New England Lace Group Meeting, January 16, 2016

Executive Board Attendance: Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Bryce Wolf, Clerk.

Members: Rita Bartholomew, Laura Bensley, Janet Blanchard.

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Sacco presented a brief financial update on behalf of the Treasurer. Expenditures to date have been small and typical for the time period. Our total balance is currently \$11,832.50. Membership has been stable. Bryce Wolf moved to accept the report; Jim Martin seconded. The report was unanimously accepted.

Minutes: Laura Bensley moved to approve the minutes of Nov. 21, 2015. Jim Martin seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved. Because December's meeting was a holiday party, no minutes were taken.

Retreat: Sharon reported that arrangements for Retreat have been finalized and registration will open on February 1. Holly Van Sciver will vend and will teach English laces, free laces and Hungarian. Louise Colgan will teach Milanese. An attempt has been made to maintain prices; increases are very modest. A discount is available for registering before March 15. Information and registration forms will be provided on the NELG website and in the February newsletter.

Nominating Committee: Janet Blanchard graciously agreed to serve with Kate Moore on the Nominating Committee. Both Treasurer and Vice President positions are open for next year. Nominees for these positions should be confirmed by April.

Vice President's Report: Jim Martin outlined the programs upcoming for the year. Feb.: a workshop on small booksmarks and coasters using tatting and small laces with Bryce Wolf; March: a workshop on attaching edgings with Sharon Sacco; April: a workshop on making threadcatchers by Mary Linden. He also reported that kits are now available for the annual ATC challenge. Judging of submitted entries will be done at Retreat. He distributed several kits and noted that anyone wanting a kit should contact him.

Jim Martin moved that the meeting be adjourned; Janet Blanchard seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bryce Wolf, Clerk