



Board of Directors Meeting 4/28/24 Lake Junaluska

FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA

Gail Smith (RD) Called the meeting to order at 9:58 am

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Gail Smith (RD)
Janet Noble (Director of Education)
Carole Overton (Website)
Elizabeth Little (Treasurer)
Julie Anderson (ARD)
Cathie Barker (Region News)
Millie Stroble (Outreach)
Marguerite Ewing (Secretary)

Chapter Delegates:

Aiken Stitching Bells: Susan MacRae (P)
Belinda Ebert (RR)
Charlotte: Susan Banbury (P) x
Connie Miller (RR)
Florence: Julia Tison (P)
Sallie Folk (RR)
Golden Needles: Barbara Hinson (RR)
Janie MacGown (RR)
Low Country: Terri Goodwin (RR)
Magnolia: Nancy Gannon (RR)
Piedmont: Carol Rauch (Proxy for RR)
The Laurel: Carlie Holdredge (Proxy for P)
Roberta Smith (RR)

Role was called and a quorum established. Minutes for 15 Oct 2023 were read. Carole Overton made the motion to correct these minutes to reflect the EC be included as voting members. This motion was seconded by Julie Anderson. Minutes were approved with this correction.

Julie Anderson (ARD) Reported that the Golden Needle Awards pieces are due by 5/1. All were encouraged to make nominations. Julie also asked for thoughts on the Fall retreat. Where and when were the main ideas needed.

Elizabeth Little (Treasurer) reported our present CD has rolled over and discussed the financial report.

Janet Noble (Education) Reported that there will be no teacher events this year. She encouraged members to attend the National Seminar in Atlanta. The zoom lecture with Kat Diuguid on Blending Colors in Stitching was well attended and asked for suggestions for future zoom sessions.

For this retreat, 51 members were registered with 49 in attendance. There were 7 first timers; she encouraged input for future Retreats and Seminars.

Carole Overton (Website) Reported that the website has been updated. She will assist Chapters in establishing and maintaining their individual chapter websites. These websites should be checked for accuracy quarterly. Each chapter should start brainstorming what they want to include on their website. At the CAR's Fall Retreat, the chapters will start to explore the process of building their websites in a working session.

The zoom stitch-ins will continue. These sessions are fun. A lot of information is shared at them. We will continue to search for other zoom events. Everyone is encouraged to send us possible shops to tour or people to interview.

Cathie Barker (Region News) Reported that the next edition will come out in mid-May. Input and articles are encouraged to be submitted by 5/1.

Millie Stroble (Outreach) Provided a handout on changes to Outreach. Outreach has changed to show that actual contact with the public is needed in order to be considered Outreach. Stitch in Public, Fairs, Craft shows would all be good examples of Outreach.

Gail Smith (RD) Reported that a nominating committee is needed ASAP as we rotate off October 2025. Three people are needed, and recommendations will be accepted. Recommendations should be e-mailed to Gail. There are possible candidates for the positions of Bylaws and for Treasurer.

Next was a discussion of future retreats and seminars. She suggested she check into Lake Junaluska for next Spring meeting. It was agreed.

There has been some turmoil in the Region. Gail encouraged stitchers to remember the rule "Praise in Public-Correct in Private".

The Tryon Chapter was having issues with the changes in dues. They have lost a couple of stitchers, who are just going to get together & stitch. Those members saw no gain in benefits with the increase in dues. The Chapter is staying in touch with those members.

With all the changes from National concerning dues, the job description for the Treasurer position needs to be amended and the By-Laws changed. This also needs to be done for Membership positions. We don't need to wait for the By-Laws update in 2028. New plural members who are outside the region will have two dues dates. The one for their main chapter and then one for the region. They will need to pay full region dues. Please help them remember these two dates.

Gail announced the winner for the slogan contest for the ad for the Atlanta National Seminar. The winner was the Charlotte Chapter. For the next National Seminar, this item will be included in the budget. The next National Seminar for 2025 will be in Dallas, Texas. The theme will be "Needlework Faire"

Congratulations for milestone Chapter Anniversary

Charlotte	45 Years
Florence	35 Years
Tyron	35 Years
EGA at VATech	1 Year

Next on the Agenda was news from National. Regions and Chapters will receive membership reports on a monthly basis. Please review these updates and make sure all is correct. Dues can now be paid online. Paper checks are still acceptable. Renewal will always be the last day of the month a member renewed in, and members will be sent a reminder by e-mail a month before renewal is due.

The “Grow Your Chapter” zoom sessions will continue on the 4th Saturday of the month. There is a wealth of knowledge available on the website. National is working on a faster website; Karen Hamilton reported that EGA now has its own servers, that they no longer share servers.

Diane McGill reported that there is a Lace Museum being created in the Raleigh area.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58