

League of Northern Colorado Quilters  
General Board Meeting  
April 21, 2025 9:00 AM  
Via Zoom

Members in attendance: Joan Fulton - President, Kaea Beresford - 1st Vice President, Marla Arcadi - Treasurer, Dawn DeLong - Secretary, Margaret Reek - Website and Integration, Eileen Maelzer - Hospitality, Kathy Klinger - Publicity, Laretta Oudeman - Show and Tell, Crystal Wentz - Newsletter + Ways & Means, Julie Anonson - Program Host, Lauri Dykstra - Retreat Coordinator, Kathy Winter - Ways & Means, Sheila Lindquist - Membership.

1. Approval of March 2023 General Board Meeting minutes is postponed to the next meeting.
2. President's Report with follow up from previous meeting

Allenspark Retreat center notified LNCQ on Friday 4/18/25 that their facility would not be available for our retreat scheduled there starting Monday 4/21/25. Retreat committee members Lauri Dykstra and Carol Mancuso, along with President Joan Fulton spoke by email/text/phone, then convened a zoom call with Treasurer Marla Arcadi to discuss how to proceed. They discussed multiple options including postponing the retreat, canceling, or finding a new venue at the last minute. These members also discussed whether the contract with Allenspark provided for a refund in this instance, and if the money we paid must be used for a future retreat then it could be allocated for our fall retreat. Further research revealed that the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park might be able to accommodate us. Lauri, Carol and Joan drove to the YMCA to meet with staff and have a tour. Upon completion of the tour the group decided to proceed with the YMCA Longs Peak Lodge for our retreat venue. In order to stay within budget, the group planned to prepare and bring all the food for meals to the YMCA. The committee worked through the weekend to create menus, shop, and make some food in advance. They also contacted the participants to report the change. LNCQ members have been tremendously positive and all looks well for a great retreat.

3. Tips for service staff at the Best Western for our general meetings and retreats, and for out-of-town retreats

Marla and Joan visited with Angi at the Best Western about tips. Angi confirmed that the staff who set up the room and tend to the coffee service for our meetings do not receive gratuity from the fee LNCQ pays to Best Western. Our internet research shows that tipping these staff is a common practice. Angi says the best practice is to tip staff in cash.

#### 4. Policy for members who sign up late in calendar year

The Executive Board, at its meeting earlier today, adopted a change of policy regarding benefits to new members who join LNCQ after September 30 in any year; the new policy is independent of the amount of dues.

- a. Any new member who pays their dues in October, November or December of a given year will be entitled to all member benefits for the remainder of that year as well as the upcoming year. For example, if a new member signed up in October of 2025 they would receive the newsletters and be able to attend meetings as a member for the remainder of 2025 *and* for 2026.
- b. Sign ups starting in October will reflect the rate for the upcoming year (so in October 2025 the 2026 dues will be used).
- c. We will update the web page to specifically identify that dues cover the year from January 1 to December 31 and that a new member wishing to join in September should be aware that they could wait until October for a "better deal".

Rationale: Each year we need to start membership sign-up before the end of the calendar year so that members can sign up for the January retreat and other programs held at the beginning of the new year. For renewing members there is no issue – they are already a member for 2025 and will be signing up for 2026 events. There is a small number of people who will be new members. This policy is extending a "good will offering" to new members who sign up at the end of the calendar year. LNCQ wishes to welcome new members and encourage them to attend meetings and get involved in guild activities

5. Evening meetings - the April 7 evening meeting at PVREA was successful with over 30 people in attendance.
6. Having meetings available by Zoom - There has been a proposal to also make meetings available by Zoom and we are considering this option.
7. Social Media - a proposal to designate a person or committee to manage a social media presence, Instagram, Facebook, etc. is 'on hold' for the time being.
8. Knitting Group - There was good interest in a knitting group as a result of the notice in the newsletter. Vickie Bajtelsmit hosted the first meeting of this group in her home on Friday, April 18. Since it is not

quilting related this won't be a recognized LNCQ group – but many who attended the meeting are LNCQ members.

9. Pricing for Fall Retreat - The Executive Board also approved, via e-mail, a \$10 increase per person for the fall retreat. Note: that there will be a review of venues for the out-of-town retreats following the retreat at the YMCA. If there is a decision to move to a new venue we will ensure that all contracts are in order and no money is due on existing contracts.
10. Best Western Contract for 2026 - Kaea, Marla and Joan met with Angi from the Best Western. Angi is checking with her supervisor and will get back to us with prices.
11. David Taylor show at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum - David Taylor has approached LNCQ to collaborate with him on an exhibit at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. Joan, Kaea and Crystal met with David to hear his idea. He proposes an exhibit featuring a Quilted Forest in which quilts hang in a room and exhibit goers wander through the 'forest' of quilts. Quilts in the display must meet the definition of a quilt, i.e., top, batting and backing stitched together. Most of the quilts should be 2-sided, though 1-sided quilts could be mounted on the walls. Any type of quilt, pieced, appliquéd, painted, etc. will qualify. All who enter will be included. The size requirements are width 6 - 16" and height 6 - 10 ft. Quilts must be submitted at the May 2027 meeting (or before). The show will start in July 2027.
  - a. Joan queried the board by e-mail and had questions regarding insurance and cost. The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum has insurance for the time that the quilts are in their possession. LNCQ will collect the quilts and deliver them to Golden – so there might be some "liability" during that time frame. With respect to cost, David wants the opportunity to be available to as many as possible so does not want to have an "entry fee". There might be some cost associated with a brochure for the show (although RMQM might cover part of that). David, Crystal, Joan and Kaea are brainstorming fundraising options to keep the event cost neutral to the guild. David is willing to lead work sessions for those interested who need inspiration and assistance. With the 2027 time frame we have time to set up these sessions. LNCQ would use our website and newsletter for communication and publicity.
12. Officer Reports
  - a. 1st Vice President - Kaea is looking for help with the Holiday Party, Crystal volunteers.

- b. Vice President Programs - contracts for speakers are in place. Pat is having difficulty obtaining speakers who do only 1/2 day workshops.
- c. Treasurer - Marla reports that with the change of retreat venue, she is uncertain about the deposit already paid to Allenspark. She will be sure to have income and expense reports available at the next meeting.
- d. Secretary - nothing to report
- e. Website and Integration. Margaret has changed the font color used for Small Groups on the LNCQ calendar for ease of reading. She is creating documentation for her position as she will relinquish her role at the end of this year.
- f. Programs Host - Julie reports that the May program is proceeding as planned. The pincushion workshop has 22 people enrolled and Julie will send a supplies list via e-mail
- g. Community Service - no report
- h. Hospitality - Eileen will be out of town for the May meeting so Char Cox has taken responsibility for the New Members welcome and Dar A will take care of refreshments and decorations.
- i. Membership - no report
- j. Newsletter - Crystal reports that she continues to receive positive feedback on the updated newsletter format. May newsletter items are due by May 1, with the exception of May meeting items. She needs May meeting/workshop items by May 8.
- k. Publicity - no report
- l. Retreats - no additional report
- m. Show & Tell - no report
- n. Small Groups - no additional report
- o. Special Events – Carla is proposing a special event for a barn quilt painting workshop. She is seeking approval and a preferred date. An art studio called Planks and Paint in Centerra offers painting experiences and would offer a barn quilt painting workshop for LNCQ. The barn quilt is 22" square, different patterns are available with many paint colors to choose from. Cost is \$65 - 70 per person for a 3 hour workshop and the shop has the capacity for 30 - 35 painters. Two Saturdays in August (9 & 16) and two in October (11 & 18) are open for consideration.
  - i. Carla also has a request from Eileen Maezler to organize a LNCQ bus trip to Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum.
  - ii. LNCQ will do a postcard exchange with the Quaking Aspens Quilt Guild of Boulder, CO. Cards should be mailed

from August 1 - 15. This will be announced at the May meeting.

- p. Ways and Means
    - i. Pressing Boards and Display Boards - Crystal is chairing the subcommittee for this project, with Kathy Winter, Pat Baker, and Becky Williamson as members. The fundraiser was announced at the April meeting and in the April newsletter, indicating that pre-orders will be available sometime in May. Marla determined we do not need to collect sales tax unless sales reach over \$45,000 for the year. After reviewing several ways to take preorders, we decided PayPal would be easiest for online orders without creating undue burden on the Treasurer. Margaret will create a dropdown PayPal button with an option for each size pressing board and for a block design board set. People ordering multiple items must pay separately for each item. We pay a PayPal fee for each transaction so multiple orders mean a higher fee but the amount is covered in the markup. The Google order form is almost done. The committee asks Margaret to review the order form and make any necessary changes to conform with LNCQ Google Form standards, if any.
    - ii. Quilt Walk/Pumpkin Patchwork Parade - Crystal is chairing this subcommittee, which is still in the early stages. Still need to discuss with the Pumpkin Fest organizers, who are busy with their summer series. Crystal will call this week.
    - iii. Raffle quilt - a design has been proposed, working on making the pattern. Crystal and Kathy still need to do the "game masters" online course and certification with the State of Colorado.
    - iv. Booth - a couple of people have asked about making table runners or placemats for the silent auction. They were encouraged to make items for the pumpkin fest booth as well. The committee is exploring ways to take payments for craft sales at the festival without creating undue burden of work.
    - v. Silent Auction - no update at this time.
13. Meeting Adjourned

