MINUTES
American Quilt Study Group Executive Committee
July 8, 2026
Zoom

Executive Committee members present: Millie Kehrli, Joanna Evans, Kristin Barrus, Sharon Pinka, Selina Toedter (taking minutes),

Ex officio members present: Nancy Bavor (past president) and Carrie Dell (Executive Director)

Millie Kehrli called the board meeting to order at 6:02PM EST.

Agenda
A quick update from Publications was added to the agenda.

Motion to accept the agenda was offered by Joanna Evans, seconded by Millie Kehrli. None opposed, the motion passes.

May 13, 2026 and July 1, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve the May 13, 2026 minutes was made by Kristin Barrus. Seconded by Joanna Evans. Motion passed with none opposed.

Motion to approve the July 1, 2026 minutes was made by Millie Kehrli. Seconded by Joanna Evans. Motion passed with none opposed.

Futures Group
Kristin Barrus and Selina Toedter worked on a description of the Futures group last year, which is being reviewed. The purpose of the Futures group is to provide an informal and conversational space for new members and new researchers. They will meet 1-2 times in the spring via Zoom, and the invitation will be sent to all members (especially encouraging new members to attend). A fall Seminar meet-and-greet table may also be a good opportunity to meet with new members and new researchers.

The group will be led by the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee is looking to create new 'new member' initiatives in addition to the existing mentorship programs and new member orientation. Futures will not be duplicating these efforts and will continue to focus on informal welcoming and discussion.

We will be communicating these updates to membership. A description of the committee and the relevant contact information will be added to the website. The description of the group and Seminar table will be added to August News & Notes. The Executive Committee expressed appreciation for Kristin's leadership and focus on supporting new members.

Community Guidelines violations
The members-only Facebook group is a membership privilege for the purpose of sharing quilts and research. There has been a member suspended twice from the members-only group for community guideline violations. Millie and Kristin have reached out to this member with an invitation to meet via Zoom for more in-depth discussion, but the member has declined.

The next step is to let this member know that they will be permanently removed from the Facebook group if there is another violation.

The Community Guidelines will be added to the 'About' tab of our website for easier access and search capability.

Treasurer Transition
Mary Wolter is a potential candidate for Treasurer. Her background includes serving as Treasurer for the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts. Kristin will review the duties and responsibilities listed in the Treasurer job description to ensure those are up-to-date. Millie and Kristin will meet with Mary to see if she is open to nomination and ensure she is a good fit for the role.

Seminar Updates
Seminar planning is going well. Registration is up to 182 and the Marketing Committee has just began to publicize. The Vendor Hall is somewhat challenging since a medical event and bereavement have caused two vendors to back out. There will be some new vendors.

A general member's booth was suggested as a way for members to sell quilts on consignment without having to commit to running their own booth. Nancy Bavor will approach Jill Alexander, who is in charge of the Vendor Hall, about logistics and announcing the initiative to members.

We are looking forward to the opening reception at IQM, tours, and seeing everyone in Lincoln.

Judy Elsley Bequest
AQSG has received about $20,400 from Judy Elsley's donor advised fund. Twenty percent is designated for operations and the remainder will go into the Endowment Fund.

Discussion followed about whether we could use the operations monies for the Houston Quilt Study and inspiration quilt exhibit sponsorship requirements. Nancy Bavor suggested the Past Presidents raise the $2,000 sponsorship as an alternative.

Publications
As of meeting, all this year's papers are with the designer, have been proofread, and will be reviewed by authors again. It must be at the printer at least one month before seminar and we are on track.

Sharbreon Plummer will be stepping down as Editor into 2027. She has found that the role required more time than she can accommodate at this time. She has asked for the opportunity to inform authors before general membership and the public. She would like to assist in the transition of the role.

Next Meetings
Next Executive Committee meetings will be September 9 and November 11.

Motion made by Millie Kehrli to conclude the meeting was opposed by none. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Selina Faulkner Toedter
July 11, 2026