

MINUTES

American Quilt Study Group Board of Directors
August 3, 2025
Zoom

Board members present: Susan Jerome; Colleen Pokorny; Deb Dahab; Kristin Barrus; Nancy Bavor; Joanna Evans; Sharon Pinka; Millie Kehrli; Jodi Bratch

Others present: ED Carrie Dell; *Blanket Statement* editor Hallie Bond

Not Present: Mary Fons; Selina Toedter; A'donna Richardson; Joanna Dermenjian; *Uncoverings* editor Sharbreon Plummer

Nancy Bavor called the board meeting to order at 6:12 ET pm.

Call for Changes to the Agenda and Approval:

There will be no Financial Report. Carrie Dell will send out the information.

The June 1, 2025 minutes will be approved as written by email vote.

Revisions and discussion of some committee reports:

The Publications Committee is working on an Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy. Some discussion among board members. Thoughts and comments can be sent to Nancy Bavor and Carrie Dell.

Marketing has been very successful. Membership exceeds 900.

Motion: Colleen Pokorny moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Deb Dahab second. Motion approved.

New Business

AQSG grant process: Nancy Bavor and others have put together a Grant Review Committee to update the grant review process. The committee will also look at the descriptions for the Endowment Grant. The goal of the committee is to have continuity in the way grants are described, reviewed and granted.

The Policies & Procedures manual is being revised and will be voted on at the October meeting.

Seminar update: There are 190 registrants as of August 3, with Seminar budget on track. The AV system at the hotel is less expensive than previous years and the paper presentations have had generous sponsors, as have the grants to attend Seminar. All of the Study Centers have the minimum number of 12 attendees.

Office Move Report: The AQSG office will be moved by September 1, 2025. Carrie Dell and Becky Fisher have gone through the archives, identifying those to be saved. Staff will hire helpers for the actual move and a volunteer will help with technical assistance. Carrie will identify an appropriate phone system that will allow her and Becky to access the AQSG

phone number. Extra *Uncoverings* will be kept until after Seminar in Lincoln, NE. Nancy Bavor emphasized to Carrie and Becky that they have a 9-5 work day, with time off for breaks and lunch!

Publications Committee: Discussion centered on how to choose the topic for the AQSG Biennial Quilt Study. Mea Clift is working on a job description for the chair of the Quilt Study committee. Several suggestions were made. It was decided that there should be a process for vetting potential chairs and that the policy be changed so that the topic doesn't have to be announced at Seminar. Should the AQSG board continue to have the final vote on the topic, or should that be given to all members? Which policy would continue to help AQSG become broader in topics of interest and participation? It was decided towards the end of the meeting that the theme should be announced at Seminar, but no other decisions were made.

Affinity Groups:

Discussion centered around creating landing pages for the following groups as well as the study groups to create more local interest in AQSG.

Futures Group – Kristin Barrus and Selina Toedter are formalizing a mission statement and goals in order to make this an active affinity group within AQSG.

Friends of the Needle – Lena DeMarco should do the same for this group.

Study Groups – are study groups related to AQSG? How? Discussion centered around developing policies for the different groups and providing support and uniformity for the regional groups (as well as Futures and Friends). How can AQSG monitor or regulate membership, for example? Nothing decided.

Nancy Bavor reported on the International Quilt Museum board meeting for 2026, that will be held just prior to AQSG Seminar 2026. She suggested that IQM board members be given some impetus to stay for Seminar – perhaps an invite to the opening reception?

Carrie Dell reported that a “theme” for seminar 2026 will include gardens, as the Lincoln city Parks & Rec will be planting garden spaces with a quilt theme.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Jerome
August 14, 2025

NOTE: The June 1, 2025 minutes were approved by majority email vote the following week.