

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2026

Minutes Submitted by Karen Silber

Meeting called to order at 8:10pm by Ann Fink, Acting President.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum was met with the following attendees: Ann Fink, Chris Armstrong, Jane Bauersfeld, Bonnie Berman, Donna Finley, Michele Hunter, Jan Rollins, Cynthia Rosenberg, Kathy Schatz, and Karen Silber. Guest speaker was Stephanie Armstrong.

AGENDA

- see attachment #1

Guest Speaker: Stephanie Armstrong

- Stephanie brought us up-to-date on the website progress noting several items to include the copyright date is changed to 2026, the history tab is expanded, the MAR link is added, classes have been added, there is a gallery, the membership tab now includes fees and a plural button plus older treasurers' reports & financials plus approved board meeting minutes; there is a Board Only tab that will include the draft of the minutes.
- Testing will be done before launch of the web & phone versions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- A motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025 was made by Chris Armstrong and seconded by Michele Hunter. There were no objections. Motion carries.

Membership:

Submitted by Cynthia Rosenberg, 2nd VP/Membership

- See attachment # 2
- Cynthia will send new members to Chris Armstrong who will update our directory/roster.
- Chris will put a notice in the upcoming newsletter regarding renewing membership.
- On January 5, 2026, a majority of the membership voted to approve our annual charitable contribution in the amount of \$100.00 to the Jess Carson Foundation.

Programs:

Submitted by Ann Fink, 1st VP/Programs & Education

- see attachment # 3
- Two more classes are in the process of being added – sashiko and perforated paper embroidery.

Newsletter:

Submitted by Chris Armstrong, 3rd VP/Newsletter

- Chris reported via email:
 - The newsletter continues to be published by monthly. Feedback has been excellent.
 - I added a new section that features needle arts articles that I hope members will find interesting.

Regional Report:

Submitted by Jane Bauersfeld, Regional Representative

- Jane reported via email:
 - Our Constellation Basket made \$211 at 2026 Camp WannaStitch.
 - Terri Turbegan took the THaP Smocking project at Camp WannaStitch. Praises to Terri for taking that program and volunteering to teach it to Constellation!

Outreach/Diversity:

Submitted by Katherine Justice

- See attachment #4

Treasurer's Report:

Submitted by Devon Andres, Treasurer

- See attachment #5 for the 2025 Annual Financial Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- The board discussed the purchase (\$84.78) of a gift in the form of a candy tower for the 50+ Center staff and also a second candy tower gift for the Tapestry crew to present to the staff at the Maryland Center for History and Culture. A motion to approve was made by Bonnie Berman and seconded by Karen Silber. There were no objections. Motion carries.
- Jill Nadeau was invited to schedule a time with Devon to review the books which she hasn't done therefore Ann Fink reiterated the offer in an email a few weeks ago.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Board approved Jane Bauersfeld to replace Mary Tod as a board member.
- Ann Fink noted that we need to report Programs and Classes as separate sub-categories in the budget under Education - we receive money for fee & kits by members and we pay money out for films and lectures.
- Chris Armstrong sent the Post Cards for Constellation promotion – see attachment 6. The postcards will include a QR code.
- The Board changed the meeting time to 7:30pm. Our next scheduled Board Meeting will be held March 24 at 7:30pm EST.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michele Hunter and seconded by Cynthia Rosenberg. There were no objections. Meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.

EGA Board of Directors' Meeting
March 24, 2026
Agenda

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings:
Board Meeting January 20, 2026

Committee Reports:

Programs – Sashiko on Saturday, May 16; September: Monday lecture The History of Perforated Paper Embroidery; Saturday: perforated paper workshop. October 5, 2026 Monday program will be Rozashi with Barbara Bass. Students will choose their kits from Margaret Kinsey's website. We had a good response to the request for feedback on the beaded hydrangea with Alexandra Sydorenko and plan to offer that in February, 2027. We will also be having a four session class via Zoom with Hazel Blomkamp in March, 2027. Piece to be determined The program committee meets monthly and we are always looking for ideas for teachers and techniques. Please let us know if you think something would be good for our chapter.

Membership - Cynthia

Newsletter/Website - Chris

Region – THAP project – Terri is teaching at the April Saturday meeting.

Outreach – Katherine

Treasurer's Report – Devon

Old Business:

Jill Nadeau has proposed meeting to review the books this Saturday at the Panera in Annapolis. Devon to review the books. I have asked Kathy Schatz to attend the meeting, as well as Sue White as previous treasurer. Will Saturday work? Does Annapolis work, or is that too far away?

FYI: Jill sent a message about two weeks ago asking if the chapter would still be participating in and funding Pride events. I responded that whether or not the chapter participates will depend on what the outreach committee wants to do, but that the board has determined to limit financial support to \$100.00 or so this year.

New Business:

Post Cards for Constellation promotion – I have asked Edie Catto Fink who designed a postcard handout to revise it to include the new QR code. I hope to get the postcards printed next week so they can be used at the Sheep and Wool festival in May.

Bonnie Berman has a request for our charitable donation this year. Bonnie

Any other new business?
Any Announcements?

Next meeting will be May 19, at 7:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting:? Second? Meeting is adjourned

CONSTELLATION CHAPTER EGA BOARD MEETING

March 24, 2026

Meeting recorded by Ann Fink

Minutes Submitted by Karen Silber

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm by Ann Fink, Acting President

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum was met with the following attendees: Ann Fink, Karen Silber, Bonnie Berman, Michele Hunter, Jane Bauersfeld, Chris Armstrong, Jan Rollins and Devon Andres.

AGENDA

- see attachment #1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- A motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2026 as amended was made by Bonnie Berman and seconded by Michele Hunter. There were no objections. Motion carries.

Programs:

Submitted by Ann Fink, 1st VP/Programs & Education

- Sashiko on Saturday, May 16 – four things to choose from.
- September - the Monday lecture will be The History of Perforated Paper Embroidery; Saturday September meeting will be a perforated paper workshop.
- October the Monday program will be Rozashi with Barbara Bass as facilitator. Students will choose their kits from Margaret Kinsey's website.
- We had a good response to the request for feedback on the beaded hydrangea with Alexandra Sydorenko and plan to offer that in February 2027.
- We will also be having a four-session class via Zoom with Hazel Blomkamp in March, 2027; piece to be determined
- The program committee meets monthly and we are always looking for ideas for teachers and techniques. Please let us know if you think something would be good for our chapter.

Newsletter:

Submitted by Chris Armstrong, 3rd VP/Newsletter

- Chris sent out the April/May 2026 newsletter.
- New QR code is dynamic for new website.
- Members portal code – instead of all members contacting Chris Armstrong for code, Ann suggested we send the recorded presentation by Stephanie Armstrong out to members which contains code for members only section or send out email to all members with code noting not to share with anyone since it contains members' personal information (address ect.). After discussion, Chris A. noted that she will send the information to Donna and ask her to forward to the members.

Region Report:

Submitted by Jane Bauersfeld, Regional Representative

- Zoom license from MAR is \$84.49. Ann Fink will forward bill to Devon Andres.

- MAR meeting is this Saturday (March 28, 2026) and Jane asked if there was anything to pass. Ann Fink asked to check if others are frustrated with getting information on new members in a timely manner.

Treasurers Report:

Submitted by Devon Andres, Treasurer

- Devon noted not much changed.
- Ann noted that we'll be getting an invoice soon from Stephanie for Website work.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jill Nadeau has proposed meeting to review the books this Saturday (March 28, 2026) at the Panera in Annapolis with Treasurer Devon to review the books. Kathy Schatz was asked to attend the meeting, as well as Sue White as previous treasurer. Discussion ensued on weather Saturday and the location of Annapolis works as it's a 2-hour drive for Devon and this Saturday is short notice. Ann will check with Devon, Jill and Kathy to see if the location and date works for everyone and if not, they will try for April.
- Jill Nadeau sent a message about two weeks ago asking if the chapter would still be participating in and funding Pride events. Ann Fink responded that participation will depend on what the outreach committee wants to do and also noted the Board has determined to limit financials support to \$100.00 or so this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Edie Cato designed postcards and will revise and incorporate the new QR code. Ann Fink hopes to get the postcards printed by next week so they can be used at the Sheep and Wool Festival first weekend in May 2026.
- Bonnie Berman requests that our 2026 charitable donation be sent to The Maryland Center for History and Culture and be used for crates in order to send the Tapestry from location to location. We need to make sure they are a 501(c)(3). A motion was made to use the \$200 for crates by Bonnie Berman and seconded by Chris Armstrong. The vote was unanimous as long as it is a charitable contribution. A 30-day notice will be made to the membership thus voting on the motion will be made at the May meeting.

Chris Armstrong asked who uses the QR code specifically who will use the postcards and Ann replied it's primarily for the Outreach Committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karen Silber and seconded by Jane Bauersfeld. There were no objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Next meeting will be May 19,2026 at 7:30 p.m.