

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2025

Zoom Meeting Hosted and Recorded By Debbie Barlow

In-Person Meeting Recorded By Bonnie Berman

Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM by Ann Fink, Acting President.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum of members was met. The following Board members attended: Jane Bauersfeld, Jeanette Farrell, Ann Fink, Chris Armstrong, Jan Rollins, Mary Vrany and Bonnie Berman.

Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting were approved on November 19, 2024.

Selection of Officers

- The Nominating Committee proposes the following positions to start in 2026 for a period of two years.
 - Cynthia Rosenberg has agreed to continue as Membership. This will be her second term.
 - Devon Andres has agreed to continue as Treasurer. This will be her second term.
 - Sue White is not doing a second term.
 - Recording secretary will be Karen Silber.
 - Bonnie Berman has completed her second term.
 - Directors listed in the Newsletter
 - Mary Tod - second term.
 - Kathy Schatz - second term
 - Jeanette Ferrell has stepped down. Ann thanked her for the outstanding job she has done.
 - Under the By-Laws nominations can be taken from the floor for a Board position.
 - Nomination was made by Debbie Logsdon and seconded by Chris Armstrong for Bonnie Berman to be a Director.
 - Motion was made to accept slate as presented by Jeanne Haley and second by Penny Haviland with unanimous approval.
- Cynthia Rosenberg - Membership
- Devon Andres - Treasurer
- Mary Tod - Director
- Kathy Schatz - Director
- Bonnie Berman - Director

Budget

- Due to a typo error on the education/program line a corrected budget was passed around. There was no change to the total expenses and income.
- There is no increase in dues this year.
- The format of the budget has been changed to mesh with National as we have a yearly budget report that has to be filed with National.
- Ann asked if there were any questions before asking for an approval vote.
 - Question was asked for details on some line items such as education, postage, etc.
 - Ann addressed education - the \$10K goes in and out as payment for classes and kit fees are paid. The remaining \$1K goes for lectures and other programs sponsored by the Chapter.
 - It was requested that a detailed treasurer's report be published in next newsletter.
 - Ann stated that the books are audited every year.
 - Ann stated that the Board receives a detailed treasurer's report at each Board meeting.

- Ann stated that each budget item is what the committee has to spend. Anything over \$400 above the budgeted amount must have members' approval as we did for the new website.
- Newsletter expenses were questioned. It was explained that a majority of the expense goes for postage and printing costs as well as yearly payment for our domain.
- Outreach was questioned.
 - Susie stated that it is a national mandate that we grow the chapter and look at diversity.
 - Some members had problems with Pride participation because of the expense. They questioned if we are getting return on our money. It was stated that this is not the only outreach we do. It was suggested that any member is welcome to join the Outreach Committee
 - The Outreach Committee is always open for suggestions of ways to outreach.
 - It was brought up that Terri stitched our QR code and it was a big hit. Maybe more should be stitched to take to events.
 - It was suggested that it would be interesting to see how much other Chapters spend on outreach.
- A comment was made that since we are not paying rent and we do not know how long we will have the free rent that we should put money aside to cover two years of rent in a CD in case we have to start paying rent. It was explained that we already have CDs as a rainy-day fund but the suggestion will be presented to the Board.
 - A suggestion was made that since we are getting the room free maybe we should do something for the Center. We are not sure if they can take donations or not because of the Center's funding. We also allow any of the Center's members to drop in and we have had some of the drop-ins join us. It will be investigated if there are any other ways for us to show our appreciation.
- It was requested that at the December meeting there will be an explanation as to what happened to the money in 2024 budget for rent.
- A motion was made by Bonnie to accept the 2026 budget as presented. Susie seconded the motion. It was passed by majority vote with two opposed.

Chapter Logo

- A vote was made on which Chapter Logo to use. Any option selected must be approved by National.
 - Option one – Original longtime used (11 for)
 - Option two – Current logo being used (24 for). It was stated that the colors and fonts that are used comply with National Guidelines. This logo was already approved by the Board.
 - Option three – New modern design which will cost approximately \$100 (6 for)
- A motion was made by Susie and seconded by Jess to table the vote and do a Google vote so people that come to Saturday and Thursday meetings have a vote. Ann commented that this is the Annual Meeting where votes take place. All the information appeared in the last newsletter so members were given ample opportunity to attend. We did not vote on this motion since it was determined that the By-Laws procedure for voting were followed.
- Option two is accepted with majority and will be sent to National for approval.

Acting President's Report (Attachment #1)

Submitted by Ann Fink, Acting President.

- See Attachment #1

Programs (Attachment #2)

Submitted by Ann Fink, Acting President/1st VP/Programs

- See Attachment #2

Membership

Reported by Ann Fink, Acting President

- No official report but Ann reported at last count we had 140 members. Because of National handling membership it is very difficult to get accurate count as they are behind in reporting. Cynthia is working with National to speed up their reporting.

Region (See Attachment #3)

Submitted by Jane Bauersfeld

- See Attachment #3
- Debbie made a motion to participate in Camp Wannastitch to create a basket for our Chapter. Jess seconded. Passed with majority vote.

Outreach

Submitted by Jeanette Farrell

- Jeanette had the patterns for this year's Love Quilt. They are butterfly patterns. For the second quilt she will have Harry Potter patterns.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Draft Minutes will be approved at the Board meeting on November 18, 2025.

Acting President's Report Annual Meeting 2025

The Board has worked well together, and tends to make decisions through discussion and consensus. Board meetings have occurred as scheduled and attendance has been exceptionally good. The Board is currently working with a contractor to develop a new website and a number of Board members have offered input. Officers and directors have fulfilled their respective responsibilities. I would like to give a special commendation to the newsletter editor for maintaining the quality of the newsletter and publishing it as scheduled.

Ann Fink, Acting President

Program Committee Report 2025

The program committee meets monthly to plan the program schedule. We try to plan programs for not only the Monday meetings, but also many Saturday meetings. We try to balance lectures and workshops that explore a variety of disciplines and techniques. We also try to balance more costly classes with those that are more affordable. This year, we had five lectures and videos; seven classes and one field trip. In addition, we sponsored two extended-session workshops with internationally-known teachers.

Ann Fink, Chair; Program Committee

Regional Representative News

NEW MAR Mid-Atlantic Region Executive Board 2026

Region Director – Darlene Leboeuf – Hagerstown Chapter
Assistant Region Director – Melissa Novak – Winchester Chapter
Treasurer – Velda Schmieg – Corning Chapter
Secretary – Chris Loeser – Oatlands Chapter

THaP at Camp Wannastitch 2026

This smocking project is looking for a volunteer to take the project at Camp WannaStitch and teach it back at Constellation. I will pay all kit costs for that volunteer!

Proposal: Lattice Smocked Pincushion

designed by Linda Kay Benning

This program has been successfully presented three times in the past - for two SAGA chapters and my local EGA chapter

Class length: approximately 2 hours

Kit cost: \$10

Participants will learn to do the technique of lattice smocking using gingham fabric in one inch grid. Once the technique is understood, it can be transferred to make the lattice smocked pincushion in a smaller square gingham (see picture).

Kit will include:

Large square gingham

Small square gingham

Thread and needle

Dental floss (for gathering)

Washer (for weight)

Fiberfill

Two page instructions in color

Participants supply basic sewing supplies, a small sewing ruler, and button of their choice. A shank button works well as do decorative buttons.

Deadline for registration is January 5, 2026



MAR Wants to know if there are any volunteers that want to chair the seminar in 2029/2030? Just looking for anyone who wants to step up. Contact Jane Bauersfeld if interested.

Just a reminder that I, as Regional Rep help pick MAR programs. I never knew that, so next years program will be a Stumpwork project called Berrier Treasure. A 2 Day class with a cost of \$85. More details coming in 2026.



Camp WannaStitch will be allowing chapter baskets in which **ALL** of the proceeds from the silent auction go back to the chapter. Constellation Chapter voted to participate in this money-making event.

Jane Bauersfeld will collect any donated objects. Please bring to the Dec/Jan meeting. Email her with any donation ideas that she will need to personally pickup. jbauersfeld@verizon.net

All **VENMO** donations should be sent to Jess Moore. She will take the money and through her contact's purchase additional goodies for the Constellation Basket.

Venmo account: JessicaMoore514 (if needed last 4 of her phone number #1572)