

South Central Region EGA

2019 Mid-Year Meeting

February 23, 2019

Embassy Suites Hotel Dallas – Park Central, Dallas Texas.

Region Director, Shawn Miller called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM

Introductions (around the room)

Secretary, Karen Heller – Quorum was verified. Minor corrections to the minutes from the Annual Meeting were identified. A motion was made (by Terry Anderson, 2nd Natalie England) to accept the minutes from the last meeting, as corrected. The motion carried.

Motion Between Sessions, Karen Heller read into the minutes the motion that was approved on October 2, 2018 as an on-line between sessions vote:

MOTION: I Sherri Hagar, move to increase the 2018 Budget by \$725 to cover the cost of Quickbooks On-Line for managing the SCR finances since the expense was not included in the original 2018 Budget as passed.

Rational: To pay for necessary accounting software for the region.

I, Karen Heller, second the motion.

Officer/Committee Chair Reports

Region Director – Shawn Miller

National Board Report – March, 2019: Report stands.

- Shawn Miller visited 9 chapters during 2018. She taught her original design, Peppermint Candy Stocking, which uses furniture chair pads to make the peppermints. She has scheduled to visit **four** more chapters in 2019.

Report from National Board Meetings held October, 2018: Report stands.

- Starting with National Seminar 2019 in St. Louis, battery powered lights will be required. SCR will require battery powered lights beginning with the seminar in San Marcos in 2020. The reason is that extension cords can cause a safety risk and the cords are expensive (costing approximately \$5000 per seminar).
- Starting in 2020, national EGA will no longer have a printed brochure for seminar (this will save the region approximately \$13,000 per seminar). Classes will be open during seminar and will close for a brief period of time to allow for the early registrations to be tallied and then registration will be reopened, following the SCR model.

Assistant Region Director – Sandra Harwell: No Report.

- Sandra welcomed all of the region reps to the meeting and announced that she had printed Region Rep notebooks available for anyone needing one (the region rep notebooks are also available on our website). She emphasized that the Region Rep is the most important key between the region and the chapters for disseminating information. If region reps have any questions, they should direct them to her or any of the other officers listed on our website.
- Updated rosters are available on our website under the Region Rep link. These rosters include all the chapter presidents, vice presidents, region reps, treasurers, memberships, and newsletter editors.

Treasurer – Sherri Hagar: Report stands.

- Sherri highlighted a few key financial statistics from her 2018 report: 2018 Income - \$19,213.94, 2018 Expenditures - \$29,215.22. Even though this was a deficit, it was approximately \$5000 under budget.
- Sherri highlighted a few key financial statistics from her January, 2019 report: Jan 2019 Expenditures - \$3,692.90, Jan 2019 Cash Accounts - \$90,349.70

Education – Mary Waldsmith: Report stands with an update.

- **Update:** The next class that SCR will sponsor thru Shining Needle will be a geometric design, “A Crystal Celebration” taught by Kurdy Biggs. The kits will be \$95 and will be offered in 2 color ways. There is a \$50 option to purchase instructions only. Kurdy Biggs approached SCR about teaching the class and she will be featured in the March 2019 EGA issue as part of the Designers Across America series.
- Mary distributed a handout about the class and how-to sign-up. She emphasized that the class is “not-really on-line”. The registration is on-line through the Shining Needle, but the actual class information and kits are mailed directly to the participant and the class is supplemented with a yahoo group to facilitate additional information and class questions.
- SCR is underwriting the teaching fee for all students and all participants must be a current member of SCR-EGA. Each member registers and pays for the class project individually.
- Registration is open March 1 thru April 30, 2019.

GCC’s – Beth Newton: Report Stands.

- Next Year’s GCC classes have been selected and the course descriptions are available on the EGA National website (egausa.org):
 - Enchanted Summer: Linda Wyszynski, Mixed Technique
 - Perfectly Counted Crosses: Carolyn Standing Webb, Sampler, Design, Counted
 - White on White Crazy Quilted Wallpiece: J. Marsha Michler, Mixed Media crazy quilt
 - Falling Leaves: Kim Sanders, crewel
 - Beginning Hardanger: Marion Scoular, whitework
- Registration starts today and extends until the end of June 2019. There are forms on the SCR website or you can sign-up in person at the 2019 seminar in Rogers, AR. Please write individual checks if you wish to sign up for more than one class (checks are returned if the class does not make).
- Beth handed out a new job description for GCC coordinators to the region reps at the meeting. The GCC Coordinator job description will also be posted on the website.

Bylaws – Debbie Osborn: No Report.

Communications – Sherri Seville: Report stands.

- Sherri is still not receiving information from the chapters on how they are spending their education money.
- Reminder that all chapters should be sending their newsletters to Sherri. Please include her on your newsletter distribution list.
- Sherri’s email address is: scr.stitcheseditor@gmail.com
- Region reps please make sure all chapter members are receiving “Stitches”. If an individual is not receiving the region newsletter, there is probably a problem with their email address. Please make corrections directly with National or send the corrections to Linda Walker, Region Membership, and she will help get the information corrected. For members with no email address, please have a hard copy available at your chapter meeting.

Heart and Hand Award: Report stands.

- Last night the EC determined the 2019 Heart and Hand theme: “**The person who has done events/activities that keep their Guild members engaged**”.
- The award is given by SCR to up to 5 individuals. Each chapter may nominate one individual to receive the award. Recipients receive a \$50 award. The nomination forms will be emailed to chapter presidents and region reps and the forms will also be available on our website. Nominations are due by mid-May. Denise Hall will respond when she receives each nomination.

Historian – Pat Lufholm: No Report.

Membership – Dr. Linda Walker: Report stands.

- Linda gets contacted frequently concerning correct dues for Life-members. Life-members do not need to pay National or Region dues, but they do have to pay local chapter dues.
- Linda has to verify SCR membership when individuals sign-up for Shining Needle classes. Please respond to her quickly regarding any queries about membership for new members since EGA National is slow updating their membership records.
- Linda hopes that chapters can use the reasons why people did not renew their membership to help them retain members, especially with regard to elderly members. She suggested that chapters might offer transportation, guidance

in the selection of magnification options, or help older members to transition to needle work requiring less magnification.

- Linda distributes membership lists periodically. Please review these in detail when you receive them. The last list she distributed was not received from 6 chapters. Please see her if you are unsure whether your chapter is up to date.
- Question about membership cards. Request membership cards from National if your chapter needs them.

Outreach – Lyn Thomas: Report stands.

- Please ignore any typos in her report, but review activities listed for your chapter and let Lyn know of any discrepancies. If your chapter is not included, then someone from your chapter needs to contact Lyn so that your information is included. Please communicate all outreach activities to Lyn as National needs this information to help retain our 501C3 status. Please send minutes and newsletters.

Seminar Mentor – Marianna Markham: Report stands.

- Correction: Bella Vista (not Buena Vista)
- We have seminar sponsors thru 2023. Need a volunteer for 2024.

Special Events – Amanda-Garcia Slater: Report stands.

- Please book rooms for seminars and other meetings **early**. It is important for us to get all of our rooms into the room block so that we get credit for the rooms. This helps us to get free or reduced prices on our meeting rooms and other amenities and keeps the overall cost of our seminars and meetings down.
- There has been an overwhelming response for rooms at the Bella Vista seminar. Please have members email Amanda if you have any problems booking a room. We have already increased our room block three times.

Ways & Means – Paula Millhollon: Report stands.

- Last year we sold 324 tickets for a total of \$2,865 for our Opportunity Drawing for a trip to the “Explore the Arts” Seminar in Rogers, AR. Rosie Moyna was the winner of the 2019 Rogers, AR trip.
- Paula has tickets today (in groups of 12) for the Opportunity Drawing for a trip to “Create A Vision” the 2020 SCR Seminar that will be held in San Marcos, Texas hosted by the San Antonio Needlework Guild. The winner receives up to \$1,500 to be used for seminar and the award can be deferred for one year. Please see Paula to get tickets. She requests that each chapter take a minimum of 12 tickets.
- A question was asked about where to turn in tickets and funds at the 2019 seminar. Paula will be at the region meeting and at merchandise night. Tickets can also be turned in to Shawn Miller during studio time.

Webmaster – Jane Major: No report.

- Updated officer rosters have been posted on the website under the Region Rep and EC links.
- A question was asked about a bad email address and trouble receiving the Region Rep emails for the Mid-Year meeting. This problem was caused by an email typo made when creating a group for the new region reps by the secretary and has been corrected.

Seminar 2019 – Rogers, AR – Donna Hagaman: Report stands.

- Donna apologized to the group for any difficulties they may be having making hotel reservations for seminar. The block of rooms has been increased several times already. Please have members contact Amanda Garcia-Slater if they have any trouble making hotel reservations. There is a link to contact her on the hotel page of the seminar 2019 website.
- The seminar will have a Boutique (Wed, Thur, Fri, and Sat AM) and Scissor Sharpening. Please tell members to bring their scissors for sharpening. Cost will be approximately \$8 - \$10 per scissor. Sharpening will be at the information table all day Wednesday and he will try to return the scissors the same day.
- Classes and registration for seminar is still open.
- Battery powered lights are encouraged. There are power sources available for purchase on-line that will enable you to use your current lights: one brand and model that was mentioned was the Halo Bolt model 58830. Plugs will still be available at the 2019 seminar, but we would prefer not to use them for safety reasons.
- Seminar 2019 will be sponsoring three outreach projects:
 - 1) We will be collecting threads (leftovers from kits, etc.) for John Waddell to give to poor Women in Mexico for embroidery projects.
 - 2) We will be collecting Bookmarks to be given to a Literacy group.
 - 3) We will be coordinating the collection of easy kits and stitching supplies for Brooke Army Hospital for soldiers needing rehab.
- Please see Terry Anderson if you would like to purchase a nametag kit.

Seminar 2020 – Diane Williams: Report stands.

- Please come! The seminar will be held in San Marcos, Texas (between Austin and San Antonio) on June 10 – 13, 2020. Our theme is “Create A Vision”.
- It will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel and will include free breakfast, parking, wifi, and happy hour drinks. All classes will be on the 1st floor.
- There will be a free shuttle to 2 outlet malls.
- There are 4 mini classes that will be held on Tuesday.
- Sign-up starts at the 2019 seminar in Rogers, AR. We will be able to accept credit cards.
- Hotel reservations can be made approximately 10 months before the seminar.
- Paula Millhollon has Opportunity tickets to win a trip to the 2020 seminar.

Seminar 2021 – Sandy Crow: Report stands.

- Seminar 2021 will be held in Georgetown, TX on June 1 – 5, 2021. Mark your calendars; these dates are earlier than normal due to hotel availability.
- The seminar will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Georgetown, TX. Georgetown is “just a conversation away from Austin”, about 12 miles north. It is a new hotel and all classes will be on the 1st floor. There will be free parking.
- Our theme is: “Friends Threaded Together”.
- The website is coming soon.

Seminar 2022 – LuLu Martin: Report stands.

- Seminar 2022 will be held in Shreveport, LA on June 14 – 18, 2022.
- The seminar will be held at the Shreveport Hilton attached to the Shreveport Convention Center. (The Hilton is near the casinos if you want to try to win back the costs for attending seminar.)

Door Prizes

- Pulled Thread Sampler, EGA Collection: winner, Pat Sweet
- EGA Approved Projects, 1999: winner, Lyn Thomas

New Business

Audit Committee Report – Mary Waldsmith:

- The audit committee included: Mary Waldsmith, Jane Major, and Sandra Harwell.
- Mary reported that the audit committee completed the audit of the 2018 books and found them to be accurate to the best of the committee’s knowledge.

Required reports. Annual, Officer, Treasurer:

- What can be done to make reporting easier?
- There are 3 Reports that Chapters are asked to complete:
 - 1) The Treasurer’s report is submitted directly to National. National aggregates all of the information so that EGA only has to file one tax return. It MUST be submitted by the treasurer to National by February 15. The request for the chapter treasurer’s report is sent to each Chapter treasurer by snail mail to the treasurer on record.
 - 2) The Officer Report is submitted to the region and contains the names and contact information for the main chapter officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Region Rep, Membership, and Newsletter Editor. The report is submitted on-line and is not accepted unless all of the fields are completed. You will get a confirmation of your submission if the report is completed correctly. The responsibility for completing this report should be the out-going president of the chapter. This report should be received by Jan 15.
 - 3) The Annual Report is submitted to the region and contains information required by the Region Director to complete her report to National. It contains reporting on Education and Outreach that are needed to help retain our 501C3 status. The responsibility for completing this report should be the out-going president of the chapter. This report should be received by Jan 15.
- The reasons for submitting late reports were discussed. It was generally felt that we need more reminders and that it would be easier if the Past Presidents had only one report to submit. Chapters that change officers mid-year would also

need to complete the new report when their officers change. They could just put an “x” in the other fields for the mid-year submission so that the on-line form would be accepted.

Chapter Dues Structure:

- A chapter member may be a **PRIMARY** or **PLURAL** member of a chapter. A member who pays their National dues via your chapter is considered a primary member. A member who pays their National dues via another EGA chapter is considered a plural member. If their primary chapter is within SCR, then they are considered an **“in Region”** plural member. If the primary chapter is outside of SCR, then the member is considered an **“Out of Region”** plural member.
- Your chapter dues are calculated as follows: National dues (\$39) plus SCR dues (\$5) plus the local chapter amount. The dues amount for an “in Region” plural is ONLY the amount of the local dues. The dues amount for an “Out of Region” plural member is the local dues plus the region dues.
- **There is a chart in the attached report** that compares the dues as reported by the chapter on the SCR website to the dues as calculated using the formula presented. If there is a discrepancy, either the website or the dues are incorrect.
- Each chapter needs to review their dues and make sure they are calculated correctly. It is not OK to charge plural members more or less for local dues than other members in the chapter. Corrections to either the website or the dues need to be reported to the webmaster by 3/31/19. If the dues are incorrect, you will also need to work with your membership chair to get them corrected.

Outreach Policy:

- We have budgeted \$500 for Outreach for each chapter in the 2019 budget.
- The “Proposed SCR Community Outreach Chapter Reimbursement Policy” is included in the meeting reports and was summarized in the meeting. This policy has already been approved by the Executive Committee.
- Reminder: If you want to use your Outreach money for something that is not on the list in the policy, it **MUST** be pre-approved by the Outreach chair and the Assistant Region Director.
- Please keep track of receipts for your expenditures so that you may submit them for reimbursement using the standard SCR reimbursement policy.

EC and Region Rep Travel Policy:

- The executive committee has approved changes to the EC and Region Rep Travel policy. The changes are provided for your reference.

Standing Rule and Policy Updates:

- The executive committee has approved changes to the Standing Rules and Policies. The policies affected are included in the reports. Changes are reflected in red type.

SCR Executive Committee Job Descriptions:

- The executive committee has approved changes to the SCR Executive Committee Job Descriptions. The changes are reflected in red type.

Vote on 2019 – 2021 Slate of officers:

- The slate of officers from your nominating committee is as follows:
 - Region Director – Sandra Harwell**
 - Assistant Region Director – Valorie Russell**
 - Director of Education – Mary Waldsmith**
 - Secretary – Debbie Osborne**
 - Treasurer – Sheri Hagar**
- Shawn Miller asked for nominations from the floor. None were provided.
- The slate of officers was approved by the board.
- The term of office is 2 years: June 2019 – June 2021. New officers will be installed at the seminar banquet.

Announcements

- Reminder that you must have a battery powered light at EGA National Seminars.
- The SCR Executive Committee and Seminar committee chairs have committed to check their SCR gmail account at least once per week. If you do not have a response within one week of sending an email, please let the RD know. (SCR.RegionDirector@gmail.com)

- The workshop will begin immediately after this meeting. Plan to stay for this fun event!
- **Next Meeting:**
Annual Meeting Bella Vista Seminar, Wednesday, June 19, 2019; 10:00 AM

The meeting was adjourned by **Shawn Miller** at 11:55 AM