

Arizona Federation of Weavers and Spinners Guilds, Inc.

Meeting Notes January 31, 2026 1 PM Zoom

CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Byrne at 1 PM.

Establish a quorum- A quorum was present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Corrections to the minutes of September 27, 2025: New business: IGA corrected to HGA as a Fiber Arts Festival sponsor, and on the attendance roster Kathleen Burns is the 2025 Grant Recipient, not a representative, and Kathleen Orloff is the Chairperson for the 2026 Fiber Arts Festival. Under Old Business grants should be listed as Individual and Guild grants. A motion by Paula Rudnick and seconded by Mary Rooney to approve the minutes. The minutes of September 27, 2025 were approved as corrected.

TREASURERS REPORT

Nancy Wilson reported a savings account balance of \$1690.31 as of January 31, 2026. The Linder Fund has \$13,199.43. With the Fiber Festival coming up in April there was a change from \$17,709.16 to an account balance of \$29,677.26 as of January 26, 2026. Deposits from October 2025 through January 26, 2026 totaled \$17,709.16. See Nancy's spreadsheet attached to the minutes for an itemized breakdown.

The Linder Fund is invested in Mutual Funds and amounts over \$10,000.00 are available for education.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ruth Demar gave an update on Lesson Face as it could be used to host a traveling teacher on line with multiple guilds or members accessing instruction. Members discussed the advantages of Lesson Face as well as an in person instructor. Concerns were expressed about costs.

Discussion suggested that individual parties would cover the cost of the workshop of about \$20 for 2 hours of instruction. One concern expressed was the quality of instruction.

Nancy outlined all the services that Lesson Face provides including registration, payment of fees to the instructor, issuing 1099 forms, reminders, teacher training, and the ability to upload teaching documents. The downside of Lesson Face is a master list of all Federation members and some may not want to get notifications of class. A motion was made by Ruth Demar to pursue a relationship with Lesson Face. Mary Rooney seconded it. The motion carried.

TRAVELING TEACHER 2027 – Ruth Demar

INDIVIDUAL GRANT – Kathleen Burns

Kathleen is doing a video of her direct warping project and it will be made available to all guilds once completed. Steps for sectional warping will be sent as well.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE – Sue Sitko

Sue reported that the next issue will be reported after Fiber Fest. She outlined how the newsletter is actually redundant with the information on the Facebook pages. Sue will be resigning her position. A new representative from Twisted Threads will take her place. Sue will work with Diane Braun to have articles posted on the website Woven Word. The transition will be voted upon at the next meeting.

WEBSITE UPDATE – Diane Braun

Guild Report Forms on Website

Forum replacement

ARIZONA FIBER FESTIVAL – APRIL 9-12, 2026 – Kathleen Orloff**Progress Report**

Kathleen reported classes will be 6 people per class for workshops. Pricing is based on \$65.00 per block. 24 workshop classes are being offered with 107 participants registering so far. Seminars at this time have low enrollment. A discussion was held on whether to hold a class if the minimum number of people registering is not met. Kathy Ingles has a list of small classes. One suggestion was to approach an instructor and see if they would hold the class for \$50.00 per participant. An e-blast will be sent out to each guild. Carol Conlin said she would work on an information poster for the e-blast encouraging Guild members to sign up for classes and seminars. Melanie Drake is in charge of volunteers who can sign up for shifts on Sign Up Genius. Ruth Demar needs volunteers for the raffle basket. Also volunteers are needed for periodic bathroom checks for cleanliness. Items for the Goodie bags have a March 15th deadline to be submitted. Guilds are to be reminded of the expected donations for the Goodie Bags. Ruth Demars requested that the raffle baskets from each Guild be delivered at the beginning of the festival. Carol Conlin reminded members that rack cards are available to advertise the Festival and all should be distributed to be passed out for advertisement.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held on all the things that Lesson Face could do for teaching classes to all guild members as a possible format for teaching weaving techniques. It was suggested that sample presentation be made through Lesson Face to showcase its

GRANTS for 2027 - Carol Conlin and Melanie Drake

Applications are due Sept. 1, 2026 for the 2027 Guild grant. Information is available on the Federation website for criteria and deadlines. Carol Conlin and Melanie Drake will review applications and a vote will be taken at the September meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee is needed as positions open for the 2026-2027 term are Vice President and Secretary.

INTERMOUNTAIN WEAVERS AZ REPRESENTATIVES

Beki Welsch and Nancy Wilson reported on the next Intermountain Weavers and Spinners Conference to be held in Colorado Springs July 7-10, 2027. 22 teachers have applied and notifications will be sent on February 1, 2027. Guild members are eligible to apply to use the Grant

monies to attend this conference. It was reiterated that all Guild members should be made aware of this opportunity.

GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING DATE –

The next meeting date is Saturday, April 25th, 1 PM on ZOOM.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen Hansen and seconded by Nancy Wilson. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Tschetter