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# New England Lace Group

## Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2011

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Executive Board Attendees: Winann Steinmetz, Treasurer & Membership; Elisabeth Wagner, Librarian; Patty Foley, President.

Executive Board Absent: Mary Linden, Member at Large; Susan L. Benzer, Clerk; Carolyn Wetzel, Vice President; Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor.

Member Attendees: Rosalie Bares, Jeanne Goodwin, Bryce Wolf, Sharon Sacco, Linda Lane, Leslie Ardison, Linda Sheff, and Barbara Morrow.

Meeting was called to order by Patty Foley at 11:07 a.m.

Minutes from October 15, 2011 – motion made by Bryce, seconded by Rosalie to accept the minutes as presented and motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from November 19, 2011 – motion made by Bryce, seconded by Sharon to accept the minutes as presented and motion passed with Patty abstaining as she was not present for the November meeting.

President's Report – Patty Foley:

Non-Profit Status - no news

Revenue Budget 2011-2012 - no news

Library Policy – thanks to everyone for hammering out the policy last month. Finished copies are available on the website.

Creative Arts Coordinator – We are in need of a coordinator. The group was asked for a volunteer, no one volunteered.

Treasurer's Report – Winann Steinmetz

Winann handed out the finance report for the first three months of our year. Total cash on hand is \$8916.41, broken down between checking of \$8502.87 and PayPal of \$413.00. She reviewed several other items with the group.

A thank you to Winni Blacklow was sent out after her 'tag sale' that was held at Eastern MA day last month. She directed the proceeds to be deposited as a donation to NELG!

Membership Report – Winann Steinmetz

She reported that membership is currently at 97 members.

Programs – Carolyn Wetzel:

Current programs are set as follows:

January	UFO day & Stars for IOLI Convention – Sturbridge, MA
February	Possible a Battenburg Class (or for April)
March	Lies Stolk will present a program on attaching lace to linen – Sturbridge, MA
April	Possible Battenburg Class - scheduling
May	Retreat – Wareham, MA
June	Annual Meeting and Elections – Lace In – Sturbridge, MA

Piecework Magazine – the Lace issue ( May/June) will have another article by our own Carolyn - theme to be “lace around the world”.

IOLI Update – no real news on the name change, discussions seem to have quieted down.

Survey – See the newsletter for the results

Craft Boston –show takes place March 2012 – we are sponsoring a booth, Linda Sheff may be attending

Member-at-Large – Mary Linden

Volunteer Hours – reminder to report your hours.

Lace for Wadsworth Atheneum wreath - She brought us up to date on the wreath. It was be delivered on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The Festival of Trees opened on December 1<sup>st</sup>. See the picture of the wreath on our website.

Deerfield Christmas Crafts - event was attended by Linda Sheff and Linda Dumas, lots of folks stopped by, next year we need more volunteers for this event. Linda S, noted it would be best to have a display to show color/contemporary/ something with texture to “attract” folks to our display.

Local Groups –

Connecticut – December was held at Barbara Doheny’s home – a holiday party was enjoyed by everyone.

Central Massachusetts - Lies is still having health issues so her group is inactive.

Eastern Massachusetts – Bryce reported that this month’s event was held at Sharon’s , everyone enjoyed the day.

Maine – no news

No word on local groups in Rhode Island, New Hampshire, or Vermont.

Library Report – Elizabeth Wagner

No acquisitions, and there were a few books borrowed at the last meeting.

Website - Jill Hawkins – Was not present at the meeting so there was no website update.

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party - change in plans from what was originally scheduled location. We are in search of a new location for the event.

Bylaw Committee - no report.

Retreat Committee – Bobbin design has been decided on, Budget completed, discussion within the committee about an informal program for one evening is being considered. Several folks noted it may be nice to use some of the dining space for ‘help to beginners’. Committee will take under consideration.

Newsletter – Reminder that the next newsletter deadline for submission will be January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Scholarship & Grants Committee - Bryce and Winann reminded members that the deadline is January 31 for applications.

Nominating Committee - The two offices which we need to fill at the June election are Vice President and Treasurer/Membership. We need volunteers for the nominating committee. No one volunteered.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Foley