

Embroiderers' Guild of America

Mid-Eastern Region EGA Meeting

Fall 2021

October 9, 2021; Zoom Meeting

Meeting Time 10:00 A.M.

Call to Order

The mission of the Embroiderers' Guild of America is to inspire passion for the needle arts through education and the celebration of its heritage. (www.egausa.org).

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:03 A.M. on October 9, 2021.

All attendees and guests were welcomed to the meeting. Jean Hubsch, Region Director, asked for a flexible agenda for the meeting.

Jean Hubsch made it known that she was recording the meeting to assist Caryn Fuchs, Region Secretary, with the typing of the minutes.

Establish Quorum: Caryn Fuchs completed roll call and named auditors

Attendance was called.

Jackie Droleski and Mary Van Tyne volunteered to audit the minutes of the Fall 2021 meeting. After their audit, these minutes will be sent to and voted on for approval by all board members.

Members Present

Executive Board

- Region Director, Jean Hubsch
- Assistant Region Director, Jackie Droleski
- Treasurer, JoAnn Coates
- Secretary, Caryn Fuchs

Committee Chairs

- Bylaws Chair, Julie Fera (also present as Crawford County Region Representative)
- Education Chair, Mary Van Tyne
- Outreach Chair, Sharon Mozeko
- Parliamentarian, Judy Badger (also present as Keystone Chapter Region Representative)
- Policies and Procedures Chair, Julie Fera (also present as Crawford County Region Representative)
- Ways and Means, Shelly Meldrum

Region Representatives

- BC Stitchers Chapter Region Representative, Carol Young
- Buffalo Chapter Region Representative, Carolyn Dowling
- Central New York Chapter Region Representative, Karen Lewis, Proxy
- Chemung Valley Region Representative, Terry Faber
- Genesee Valley Chapter Region Representative, Rosemary Altmann

- Mohawk Chapter Region Representative, Ann Harris
- Three Rivers Chapter Region Representative, Colleen Brennan
- Treasured Stitchery Chapter Region Representative, Terry Faber

Members Absent

- Historian, Betty Berkebile
- Newsletter and Webmaster, Katie Tomlinson
- Nominating Committee Chair, vacant
- Corning Chapter Region Representative, Anna Steckert
- Keystone Chapter Region Representative, Betty Berkebile
- National Trails Chapter Region Representative, Lori Abraham
- South Towns Needle Nuts Chapter Region Representative, Irene Andruczyk
- Little Stitches 2022 Chair, Betty Berkebile

A quorum was established.

Notable Guests

No notable guests were present.

Consent Agenda: Ratification of Minutes of the Spring 2021 Meeting: Caryn Fuchs (auditors Jackie Droleski, Terry Faber)

Jean Hubsch asked if all were in agreement with the Spring minutes; all stated aye, minutes were ratified.

No between-session voting was conducted between the Spring 2021 meeting and the Fall 2021 meeting.

Region Director's Report: Jean Hubsch

The report stands as submitted. Jean reminded all Region Representatives that they would need to submit year-end reports to her for inclusion in her report at the National meeting in March.

Assistant Director's Report: Jackie Droleski

The report stands as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: JoAnn Coates

JoAnn presented the balance sheet and profit & loss statement from QuickBooks for all Region activity through 9/30/2021. Although we were able to host the Region seminar and Summer Stitch Camp and had minimal income from the sale of the Amadeus pattern and MER merchandise, we are still showing a deficit through the first nine months of the year. This deficit is due to the seed monies and grant monies, from the Education Fund, issued to Little Stitches

2022. Other retreat expenses included seminar expenses and Summer Stitch Camp. Additional expenses were incurred for the Region Director to attend the National seminar in Chicago.

No questions were posed to the activity; the report will be filed for audit.

JoAnn asked all in attendance to submit any fourth (4th) quarter expenses by the first week in December to ensure they are posted and clear the bank by year-end.

Our 2020 books were recently audited and there were no findings reported.

Committee Reports

Bylaws: Julie Fera

The report stands as submitted.

Julie updated the group on the National update to the matter of voting. She will update our by-laws to reflect 1 person, 2 votes. A person can have a Chapter vote and a Board vote.

Education: Mary Van Tyne

The report stands as submitted.

Historian: Betty Berkebile

The report stands as submitted.

Newsletter and Website: Katie Tomlinson

The report stands as submitted.

Nominating Committee: Vacant

The report stands as submitted.

Outreach: Sharon Mozeko

The report stands as submitted.

Sharon stated that she has sent an email out asking for results of the number of chapters or members who donated to the Hearts for Hospice program. Please send your final numbers to her by the end of December to be included in her final report to National.

Policy & Procedures: Julie Fera

The report stands as submitted.

Ways & Means: Shelly Meldrum

The report stands as submitted.

Shelly provided an update that the current inventory remaining is twelve (12) mugs and two (2) blankets.

Region Representative Reports

BC Stitchers: Carol Young

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Buffalo: Carolyn Dowling

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Central New York: Karen Lewis

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Chemung Valley: Terry Faber

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Corning: Anna Steckert

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Crawford County: Julie Fera

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Genesee Valley: Rosemary Altmann

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Keystone: Judy Badger, Betty Berkebile

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Mohawk Valley: Ann Harris

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

National Trails: Lori Abraham

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

South Towns Needle Nuts: Irene Andruczyk

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Three Rivers: Colleen Brennan

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Treasured Stitchery: Terry Faber

Reporting requirement waived for this meeting.

Old Business

Seminar 2020+1 – Jean Hubsch

The seminar and financial reports stand as submitted.

Summer Stitch Camp

The report stands as submitted.

Status of MER – Judy Badger

During the National meeting, the wording in the by-laws was changed from a specific number of regions to reflect regions. As a result of this change, a National Committee, comprised of five (5) members, has been formed to review the status of EGA. Members include National Vice-President, Marge Kelly, National By-Laws Chair, Sun Region, Region Director, Judy Badger, and one additional member. This review will include region structure, members at large, and what can be done to better serve the membership. More information on the committee's review will be available after the National meeting in March. As a result of this review, MER needed to review the status of two positions on the Executive Committee.

Judy Badger made the following motion:

That MER allows the current Region Secretary and Region Treasurer to continue in their current offices until MER is restructured.

Rationale: To allow for the continuity of operations and information.

Sharon Mozeko seconded this motion. A vote was called and the motion passed.

Little Stitches 2022

The report stands as submitted.

The brochures are almost complete and will be sent to Katie Tomlinson for distribution to all members with a valid email address and posting on the Region's website. Registration will open 11/1/21 for MER members and 1/1/22 for non-MER members.

Other Old Business

None

New Business

Future Group Correspondence Courses or other educational events

Mary Van Tyne started her presentation by posing a question to the Board about how MER should offer group correspondence courses or other educational events in 2022. General discussion determined that it would be best for all to pose the questions to their Chapters and report back to the Board. Based on this decision, group correspondence courses selection will be tabled until the Spring meeting. No courses will be offered in the interim.

Jean Hubsch offered congratulations to Mary who is EGA's National Virtual Education Chair and this year's Gold Thread Winner.

In her National role, Mary is aware of several lectures that are available to the Region and will be funded by monies from National. She will review the lectures that are available and select one to be presented in early December, based on feedback from the MER education survey.

Summer Stitch Camp 2022

The dates for the 2022 session to be held are October 7-10, 2022,

Camp Stitch a Lot January 2022 – Funding

At this time, the event is tentatively scheduled to be held from January 14-17, 2022.

Colleen Brennan provided an update on the restrictions at Villa Maria due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the effects on Camp Stitch a Lot. At this time, visitors are restricted to going to the conference hall, we may need to cancel again this year. Colleen will continue to work with her contact at Villa Maria and provide updates as to the status. Information regarding the event will be posted on the MER website, with the caveat that there is the possibility it may need to be canceled.

Colleen Brennan made the following motion:

That MER contributes \$700.00 towards Camp Stitch a Lot from the General Fund.

Rationale: To defray costs to participants due to the increase in the cost per day.

Mary Van Tyne seconded this motion.

General discussion ensued around this motion. JoAnn Coates stated that it was a benefit to the membership and supported the motion. Terry Faber inquired as to the general costs to attend the event. Colleen stated that it will cost each participant \$270 to \$290 as room fees and meals have increased. The \$700 request was based on \$15.00 per participant. Judy Badger commented that we should consider giving \$500 to each Stitch Camp.

Colleen Brennan withdrew her original motion and made the following revised motion:

That MER contribute \$500.00 towards both Camp Stitch a Lot and Summer Stitch Camp in 2022 from the General Fund.

Rationale: To defray costs to participants due to the increase in the cost per day.

Mary Van Tyne seconded this motion. A vote was called and the motion passed.

Sharon Mozeko inquired if we would be charging a visitor fee for non-MER members. During the general discussion of her question, it was decided that a donation line would be placed on the registration form. JoAnn Coates stated that she was aware of the proper wording that could be

used for this request. Carol Young suggested that JoAnn send the proper wording to Colleen to include on the registration form.

DEI workshop report

EGA is continuing to work on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, which has been renamed IDEA = Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility. The preliminary results of the survey from last summer were compiled by an outside firm to provide a baseline of where we are today.

An ad hoc group has been created consisting of each Region director and two region members. Our group consists of Jean Hubsch, Carol Young, and Raven Fagelson. The group, with Mary Van Tyne sitting in for Raven, attended a workshop the weekend of September 18-19, 2021. The next step in the process will be strategic planning.

2022 Budget Approval

JoAnn presented the 2022 budget and during the review, it was noted that an additional \$400.00 in expenses would need to be added to allow for the monies paid to Committee Chairs for attendance at the Region Meetings. The overall budget, with the amendment, reflects an operating loss for 2022 of \$5,485.00.

Sharon Mozeko made the following motion:

That MER approve the 2022 Budget as presented with the proposed amendment to add travel expenses for the Committee Chairs.

Terry Faber seconded this motion. A vote was called and the motion passed.

Spring Meeting April 29, 2022, Beaver Falls, PA

The Spring meeting is scheduled to be held in person on Friday, April 29, 2022, in Beaver Falls, PA at Little Stitches. A Zoom option will also be available.

Other New Business

The Corning Chapter is hosting a virtual Zoom event in February and March of 2022. The class will be taught by Celeste Chalasani. Registration is open until 11/15/21.

Jean asked that all Chapters have a generic email address that can be easily passed to incoming officers and enables potential new members to continue to contact the chapters. She also asked to review the information for your Chapter on the National website and update it if necessary.

Adjournment

Jean Hubsch adjourned the meeting at 11:53 am.

Action Items

Please note completed action items are left on the list for the meeting after their completion to show that they have been completed. They will drop off the list at the subsequent meeting.

	Who will accomplish this?	By when?	Completed?
Verify the information for your chapter president, chapter treasurer, and the number of members, and send that information to the region director.	All region representatives	As soon as possible	Ongoing
Verify the information for your chapter president, region representative, and newsletter editor (if your chapter has one) and send that information to Katie Tomlinson.	All region representatives	As soon as possible	Ongoing