MINUTES

American Quilt Study Group 2026 Annual Meeting

August 30, 2026

Lincoln, NE – Seminar 2026

Millie Kehrli called the meeting to order at 11:30 CT

Call for Changes to the Agenda and Approval of 2025 minutes

All members were given a copy of the annual report and agenda. The 2025 minutes were projected on the screen.

Several grammatical and clarifying edits to the October 2025 Annual Meeting minutes were made.

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Cindy Faulkner and seconded by Joanna Evans. The motion passed with none opposed.

Annual report

Millie Kehrli presented the annual report. During 2025, we had a 96% member retention rate as well as expanded recruitment and outreach efforts. The organization supported six Fellowship recipients in 2025, a higher than normal rate that we have continued to support in 2026. Work towards the Five year strategic plan objectives remains on track.

The Endowment has surpassed $1 million, a milestone attributed to the sustained contributions of past volunteers and members. While costs have increased, AQSG's financial foundation remains strong.

On staff, we now have a new administrative assistant, Tia Aldred, as well as an Educational Programs Director, Stephanie Capps-Dyke, allowing for more efficient division of responsibilities.

Treasurer's report

Millie Kehrli presented the Treasurer's report since Kristin Barrus was unable to attend Seminar. The 2025 financial report and snapshot were made available to all members present.

Millie notes that a transition to a new financial manager has saved the organization approximately $8,000 annually. The Endowment Fund has grown substantially over the past year despite market volatility. A question about current and future Endowment fund donations was asked; it was clarified that all donations to the Endowment are added to the principal.

Another question was raised regarding EBSCO. It was explained that EBSCO is an online research database from which AQSG receives royalties when individuals purchase access to *Uncoverings*. This revenue is expected to decline over time as *Uncoverings* become freely available through Digital Commons. Colleen Pokorny noted that EBSCO does not include images in its listings due to permissions requirements.

Board of Directors election results

The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors: Sarah Locascio, Marybeth Stalp, and Katy O'Connell.

2027 Des Moines, Iowa Seminar Announcement

Joidi Evans and Marianne Fons invited members to the 2027 Seminar in Des Moines, Iowa. The Iowa Quilt Museum will be showing *Written in Cloth*, an exhibit focused on inscribed quilts and text on quilts. Des Moines has an international airport, and the Embassy Suites will serve as the event venue. It was noted that Des Moines addresses are commonly divided into "East" and other designations, which attendees should keep in mind when noting locations. Otherwise, the hotel and venues are easy to access by

car. Planning is well underway. Members are asked to mark their calendars for September 22–26, 2027!

2026 Wilmington, Delaware Seminar Announcement
Matt Monk announced that the 49th annual AQSG Seminar will be held in Wilmington, Delaware, in partnership with Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. The event is scheduled for October 18-23, 2028.

2026 Seminar Fundraising Results (Tentative)
Figures are tentative, pending final reconciliation.

Category	Amount
Silent Auction	$8,637
Grab Bag	$261
Public Day Admission	$380
Live Auction (not including Fund-a-Need)	$10,240
Co-op booth	$11,158 (AQSG receives at least a 15% commission of this)
Endowment table	$4,209

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alicia Thomas, seconded by Lisa Ellis. All in favor, none opposed.

The annual meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Selina Faulkner Toedter, Secretary
September 4, 2026

Subject to approval at the 2027 Annual Meeting in Des Moines, IA