



Conference of Northern California Handweavers, Inc.  
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**Liaison Meeting**  
**Merrill Hall, Asilomar Conference Grounds**  
**800 Asilomar Avenue**  
**Pacific Grove, CA 93950**  
**Friday, April 10, 2015**  
**4:30 to 6 pm**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by chair, Kathleen McPherson followed by a welcome and thanks to all attendees.

Erin Maclean announced the **roll call**. In attendance were: Bay Area Basket Makers, Black Sheep, Carmel Crafts, Central Coast Weavers, Del Oro, Diablo, Fiber Artisans, Foothills Fibers, Glenna Harris, Golden Gate Weavers, Golden Valley Weavers and Spinners, Humboldt Handweavers and Spinners, Loom and Shuttle, Mother Lode Weavers and Spinners, Redwood Guild of Fiber Arts, Reno Fiber Guild, Sacramento Weavers and Spinners, Santa Cruz Handweavers, Silverado Handweavers and Spinners, Spindles and Flyers, Treadles to Threads, Yokayo Textile Guild.

Absent: Country Weavers, Fresno Weavers and Spinners, Gravander Spinners, Mt. Lassen Fiber Guild, Tamalpais Textile Arts Guild.

**The Minutes** of the September 13, 2014 meeting were corrected. Eugenia Gwathney moved to approve and Lili Rosenheimer of Golden Gate Weavers seconded the motion followed by approval from the guild liaisons.

**Treasurer's Report** Joan Anderson reported on the Balance Sheet noting that the Scholarship for Convergence is for \$1,000 every other year and the funds are kept separated from the Maximizer account. The Convergence scholarship fund has \$10,000 in it and it should last many years. Seed money has been distributed to the 2015 and 2016 conference committees including just approved additional seed money for 2016.

For the Budget Profit and Loss report Joan stated that the low value in the interest earned category indicates the low interest rates available this year. \$1,016 came from last year's

conference but arrived this year as income. The Scholarship/Grants were \$1,500 this year and divided between five people, one from each CNCH area. Transportation expenses were under budgeted and will be adjusted for the next year. Everything else in the report is self-explanatory and questions welcomed. We do not expect big income from this conference. Next year CNCH can expect higher costs for operating expenses including, administration, insurance and salary for three people.

Kathleen discussed asking our alternative conferences for some return. No decision made.

## **Old Business**

a) **CNCH 2015** Merrie Hewitt reported that the conference was really fun so far. Asilomar is great for lots of classrooms. The conference is in good shape financially. Paid attendance was for 201 registrants. There were some late cancellations. Merrie said that they had enough interest that they could have had 50-75 more attendees. Future conferences may be able to grow again as instructors are saying that interest is increasing.

b) **CNCH 2016** Kathleen McPherson reported for Tina Welch and Eva Burton, co-chairs for the 2016 conference. The conference will take place in Modesto on April 8-10, 2016, and has an agricultural theme: Field to Fiber. Rooms will be \$109.00 plus tax and each room has two queen beds allowing for as many as four to a room. The Fashion Show will be at the McHenry Museum. There will be a vendor event for registrants only on Friday evening. The committee has "rolled back" the prices for the vendors to \$300 per space, the charge in 2006. There will be 65 vendor spaces. The committee is working with the community and hope to have the mayor proclaim a fiber week. The fire department will assist in a "yarn bombing" event of the George Lucas statue. The Liaison Luncheon is scheduled for October 17, 2015 in Modesto. Registration will open in January. Kathleen is in charge of the Liaison Luncheon. Lee Bergman has 13 instructors under contract and they are: Sarah Jackson, Syne Mitchell, Robyn Spady Heather Winslow, Cameron Taylor-Brown, Patsy Zawistoski, Gwen Powell, Joanne Hall, Deb Essen, Patrice George, Jette Vandermeiden, Sally Anaya, and Kathrin Weber.

c) **CNCH-What You Get for \$5** Kathleen McPherson referenced CNCHnet, the Winter 2014 issue, that outlines the benefits of belonging to a CNCH member guild. Insurance is a big deal and the cost is minimal in comparison to insurance for individual organizations. CNCH also provides for grants to attend both CNCH conferences and Convergence. Kathleen also spoke of some recent concerns expressed about the one-day conference for 2017 that CNCH has planned to pay for in total with no admission cost to the membership. There will be further discussion on the one-day conference at Area 3's first meeting tomorrow to begin organization for the 2017 conference.

**d) Alternate for Area 1 Still Needed** Kathleen McPherson reported the need for an Area 2 alternate to the CNCH Advisory Council. Contact Merrie Hewitt or Joan Near if you are interested.

**e) 2015 Conference Grant Winners** As stated earlier, Joan Anderson reported that CNCH awarded 5 grants for \$300 to a conference attendee from each area. Names listed. This year we had 22 applicants. This year's grant fundraiser will be a raffle. Generally, each conference organizes a fundraiser.

**f) Other** Judi Fisher, CNCHnet editor reminded the Liaisons that we need articles for every issue. She is currently seeking guild histories from each of the guilds get list from Judy. None have been received from Area 4.

### **New Business**

**a) CNCH 2017** Joan Anderson and Eugenia Gwathney have planned a meeting with the Area 3 Liaisons for tomorrow, April 11 from 12:45 tomorrow meeting to 1:15. They would like to see a committee formed tomorrow to look into the venue.

**b) Roster Updates and Financial Reports** Erin reminded guilds of the need to turn in rosters, assessments, financial reports. She will be in touch with each of the guilds with outstanding reports.

### **c) 2015-16 Advisory Council**

Kathleen MacPherson made introductions including: Erin Maclean - admin assistant, Judy Fisher - CNCHnet editor (with your help), Betsy Gribble - Web Manager, Joan Near and Merrie Hewitt - Area 1, Kathleen & Lee Bergman, Kathy Koose Brasil Alt. - Area 2, Joan Anderson – Treasurer and next Chair, Eugenia Gwathney – Area 3, Suzanne Woodhead, Jennifer de Jung, Sharlet Elms, Alt. – Area 4, and Wendy Chavin, Connie Anderholm and ? Alt. – Area 5

**d) Other** Request for vendors recommendation for 2016

Following a motion by Joan Anderson and a second from Kathleen, the meeting was **adjourned** at 5:11 pm.

Submitted by Jennifer de Jung

Minutes Approved as submitted on October 17, 2015.