

## MINUTES

American Quilt Study Group  
Executive Committee  
September 8, 2025  
Zoom Meeting

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

Present: Deb Dahab, Sharon Pinka, Nancy Bavor, Susan Jerome, Millie Kehrli, Carrie Dell

Absent: Kristin Barrus

Nancy Bavor asked that a discussion of the Membership Committee recommendations for changes to membership levels be added to the agenda.

Approval of the July 20, 2025 minutes will be by email.

Quilt Study – The Publications Committee is working to define the responsibilities of the chairs of the Quilt Study committee. Mea Clift and Shae Vaughn, co-chairs for 2025, will work with the new chairs to select topics for final approval by the board. Discussion.

Seminar Update – There are 205 registrations for Seminar 2025. AQSG has met the minimum block numbers for both the Seminar and overflow hotels. The Seminar Committee has raised approximately \$12,000 for donation. The office staff is up to date on the organizational details. All the tours are just about full.

There was discussion about having emergency contact info for all registrants. Carrie suggested the office send out an email to ask for this information. Perhaps it should be included on all future next registration forms.

Move Update – AQSG is out of the physical office space and using three rooms in Carrie Dell's apartment building to house files. Cost is \$150.00 per month. Emails have gone out to all members with the new mailing address. The AQSG phone number has been transferred. Carrie and Becky plan on giving older *Uncoverings* away at Seminar, and selling some.

Strategic Plan Update – The Steering Committee will meet to finalize a draft of the Strategic Plan, which will be discussed and voted on by the board during Seminar 2025. Darren Macfee, consultant from Nonprofit Wizards, will help with defining the goals and objectives. Individual committees will be responsible for creating work plans and strategies for their committees. Discussion.

Membership Committee – The committee is proposing that AQSG change the time period for memberships, from all memberships beginning on January 1 to a rolling system that reflects when individuals join and begin to pay dues. This needs a series of by-laws changes which are voted on by the entire membership. AQSG's new record-keeping system will help facilitate this.

If a person joined before 2025, the new renewal date will be January 1. There was some discussion about this. The reasons for the change are: a person who joins after January is guaranteed a full year

membership; helps spread out the organization's income stream; helps people to want to join at outreach events later on in the year and acts as an incentive for people to participate throughout the year. It is more new-member friendly, adding value for new members.

Financials – Nancy Bavor and Carrie Dell went through some of the budget and explained income and expenses.

Nancy Bavor asked that the committee members read the minutes from July and vote to accept by email.

Executive Committee members should check the volunteer form for Seminar to see if there is a need that can be filled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Jerome  
September 17, 2025