

New England Lace Group Meeting, May 16, 2015

Executive Board Attendance: Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Barbara Morrow, Treasurer; Susan Landry, Librarian, Marjorie Dashef, Member-at-Large; Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor; Bryce Wolf, Clerk, Jill Hawkins, Webmaster.

Member and Guest Attendees: Sharon Tingley, Karen Davis, Lisa Taranto, Janet Blanchard, Mary Lou Ricci, Kate Moore, Anna Bone, Rosalie Bares, Sr. Catherine Morin, Barbara McGuire, Jackie Miller, Sr. Madeleine Cleverly, Lois Rostanzo, Winann Steinmetz, Vi Eastman, Mary Linden, Brenda Osborne, Eileen Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 12:49 p.m.

President: Sharon Sacco reported that she has been engaged in revising the NELG Bylaws over this past year. A first step has been to make the needed changes to reflect IOLI's name change to International Organization of Lace, Inc. The second step has been to add the position of Webmaster to the Executive Board. Additional changes will be proposed for our next meeting in June in preparation for our application to become officially non-profit.

She reported that many volunteer hours have been given during the year and especially recognized Jill Hawkins' work as Webmaster and Gail MacLean's work as Newsletter Editor. She distributed several gifts in recognition of valued contribution of effort; the membership heartily endorsed these actions.

Nominating Committee: Carolyn Wetzel and Bryce Wolf served as the Nominating Committee this year. Bryce Wolf reported that Sharon Sacco has agreed to serve an additional term as President. And Kate Moore has agreed to fill the position of Member-at-Large. Voting will take place at the June meeting or by absentee ballot.

Retreat Committee: Winann Steinmetz reported that we appear to have come out about \$650 ahead on expenses. Next year's Retreat will be May 12-15, 2016 with Holly van Sciver serving as both vendor and teacher, and Louise Colgan teaching Milanese lace. She distributed several gifts to those who had helped in Retreat preparations.

Rosalie Bares recognized Mary Linden as having provided the cute threadcatchers which were distributed to all attendees as favors, and for having made the beach-themed table centerpieces. She also noted that Winann and Jill had worked especially hard in planning the Retreat. The membership enthusiastically applauded and thanked all members of the Retreat Committee for their successful work.

Attendees were reminded that bidding on the Silent Auction ends with the breakfast bell on Sunday morning. Jim Martin distributed ballots for voting on the ATCs on display in the fall. Nine have been entered this year!

Vice President: Jim Martin stated that the next meeting will be the June annual meeting and elections. It will also include a Lace-In. The tentative plan to demonstrate at Old Sturbridge Village appears to be in place for September. He urged anyone with ideas or suggestions for programs to contact him.

Member-at-Large: Marjorie Dashef stated that over 2000 volunteer hours have been reported to IOLI over this past year. She noted that some individuals, such as Linda Lane, have contributed significant hours in demonstrating, and urged all members to report their contributions.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous vote at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryce Wolf, Clerk