

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA HYBRID BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2024

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September 3, 2024

**Zoom Meeting Recorded by Mary Tod
Minutes Submitted by Bonnie Berman**

Meeting called to order at 8:02 pm by Mary Tod, Chairperson of the Policy and Procedure Committee. Jan Rollins and Bonnie Berman were the other committee members.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

- The purpose of this Special Board Meeting was to go over any remaining questions or issues with the updated Policy and Procedures.
- All issues and questions were discussed and agreed upon.
- Alice made a motion to approve the Policy and Procedure document with the corrections made to be presented to the membership for approval at our annual meeting. Donna seconded. There were no objections.
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- A link will be in the Newsletter so members will have time to read before the Annual Meeting.
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Ann Fink will chair this committee beginning in 2025. I hope members continue to suggest good program ideas. That will make Ann's job easy.

Program Committee

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Treasurer's Report for November 19 Board Meeting

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As of Nov. 19, 2024, the checking account had a balance of \$18,321.21. Our income to date is \$13,503.87 (including educational income and dues from National of \$1,960) and our expenses to date are \$11,296.78. I have attached our year-to-date (YTD) Budget vs. Actual tracking to show our income and expenses for the current year.

We currently have a PayPal balance of \$0.00.

Our 2 CDs have the following amounts: CD ending in -0137 has a balance of \$3,294.30, at a rate of 4.426%, (APR 4.5%) and matures December 27, 2024.

CD ending in -2241 has a balance of \$5,656.85, and was renewed at a rate of 4.4% and is also due in December 2024. Interest rates are likely to decrease, so future rates should be good, but not as good as this year.

Our total current worth (combined checking account, PayPal, and CDs) is \$27,272.36. We have received \$642 in donations to date and \$1,045.92 in fundraising.

Susan White

Devon Andres

Treasurer

Budget vs. Actual, November 20, 2024

INCOME		
Dues*	\$2,400.00	\$2,716.00
Educational Events*	\$10,000.00	\$9,050.95
Seminar (MAR)		
Exhibit		
Fund Raising*	\$1,000.00	\$1,045.92
Sales*		
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Community Outreach*	\$800.00	\$0.00
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Other*		\$0.00
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$14,630.00	\$13,454.87

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Region Dues		\$38.00
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Newsletter & website*	\$300.00	\$43.79
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IDEA		\$0.00

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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,200.00	\$11,296.78

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EGA Constellation Chapter
Newsletter Report

The Dec/Jan newsletter is my final one as editor. Thank you to everyone for being supportive. Special thanks to Mary Tod for proofreading and creating the PDF version. The newsletter would be only half as good without her. Special thanks to Alice Lasota for helping me wrangle the calendar and program flyers, and giving me a shoulder to cry on.

The newsletter rough draft is being corrected and updated this week. It will then be sent Mary Tod for the final proofread and conversion to PDF.

I will be emailing newsletter format information and my usual procedures to Chris Armstrong so she has a guide for newsletter creation. The Feb/Mar newsletter will be Volume 25, Number 1.

Remember that **deadlines are Jan 10th, March 10th, May 10th, July 10th, Sept 10th, and Nov 10th.**

Karen Olsen

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Outreach and Diversity Program Report

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The Outreach and Diversity Committee has been busy in the recent months with Stitch in Public events in Anne Arundel County and Howard County libraries, along with the Howard Co Pride Festival in October. We plan to continue to attend bi-monthly stitching events at the Mountain Road Library. We also have an event scheduled at the Glen Burnie Library on 3/15/25. Our event at the Howard County Library on October 19th was successful and the librarian there has stated that anytime we would like to return they would be really happy to have us. She was very helpful with advertising the event and setting up a nice space for us and even donating some supplies.

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Finally, I want to take a moment to say how grateful I am for the opportunity of being Program Chair for the past four years. It was an exhilarating and rewarding experience arranging for a varied choice of classes and lectures and organizing showcases and field trips. The Program Committee is responsible for our successes, each member contributing equally to all aspects of creating, organizing, and assuring all runs smoothly for each program. Thank you, Ann, Barbara, Debbie, and Terri!

Ann Fink will chair this committee beginning in 2025. I hope members continue to suggest good program ideas. That will make Ann's job easy.

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Treasurer's Report for November 19 Board Meeting

November 19, 2024

As of Nov. 19, 2024, the checking account had a balance of \$18,321.21. Our income to date is \$13,503.87 (including educational income and dues from National of \$1,960) and our expenses to date are \$11,296.78. I have attached our year-to-date (YTD) Budget vs. Actual tracking to show our income and expenses for the current year.

We currently have a PayPal balance of \$0.00.

Our 2 CDs have the following amounts: CD ending in -0137 has a balance of \$3,294.30, at a rate of 4.426%, (APR 4.5%) and matures December 27, 2024.

CD ending in -2241 has a balance of \$5,656.85, and was renewed at a rate of 4.4% and is also due in December 2024. Interest rates are likely to decrease, so future rates should be good, but not as good as this year.

Our total current worth (combined checking account, PayPal, and CDs) is \$27,272.36. We have received \$642 in donations to date and \$1,045.92 in fundraising.

Susan White

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Treasurer

Budget vs. Actual, November 20, 2024

INCOME		
Dues*	\$2,400.00	\$2,716.00
Educational Events*	\$10,000.00	\$9,050.95
Seminar (MAR)		
Exhibit		
Fund Raising*	\$1,000.00	\$1,045.92
Sales*		
Advertising*	\$130.00	\$0.00
Community Outreach*	\$800.00	\$0.00
Contributions, Restricted*	\$200.00	\$379.00
Contributions, Unrestricted*	\$100.00	\$263.00
Parties/Meals		
Retreats		
Contributions/Gifts		
Other*		\$0.00
Transfer from savings		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$14,630.00	\$13,454.87

EXPENSES		
Region Dues		\$38.00
Educational Events*+	\$11,200.00	\$10,084.50
Seminar* (MAR)		
Exhibits*		
Fund Raising*		
Cost of Sales		
Rent*	\$1,000.00	\$187.50
Newsletter & website*	\$300.00	\$43.79
Administration*	\$500.00	\$281.38
Officers Travel	\$500.00	\$0.00
Community Outreach	\$1,500.00	\$661.61
Parties/Meals		
Retreats		
Contributions/Gifts	\$100.00	\$0.00
Membership Expenses*	\$100.00	\$0.00
IDEA		\$0.00

Other*		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,200.00	\$11,296.78

November 2024

EGA Constellation Chapter
Newsletter Report

The Dec/Jan newsletter is my final one as editor. Thank you to everyone for being supportive. Special thanks to Mary Tod for proofreading and creating the PDF version. The newsletter would be only half as good without her. Special thanks to Alice Lasota for helping me wrangle the calendar and program flyers, and giving me a shoulder to cry on.

The newsletter rough draft is being corrected and updated this week. It will then be sent Mary Tod for the final proofread and conversion to PDF.

I will be emailing newsletter format information and my usual procedures to Chris Armstrong so she has a guide for newsletter creation. The Feb/Mar newsletter will be Volume 25, Number 1.

Remember that **deadlines are Jan 10th, March 10th, May 10th, July 10th, Sept 10th, and Nov 10th.**

Karen Olsen

Newsletter Editor

Outreach and Diversity Program Report

November 19, 2024 Board Meeting

The Outreach and Diversity Committee has been busy in the recent months with Stitch in Public events in Anne Arundel County and Howard County libraries, along with the Howard Co Pride Festival in October. We plan to continue to attend bi-monthly stitching events at the Mountain Road Library. We also have an event scheduled at the Glen Burnie Library on 3/15/25. Our event at the Howard County Library on October 19th was successful and the librarian there has stated that anytime we would like to return they would be really happy to have us. She was very helpful with advertising the event and setting up a nice space for us and even donating some supplies.

The completion of the Love Quilts is moving along slowly but surely. Lisa Rainey and Ann Fink put the squares together and completed the front layer of each quilt. Jeanne Haley has one of them to put the finishing back on and I have the 2nd one to hand off to her hopefully at the December meeting. If everything goes as planned I will drop them both off to the Chesapeake Pediatric Hospice program by the end of January.

Jeanette Farrell

