

MINUTES
American Quilt Study Group
Executive Committee
May 19, 2025
Zoom Meeting

President Nancy Bavor called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm (Eastern time)

Present: Nancy Bavor, Sharon Pinka, Susan Jerome, Deb Dahab, Executive Director Carrie Dell.

Absent: Kristin Barrus

Discussion: Lisa Erlandson has resigned from the national board, regretfully, as well as being chair of the Showmakers Committee. She was also part of Governance. What is the best way to choose a new board member to take her place? Someone with a new appreciation for what AQSG can offer all members, and ways to attract and keep younger members.

Joanna Evans may be asked to replace Lisa Erlandson on the Board and finish Lisa's term. Since Showmakers is a sub-committee, Stephanie Capps Dyke may be able to take over.

The talk evolved into discussion about mentorship and reaching out to the Futures Group – what does this group expect from a mentorship program? What is the AQSG mentorship program?

Kristin Barrus will work with some Futures' members to come up with a mission statement and goals for the Futures Group. The Futures Group originated from a desire encourage younger members to join the organization.

Can AQSG offer zoom presentations, maybe three times a year, to provide mentors and encourage members to propose study centers and poster presentations.

Carrie Dell suggested there be a committee contract for those who volunteer for AQSG committees. It would explain the responsibilities and accountability. Discussion included thoughts on determining the consequences of non-compliance. Should the contract be signed by all members of a committee or just board members or chairs? The contract should be the same for all committees.

Expectations and actions need to be identified – by committee chairs. This would need to be refined for new board members as the new board orientation may be done in December 2025.

Mention was also made to what to do when committee members are burned out – some committees don't have terms.

Some talk on study center proposals. Talk on the retreat to Block Island organized by Jill Alexander and New England group. Study center leaders do not need to be AQSG members, nor do they need to register for the Seminar. If they don't register they cannot take part in any Seminar activities.

There were 8 applicants for fellowships. All excellent, making decisions difficult. Some of them may have been a result of AQSG being at QuiltCon. Can AQSG develop sponsorships for fellowships? Something to investigate. Sharon Pinka reported that there were 4 poster/panel presentations to date.

Thinking ahead to Lincoln in 2026 – Elaine Yau will be a keynote speaker. Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive Associate Curator and Academic Liaison.

What is the impact or blowback of the federal cuts? Something to think about.

Meeting adjourned 7:08 pm.

Some discussion with Sharon Pinka about Virginia Gunn's collection, some of which is to be donated to AQSG by her son, Eric.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Jerome
May 30, 2025