

## **New England Lace Group Meeting, June 21, 2015**

**Executive Board Attendance:** Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Barbara Morrow, Treasurer; Marjorie Dashef, Member-at-Large; Bryce Wolf, Clerk.

**Member and Guest Attendees:** Rita Bartholomew, Laura Bensley, Janet Blanchard, Linda Lane, Mary Linden, Hanka Robertson, Doris Schick.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15.

Introductions were made of all present.

**President:** Sharon Sacco stated that the NELG website is a very valuable tool for us in that we receive most of our inquiries regarding lacemaking through it. The hosting company, Wild Apricot, is raising its rates, but is willing to extend our contract at the current rate if we will commit to two years. The Executive Board has approved this extension. It was agreed that this represents a considerable savings of about \$500 over the two years.

Sharon went on to report that attendance at our meetings has been highly variable, and only the February meeting was canceled due to snow. All Board positions are now filled. The Webmaster position has been added to the Board. Mary Linden has agreed to serve as liaison to the BigE. We are still preparing to submit our application for non-profit status.

**Newsletter Editor:** Gail MacLean submitted a report stating that four issues were published this past year, all between 18-22 pp. It is electronically sent to 60-65 members and is mailed to another 23-27 members.

**Vice President:** Jim Martin outlined the activities of the past year, including the visit to the Armenian Museum and Allie Marguccio's talk at Retreat. There were nine entries to the Lace Challenge. We will start the coming year by demonstrating at Old Sturbridge Village in September. We are looking for an away site for October. Bryce Wolf will present a workshop in November and our usual holiday party is scheduled for December (this might be moved to the second Saturday, to avoid being too close to Christmas).

**Library:** It was noted that the Library has received a significant number of new books thanks to the generosity of Carolyn Purcell. Additional items were donated via Clare Settle.

**Member-at-Large:** Marjorie Dashef reported that over 2000 hours of volunteer time was recorded this past year. Upcoming demonstration events include

Historic Deerfield at the end of August and Musterfield Farm Day, Aug. 29 (contact person is Patty Foley).

**Treasurer:** Barbara Morrow apologized for having left her report at home. However, we are pretty much on track for our usual receipts and expenditures. Scholarships awarded all went to Retreat participants. Income and expenses for Retreat were largely even. \$402 were received from the silent auction.

**Election of New Officers:** No additional nominations were received for the positions of President and Member at Large, both two-year terms. Sharon Sacco was unanimously voted President and Kate Moore was unanimously voted Member at Large. 15 absentee ballots were mailed in to the Clerk and two were received electronically. Hearty congratulations on their willingness to serve!

**Bylaw Change:** It was unanimously voted that the authority to expend funds on an emergency basis was increased from \$50 to \$100 (President) and \$100 to \$500 (Executive Board).

**Historian:** Doris Schick delivered a box full of mementos and photographs of NELG past members and activities which she had been safekeeping as the NELG archives. These materials will temporarily reside in the Clerk's possession. Doris was thanked profusely for her generosity and care.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings of April 19, 2015 and May 16, 2015 were approved unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Morrow and seconded by Marjorie Dashef. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryce Wolf  
Clerk