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# New England Lace Group

## Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2011

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Executive Board Attendees: Carolyn Wetzel, Vice President; Winann Steinmetz, Treasurer & Membership; Susan L. Benzer, Clerk; Mary Linden, Member at Large; Elisabeth Wagner, Librarian.

Executive Board Absent: Patty Foley, President; Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor

Member Attendees: Rosalie Bares, Jeanne Goodwin, Bryce Wolf, Lynne White, Judy Nesbit, Sharon Sacco, Linda Lane, and Barbara Simon.

Meeting was called to order by Carolyn Wetzel, Vice President at 11:10 a.m.

Meet and greet. A big hello to Judy Nesbit who drove up from New Jersey to attend today's meeting. A big welcome to Barbara Simon who drove down from Maine to be at today's meeting. Barbara is part of Jeri Ames' lace study group.

Minutes from October 15, 2011 meeting were unavailable.

President's Report:

Non-Profit Status - no news

Revenue Budget 2011-2012 - no news

Treasurer's Report – Winann Steinmetz

Cash balances as of October 31, 2011 \$8,522.33 in our checking and \$313.72 in PayPal.

Membership Report – Winann Steinmetz

Is currently at 95 members – 93 US and 2 international.

Programs – Carolyn Wetzel:

Current programs are set as follows:

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| December | Holiday Party & Gift Swap – Sturbridge, MA                                    |
| 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 Batternbur Class - scheduling  |
| May      | Retreat – Wareham, MA   |
| June     | Annual Meeting and Elections – Lace In – Sturbridge, MA                       |

IOLI Update - Carolyn reported on IOLI is collecting information as to whether to change the name of IOLI and what to change it to?

Survey – no report

CraftBoston – no report – show takes place March 2012

Member-at-Large – Mary Linden

Volunteer Hours - Mary reported that so far 482 volunteer hours have been logged onto the new website.

A discussion then started on what constitutes volunteer hours which led to mentoring. A suggestion was made that perhaps people could set up a mentoring system at the retreat with people volunteering to take times to help newer lacers who might not feel up to a formal class level.

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

Fiber Festival - in November went very well. Good attendance and demonstrations. Those who demonstrated felt it was a very good time and look forward to doing it again next year.

Deerfield Christmas Crafts - event was this weekend. Linda Sheff and Linda Dumas were both going to attend.

#### Local Groups –

Connecticut – Winann reported that the meeting is the 1st Saturday of each month. It moves around and attendees should RSVP. The group is getting so large that it is becoming a tight squeeze at the various houses.

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

Eastern Massachusetts - Bryce Wolf is the contact person for the Eastern Mass group that meets on second Sunday of the month.

Maine - Jeri Ames is trying to get a study group going again in southern Maine.

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

#### Library Report – Elizabeth Wagner

Acquisitions - no budget approved so she has made no new additions. Attendees from the October meeting said the budget was approved so Elisabeth suggested some titles. (Patty, I don't have the list.) Bryce moved to buy the books as presented by Elisabeth. The motion was moved by Sharon and the motion passed unanimously.

Library Policy & Procedures - A heated discussion on the new library policy then ensued. After going over the sections on deposits and shipping costs, Bryce moved that we amend the policy to remove the sentence "Librarian will tell the member the cost of shipping which includes packaging and deposit" from IV, f, ii.; to change the first sentence of IV, f, iii, to read "Members will send the deposit, if required, to the Librarian. Checks will be made payable to NELG and sent to the Librarian or the member may elect to pay at the website. Upon receipt of the deposit if required, the Librarian will ship the materials to the members; and to change IV,g, ii to "Upon receiving the materials back and in good condition, the Librarian will return the deposit". The motion was seconded by Rosalie. The motion passed unanimously.

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

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party - Patty has relayed information to Carolyn on the 30th Anniversary Party - site not set yet - negotiating menu, the date will be in October and it will be in Sturbridge.

Bylaw Committee - no report.

Retreat Committee – no report.

Newsletter - no report.

Scholarship & Grants Committee - Bryce and Winann reminded members that the deadline is January 31 for applications. They have discussed that perhaps the date could be moved later into the year because sometimes events not thought of come up later after the deadline. They just want members to think about it since it would require a change in the By-laws.

Nominating Committee - The two offices which we need to fill at the June election are Vice President and Treasurer/Membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan L. Benzer