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## New England Lace Group

### Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2012

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Executive Board Attendance: Patty Foley, President; Winann Steinmetz, Treasurer & Membership; Susan Benzer, Clerk; Carolyn Wetzel, Vice President; Mary Linden, Member at Large

Executive Board Absent: Elisabeth Wagner, Librarian, Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor

Member Attendees: Linda Lane, Lynne White, Catherine Morin SSJ, Bryce Wolfe, Sharon Sacco, Jeanne Goodwin, Linda Sheff, Martine Cheri, Leslie Ardison, Sue Van Dyke, Doris Schick, Wini Blacklow, Marjorie Dasheff, Barbara Morrow

Meeting called to order at 11:04 am

#### Clerk - Susan Benzer

Minutes from the February 17, 2011, Motion made by Sharon, seconded by Bryce to vote for acceptance as presented – motion passed.

#### President Report - Patty Foley

- a. Non-Profit Status - no report
- b. Revenue Budget for 2011-2012 - no report
- c. Library Policy - see below
- d. Creative Arts Coordinator - since Jill Hawkins is moving back to England, we need a new coordinator.

#### Treasurer – Winann Steinmetz

Cash balances are \$16499.01 as of February 29<sup>th</sup>, which includes retreat registration fees received to date.

#### Membership - Winann Steinmetz

Membership is currently 95 members. Our newest member is Katherine Moore.

#### Programs - Vice President Carolyn Wetzel

##### a. Upcoming Year of programs

April - Jane Viking Swanson will do Battenberg. Please RSVP so Carolyn and Jane know how many packets to make up.

May – Will be Retreat.

June - Annual Meeting, with elections and will be a Lace-In program.

IOLI update - not much action on name change. Very little chatter; Check out the name change site – link is on IOLI home page. Also they have begun a NING group for conversation – you can see it at <http://laceioli.ning.com/>

CraftBoston – we will only attend to scope out the event. NELG is not demonstrating this year. We need to see if it is worth our signing to have a booth there next year. It is next weekend. Anyone attending – you are encouraged to take pictures of the booths – it is at the Seaport Trade Center.

ATC - Lace Challenge - Carolyn has kits; let her know if you need supplies. Stars for convention – bring them in next month.

Special Guest – Nydia McCarron came to visit our meeting. She is a long-time lace maker – 92 years young! She began many years ago in Puerto Rico and can no longer make lace. She wanted to give her bobbin lace supplies to deserving lace makers – and she found us. She brought her pillows, books and supplies. They will be placed in the auction at Retreat! We took pictures and she was thanked by everyone. Gracias, Senora Nydia.

Retreat Committee - Jill Hawkins – Patty read her email

a. Report on 2012 – Holly's class is full and Sally has one seat left. First bobbin order was sent to Chris Parsons – those ordering early will have their bobbins at Retreat. Members can still order bobbins which will be sent in the second order and expected to be received in June. So far a total of 32 people have signed up to attend Retreat.

b. Silent auction – Bryce reported she has some items for the silent auction including one spectacular item. Clare Settle is also collecting items. Contact either of them if you have items for our auction. Please let them know in advance so they can have the bid sheets ready.

Chairperson – is still needed - Anyone interested, please contact Jill or Patty

Member at Large - Mary Linden

- a. Report volunteer hours to date - 670 volunteer hours submitted for last year. Over 500 volunteer hours, in addition to 96 hours of travel time, and other hours, such as prep, etc. of 136. Include time on making stars, threads make the lace projects.
- b. Demonstrations – Next Month – CT Sheep & Wool and Gore Place. We have a banner that can be used. We discussed briefly to get an additional banner.

Creative Arts – Jill Hawkins – reported my Patty for Jill

Opening day is September 14<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for entry forms is August 1<sup>st</sup>. The benefits are great – for entering, you receive two tickets to enter the fair along with one parking pass. If you demonstrate, you will receive 1 entrance ticket and a parking pass. Those individuals that wish to lend their pieces at the end of the Big E, will be on display at the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon.

Local Groups

Connecticut – Winann reported that they enjoyed a nice showing, and had just enough chairs. It was held at Rosalie Baer's house. April will be held at Gail MacLean's home in Norwalk.

Central Massachusetts - Lies Stolk – has started up her lessons but is cutting back. There is no general lace-in at this time.

Eastern Massachusetts - Bryce Wolf reported it was held at The World in Stitches in Littleton MA. They had 7 to 8 members show up.

Maine Study Group - Jeri Ames - no word from them.

Rhode Island, Vermont, & New Hampshire – no word yet

Special event to be held on April 11 - House of Seven Gables – a lecture on the power of dress. It is at 7 pm. \$15 for non-members.

Library Report - Elisabeth Wagner

Unable to attend meeting as she is attending to a family member in Switzerland – Patty reported the following:

Report on books / borrowings - no report

On-Line update – more books have been added to site, not all of them are there yet. With a small delay, Patty is hoping to have it complete by the end of April. The full library will be at Retreat.

Website Update - Jill Hawkins – read from email by Patty

a. Report on improvements – you can now contact the Webmistress on the event calendar to add an item.

Anniversary Event - Patty Foley

a. Update – Will be held at the Whistling Swan in Sturbridge – on the date of the October NELG meeting. No price is set yet, still negotiating menu. Keynote speaker is Lauran Sundin. Meeting will be from 11:30 am to 4pm on that day.

Bylaw Committee – Patty Foley, Jill Hawkins, Sharon Sacco

a. Update - no progress.

Newsletter - Gail MacLean

Gail sent in her report - Deadline for next newsletter – Send in your information by April 1st with publication for April 15th. It will contain absentee ballots for election.

Scholarship & Grants Committee - Bryce Wolf & Winann Steinmetz

a. Update – going well, they have received applications and granted the requests.

Nominating Committee

a. Committee members needed – Doris Schick volunteered to do nomination committee. She spoke with Bryce and Bryce consented to be put on the ballot for Vice President.

b. Positions to be elected June 2012 - Vice President & Treasurer/Membership will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon and we continued with Carolyn Wetzel's program and instruction on making Irish Lace.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan L. Benzer