

League of Northern Colorado Quilters

General Board Meeting

January 26, 2026

Location: 5132 Snead Court, Ft. Collins, CO

Board members in attendance: Joan Fulton, President; Crystal Wentz, 1st Vice President and Co-chair 30th Anniversary Committee; Pat Baker, VP Programs; Cyndy Marquez, Secretary; Jane Rozum, Web Coordinator; Beth Soderquist, Web Communications; Betty Ann Eash, Community Service; Char Cox, Hospitality; Lauri Dykstra, Retreat Coordinator; Sue Ellis, Co-chair Membership; Karen Riley, Co-chair Membership and Co-chair, 30th Anniversary Committee; Kathy Winter, Ways and Means.

1. Joan Fulton (“Joan”) welcomed everyone to the General Board meeting and handed out gold stars to the 2026 board members for their name tags.
2. The following Minutes were circulated and reviewed:
 - a. December 15, 2025, Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting - Beth Soderquist (“Beth”) moved to approve the minutes as prepared; seconded by Pat Baker (“Pat”). Executive Board Members verbally approved the minutes.
 - b. December 15, 2025, Minutes of the General Board Meeting – it was noted that the heading of the General Board Meeting Minutes should be revised to read “General Board Meeting Minutes”, Crystal Wentz (“Crystal”) moved to approve the minutes as revised; seconded by Betty Ann Eash (“Betty Ann”). General Board Members verbally approved the minutes.
 - c. January 5, 2026, Minutes of the General Meeting – Lauri Dykstra moved to approve the minutes as prepared; seconded by Char Cox. General Board Members verbally approved the minutes. Noted that future minutes will not list individual names of quilters presenting Show and Tell quilts.
3. Joan opened discussion of the required financial reporting to the membership and appropriate formats. Section 8E(4), Article VI, of the By-Laws require the Treasurer to “Prepare and present an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements at each League meeting.” Additionally, as required by LNCQ’s

Standing Rules/Policies, an audit either every three years or upon the change of Treasurer, an audit is in the process of being initiated. The audit ensures that the Board is satisfying its fiduciary responsibilities.

As Ellen Rankin, Treasurer, was not present, discussion of both the presentation format of appropriate financial reporting as well as audit details was postponed.

Joan has contacted Linda Salitrynskiu and Wendy Watson, neither of whom are board members, but both have significant accounting experience and have helped with a prior audit. Section 4, Article VII, of the By-Laws require a committee of three people so a third person needed.

Joan noted that since the Ways and Means Committee is a very successful and active committee, this is a good time to re-visit their policies and procedures. Additionally, if any issues are raised during the audit, a more formal audit process might be considered. Additionally, LNCQ will be required to file a long-form tax return this year due to the funds raised.

4. Beth, Web Communications, reported on the computer transition for the 2026 Board Members, including passwords, log ins and cleaning up 2025 files across the system. She will continue to assist new members as needed. Jane Rozum (“Jane”) works on the web site and asked that if any corrections/additions are needed, please let her know. It was agreed that if members did not renew for 2026, they would receive the February issue but no further newsletters.
5. Crystal, Co-chair of the 30th Anniversary Committee, which includes special events this year, reported on planned activities throughout the year, including a Block-of-the-Month, which now has 50 quilters signed up. The Committee has been considering the following for the 30th Anniversary Celebration:
 - a. Appropriate use of old minutes and articles of interest from past newsletters;
 - b. Availability of founding members and possible interview(s);
 - c. Tentative new logo, copy circulated, which could either be specific to the 30th Anniversary or eventually replace the existing logo; and
 - d. Official birthday party in July.
6. Crystal updated the board on the Quilted Forest project and scheduled workdays.
7. Crystal reported that the 2027 Best Western contracts are being reviewed. Discussion of other Best Western items included:

- a. Providing the Best Western staff with a Point-of-Contact card listing LNCQ member name and telephone number to handle general issues and questions; name and contact information to be determined for card preparation;
 - b. General LNCQ information signage for front table to be placed on meeting days;
 - c. Joan proposed a group quilt be prepared for Angie, the Best Western contact person, and that the quilt be prepared during the retreat following the board meeting; and a
 - d. Panel for hanging at the Best Western on meeting days possibly including a 30th Anniversary Celebration theme.
8. A thank you gift of \$50 to Jackie at Quilters Dream was suggested. Moved by Crystal and seconded by Joan. Approved.
9. Betty Ann noted the increase in the number of 2026 community sew days, scheduled on the 4th Friday of the month from February to October at Quilters Dream from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM. She advised that fabric donations are needed.
10. Betty Ann reported that two entities have requested quilts:
 - a. High Plains Housing Development, a Greeley group working on housing five men - requested five quilts. Board members unanimously approved the donation of five quilts.
 - b. A request for two Quilts of Valor for nursing home residents was referred to the Quilts of Valor organization.
 - c. There are approximately 30 quilts available for donation which is a lower inventory than in the past.
11. Discussion of income tax deductions for charity quilts. It was noted that the auditors may have information to share on this topic.
12. Front Range Contemporary Quilters (FRCQ) offered to co-host a quilt show with LNCQ. Diana Fox will be participating; theme TBD; more information forthcoming.
13. Colorado Quilting Council connects LNCQ to other guilds and offers various other benefits such as workshops, coordination of raffle quilts and publicizes special events; \$35 annual fee for guild membership; Joan moved to join; seconded by Beth; verbally approved by members.

14. New Business

- a. Outreach to younger quilters; possible groups, existing programs LNCQ can join; to be discussed developed further;
- b. Discussion of adding a business-class membership; exploratory committee needed to develop further with input from Membership Committee.
- c. Ceramic pin celebrating 30th Anniversary, sourcing and costs; 30th Anniversary Committee to research and report.

15. Meeting adjourned and followed by a three-and-a-half day retreat at Joan's house for Board members with the goals of brainstorming, team building and sewing. Board members were able to come and go as their schedule allowed. Approximately 10-14 Board members were present at different dates and times.

Respectfully submitted:


Cynthia S. Marquez, Secretary