League of Northern Colorado Quilters

General Board Meeting

September 21, 2026

Via Zoom

Board members in attendance: Crystal Wentz, 1st Vice President; Pat Baker, VP Programs; Ellen Rankin, Treasurer; Beth Soderquist, Website & Integration and Web Communications; Cynthia Marquez, Secretary; Lauri Dykstra, Retreat Coordinator; Lauretta Oudeman, Show and Tell; Kaea Beresford, Publicity; Sue Hine, Newsletter

1. Crystal Wentz ("Crystal") welcomed everyone to the General Board meeting. Crystal is chairing the meeting in Joan Fulton's ("Joan") absence.

2. August 2026 General Meeting and General Board Meeting Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the August 2026 General Meeting Minutes made by Lauri Dykstra ("Lauri") and seconded by Beth Soderquist ("Beth"). Motion to approve the August 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes made by Sue Hine ("Sue") and seconded by Beth. The August 2026 General Meeting Minutes and General Board Meeting Minutes approved by the Board.

3. Financial Reporting – the 2026 "*Budget versus Actual*" report through end of August will be circulated. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to Joan, Crystal or Ellen. Crystal reported that the Guild is finishing the year on a strong financial basis.

   The budgeted charitable donations to Larimer County Fair, Larimer County Food Bank and the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum were approved at the Executive Board Meeting. The Executive Board voted to discontinue the budgeted $200 donation to the Quilt Alliance as there is not a discernable benefit at this time. The Treasurer will prepare the checks for the approved donations.

   Fundraisers scheduled for the balance of the year include a two-day High Tea event, tee-shirt sales and the Silent Auction during the Holiday Party. Donations are needed and can be made at the October and November general meetings. A formal letter to solicit donations and acknowledge donations on behalf of the Guild is on Google Drive, in the Ways and Means folder.

4. Quilt-A-Fair – This year the Guild will have a booth which will allow outreach to our target audiences and be a possible venue to show future raffle quilts and sell tickets. Kaea Beresford ("Kaea") noted that all the volunteer slots for this year's inaugural booth have been filled and that volunteers receive reduced price admission. This booth is a benefit of the Guild's membership in Colorado Quilting Council.

5. Registration as Colorado Charity – the status is pending Joan's return to set up the account.

6. Raffle Quilt – Crystal reported that the Executive Board voted to proceed with a Raffle Quilt, which decision was confirmed by the General Board. A Raffle Quilt committee was formed with Crystal, Kaea, Pat Baker ("Pat") and Lauri volunteering to serve. The goal will be to use the balance of 2026 to create and assemble the Raffle Quilt and start the promotion and ticket sales in 2027.

7. Board Elections - Crystal is working on Board nominations for the elections at the October general meeting. The Executive Board nominees were presented at the September meeting and the General Board nominees will be presented at the October general meeting.

8. Membership Renewals - will be accepted after October 1st with dues remaining the same. Jane Rozum, Beth, Crystal and Sue Ellis are working on the renewal systems. Motion made by Beth that new members joining now will receive the balance of 2026 with their 2027 membership. Seconded by Kaea. Motion approved.

9. 1st Vice President – Block of the Month on-going. Holiday Party planning has started. The Best Western BEO's without beverage service will result in $1,200 in annual savings to the Guild. Pat may be able to source donated bottled water if needed. An overarching contract with the Best Western is in-progress and Crystal will finalize with the 2027 deposit.

   Crystal noted that the Community Service, Hospitality, Publicity and Show and Tell board positions are open.

10. VP Programs – Pat noted that there are still some openings in the October workshop and that participants are welcome to bring their machines along. The November workshop has openings as well. The 2027 Program Schedule is complete.

11. Treasurer – Ellen Rankin reported that a second Certificate of Deposit ("CD") was being opened to maximize interest income and that the initial CD will mature immediately before the payment of expenses for the 2026 Fall Retreat. She requested any remaining budget items be presented in October for payment by year end.

Crystal is working on the 2027 budget including Committees' line items for the overall Guild budget.

12. Website and Integration and Web Communications - Following the elections, Beth will work on changing the emails to the new board members. Crystal will look into having a 2027 board retreat.

13. Newsletter – noted that the newsletter is looking great. Sue reported that Joan had set up color coding for the newsletter.

14. Publicity - Kaea is placing Guild cards with the new logo in local quilt shops and asked for members to take cards to additional places as appropriate. She is planning on eight volunteers to help set up, take down and staff the Quilt-A-Fair booth and estimates two-hour time slots for volunteers. Pat noted that there may be some opportunities for joint programming with other CQC guilds for future years.

15. Fall Retreat – Lauri reported that 2026 Fall Retreat sign-ups are going well: 38 attendees out of 40 total spaces. The "Early Bird Pricing" worked well this year. Funds earned on retreats but not spent this year will add to the Guild's bottom line.

16. Show and Tell – Lauretta Oudeman noted that the Show and Tell email continues to have issues. Beth will work on resolving these for the 2027 Show and Tell coordinator. She is also looking for some of the Show and Tell photos.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Cynthia S Marquez

Cynthia S. Marquez, Secretary