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## New England Lace Group

### Annual Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2011

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Executive Board Attendees: Jill Hawkins, President; Elisabeth Wagner; Librarian; Barbara Morrow, Member at Large; Carolyn Wetzel, Vice President; Susan L. Benzer, Clerk

Executive Board Absent: Winann Steinmetz, Treasurer/Membership; Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor

Member Attendees: Erin Chang, Linda Lane, Michele Weiss, Mary Linden, Patty Foley, Marjorie Dashef, Sharon Sacco, Linda M. Sheff, Jeanne Goodwin

- Meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m.; Jill Hawkins presided.
- First item on the agenda is the election: Patty Foley - candidate for president; Mary Linden - candidate for Member-at-Large.
  - Asked for nominations from the floor. None received.
  - Barbara Morrow motioned to accept slate as presented. Marjorie Dashef seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
  - Jill thanked the nomination committee - Doris Schick and Laura Bensley.
- Need volunteers for new nominating committee. Need to fill Vice President and Treasurer/Membership positions.
- Carolyn Wetzel presented a personalized commemorative bobbin for Jill as the outgoing president. Jill also has one for Barbara Morrow as outgoing Member-at-large, but it is in the post.
- VP's report - no programs for next year. Suggestions for another field trip and a Battenberg lesson and a small needlelace pillow.
  - September's meeting might be Sep 10 rather than Sep 17. Stay tuned for announcements.
  - Carolyn would like to do a survey on interest in programs. According to Patty, this is something that we can do through the new web site.
  - Another suggestion - Lies' program on how to attach lace to textiles.
  - Carolyn Wetzel has been asked to do a program & workshop at the Met in NY. Would like an assistant to help with the workshop.
- Treasurer's report presented by Jill. Retreat was quite successful. Made over \$1000. Preliminary figures.
- Library report - Elisabeth Wagner - lot of new books. List will be in next newsletter.
  - Suggestions for new items - one is a new book on invisible starts and endings, another on Hinojosa lace.
- Newsletter deadline - July 1.
- Website update - getting more countries hitting on the site. Paypal is now available for paying membership.
  - Membership database is now complete. 96 active members. 2 complimentary for Jeannette van Ord and Holly van Sciver.
  - Membership lace gallery on website - please submit pictures for this. Doesn't need to be new. Email to Jill Hawkins or Patty Foley.
- Creative Arts - Sep 16 - Oct 2. Info now available on Big E website. Entry forms due Aug 1. Entries are due Sep 9 & 10 Theme is The Big E.

- Other events
  - Aug. 20 - 21. Deerfield Valley Farmers Day Fair, Wilmington, VT.
  - Aug. 27 - 28 - Muster Field Farm Museum "Farm days", North Sutton, NH
- Tag sale or swap - potential fall program?
- Other business:
  - Not-for-profit status - the group has talked about this since 1996. Patty Foley has volunteered to do this and get it done, estimated \$100 to incorporate in Connecticut and \$400 or \$850 to file with the IRS - depending on whether our gross income has been over \$10K in last 4 years.
  - Carolyn Wetzel moved that we appropriate up to \$750 to pay the fees to submit paperwork to get not-for-profit status. Seconded by Marjorie Dashef. The motion passed unanimously.
  - We will need to make by-law changes. By-law sub-committee - Jill Hawkins, Sharon Sacco volunteered to help. Seeking other volunteers. Proposed changes have to be sent as paper copies to membership so it will be a separate mailing.
  - Jill received a thank you note from Louise Colgan.
  - Next year's retreat - teachers are Holly and Sally Schoenberg.
  - Jeri Ames has started a new lace study group in Maine - she is the contact person.
  - Jill brought the NELG logo, the 25th anniversary piece and the IOLI charter to the meeting to pass them to the new president, so they are available to see today. Also Jean Leader sent some patterns and asked for donations for cancer research.
  - Marni Harang had a mastectomy - previous lumpectomy was unsuccessful at getting it all. It is still an early stage, so her prognosis is good.
  - Retreat committee - some new members (Judy Anderson and Rosalie Bares) have expressed interest in being on this. Sharon Sacco and Bryce will mentor and help with the new members. Anyone interested, contact Jill Hawkins.
  - Linda Sheff brought her Spanish lace patterns that she picked up in Barcelona for people to look at.
- Adjourned at 12:15.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Susan L. Benzer*