -- Donna Mentzer, Sara Knisley Bixler, Jeri Robinson-Lawrence

MAFA 2015 - Education Chair -- Beth Wilson

MAFA 2015 - Guild Exhibits Chair -- Sandi Petty

MAFA 2015 - Volunteer Coordinator -- Karen Miller

Membership Chair and Webmaster -- David Banks

Grants Committee Chair -- Carol Wood

Goody Bags—Lori Wall and David Moran

Instructor Transportation—Lancaster Spinners and Weavers

Social Media—

*Weavolution*, **Sally Orgren** from Frances Irwin and Cross Country;

*Facebook*, **Sara Knisely Bixler** from Central PA;

*Ravelry*, **Paula Bieber** from Lancaster;

*Pinterest*, **Jeri Robinson-Lawrence** from Millersville University;

*Google* and *LinkedIn*, **David Banks** from Williamsburg

Ellen also thanked her board members:

*President*, Ellen Turner

*Vice President*, Elisa Eiger,

*Recording Secretary*, Karen Miller

*Corresponding Secretary*, Lori Wall

*Treasurer*, Dina Callow

*Past President*, Mickie Schneider

Sally Orgren noted that the Social Media names mentioned are not the exclusive posters on the social media sites. It is much more interesting if there is a dialog. So please ask questions you would like answers to – or ones you think others might want to have answered.

Marion Flint moved to close the meeting and Kim Pierce seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Miller

Recording Secretary