

League of Northern Colorado Quilters

General Board Meeting

August 18, 2025

10:30 am Via Zoom

Members present: Joan Fulton - President, Beth Soderquist - 1st Vice President, Pat Baker - Programs Vice President, Marla Arcadi - Treasurer, Dawn DeLong - Secretary, Charlotte Cox (for Eileen Maelzer) - Hospitality, Cathy Shultz - Membership, Crystal Wentz - Newsletter + Ways & Means, Julie Aanonson - Program Host, Lauri Dykstra - Retreats Coordinator, Sue Hine - Show & Tell, Kathy Money - Small Groups, Carla Lucas - Special Events, Susan Linden - Web Communications, Kathy Winter - Ways & Means

1. Approval of minutes - decision to electronically approve meeting minutes from previous meetings through July 2025, via a Google form to be set up by Crystal.
2. President's Report
 - The August workshop and meeting were very well received by our membership, I heard many positive comments. Though some participants were unable to stay for the last part of the workshop (after the general meeting), many people did stay.
 - For the remainder of 2025 we have the following programs planned:
 - September 8, 2025. Afternoon workshop of wool applique hosted by Happy Stitchers Group. Ten members are registered, registration will close Aug. 25. The evening meeting program is a trunk show from Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum of blue and white quilts. The meeting starts at 6 PM at the Best Western.
 - September 22, 2025 - Community Sew Day from 10:30-3:30 at Quilters Dream in Loveland.
 - October – Program and Workshop by Lea McComas
 - November – Program and Workshop by Jackie Vujcich. The project for the workshop is holiday themed table runners.
 - December – Holiday Party and Silent Auction. Members should bring auction items to the next meeting or two, also need baskets. A luncheon of appetizers and desserts will be served. A motion was made and passed that members are encouraged to bring guests to the December Holiday Party, and for this meeting the guest fee will be waived. A short program will include showing of both the UFO Challenge Quilts and the Round Robins from this year.
 - An Opportunity to Promote LNCQ and quilting.
 - Dazbog Coffee Shop on Council Tree in Fort Collins regularly shows work of local artists in their shop. Joan and Crystal have spoken to their art coordinator about showing small quilts from our members and the shop is interested. There are some questions still unanswered but these details are available:
 - LNCQ would have to enter into a contract with Dazbog to hold them harmless in the event of any damage/loss to quilts.
 - Quilts would hang for 60 days.

- LNCQ is responsible to hang and take down the quilts.
- LNCQ is allowed to display a promotional sign alongside the quilts.
- LNCDQ will solicit quilts from members who must also hold LNCQ harmless for their quilts while displayed. The maximum size is 120 inches perimeter.
- Joan and Crystal are willing to take the lead on this project. Next year's Special Events and/or 30th Anniversary Committee may be able to assist.

- Request from Community Service Committee

Mary Doty asked the Executive to approve sending quilts to Texas for flooding victims there. She has a contact name of a quilt guild in the area. The Executive is considering the request and has a few questions for Mary: what are anticipated shipping costs, is the Texas guild interested in receiving unquilted tops? Julie Aanonson offers to allow the Community Service Committee to use her discounted shipping service.

- In the Executive Board meeting earlier today a motion was approved to recommend two changes to LNCQ by-laws. The first change is to allow for the election of officers at a general meeting in the months of October, November or December. This allows for a longer transition period if there is a slate of officers identified earlier than in years past. The second change is to add the Website & Integration role to be an elected member of the Executive Board with voting rights. These recommendations will be announced in an e-mail blast and on the website prior to a vote at a General Meeting.

3. Vice President's report

- Beth has a slate of officers to nominate for next year (2026):

- President - Joan Fulton
- 1st Vice President - Crystal Wentz
- Vice President Programs - Pat Baker
- Treasurer - Ellen Rankin
- Secretary - Cindi Marquez
- Website & Integration - Beth Soderquist
- Parliamentarian (Past President) - Betty Ann Eash

- Roster for the General Board is

- Web Communications - Jane Rozum
- Community Service - unfilled
- Hospitality - Charlotte Cox & possibly Jan Leary
- Membership - Sue Ellis
- Newsletter - Sue Hine
- Publicity - Kathy Klinger & Kaea Beresford
- Retreats Coordinator - Lauri Dykstra
- Show & Tell - Laretta Oudeman
- Small Groups - Julie Aanonson

- Special Events - unfilled
- Ways & Means - Kathy Winter

4. Vice President Programs' report

Pat is working on programming for evening meetings in 2026 as well as workshop ideas for the calendar year of 2027. She has plans for a 'Local Talent' demo program for February 2026.

5. Treasurer report

Marla has been working on a budget for 2026 as background work for setting the dues for 2026. At the July meeting it was pointed out that it would be good to keep dues the same in 2026 as they are in 2025. There could be "push-back" from members if dues increase twice in two years. Also, the Ways and Means Committee has had great success with fund raising – and that means that members are spending money on LNCQ related items (t-shirts, Mums, pressing and display boards, silent auction). The estimates, so far, indicate that we will likely hold dues steady at \$35/year.

6. Secretary report

Dawn reports that she was in a previous guild in which the membership list was sorted by zip code and made available at meetings so that members could easily see if other members lived in their neighborhood and could make connections and arrange ride sharing if they desired. No need for discussion or action, just FYI at this time.

7. Website & Integration report

Crystal (as backup for Margaret while she is out of town) is working to resolve issues that a couple of board members have with accessing Google document files. Also she has added an online purchase option for mums, a button on the homepage. She created a page in the Member Resources section regarding The Quilted Forest including an online signup form to participate in that project. Interest in the Quilted Forest must be formalized by the October meeting.

8. Committee Chair Reports

- Web Coordinator-Communication. Susan has processed memberships and sent out a newsletter link to them.
- Program Host (2025 Programs). No additional report.
- Community Service. No report
- Hospitality. No report
- Membership. Current membership is 176
- Newsletter. Nothing to report
- Publicity. No report
- Retreats. Sheri Cook will be the host for the January retreat. Signups will start in October. For the Fall Retreat, there are 34 members signed up. Lauri says all the dietary preferences can be accommodated, except for onion allergy, though staff will be able to tell that member what food is safe for them to eat.

For future retreats, the YMCA will only require 30 day notice to make changes to the contract regarding number of rooms and meal tickets.

- Special Events: No additional report. Beth says there are a number of people who have indicated interest in Special Events, she will contact them to find out if they are interested in working on the 30th Anniversary committee.
- Show and Tell. Nothing to report
- Small Groups. Nothing to report
- Ways and Means. T-shirt sales were a big success, 4 sizes/styles were sold out. More were ordered and should be available for the September meeting. Due to shipping logistics, T-shirts will only be available at meetings. The order for mums was placed. They will be delivered to Twin Silos Park in Fort Collins by 8:00 AM with pickup at 9:00 AM on September 5. For orders of 3 or more, delivery is available for \$6. City regulations allow for delivery of pre-paid items but prohibit sales on site. Crystal will put the order form on the website for members to use if they have friends or neighbors who wish to purchase any mums.

Meeting Adjourned