

The EAC Challenge Theme is

Celebrating Canada.

Celebrating Canada from the east to west coast.

Create a needlework piece to be displayed at Seminar 2018 in PEI. (Hint: Stitch something you see around you.)

The submission must be created with needle and thread, and depict this year's challenge theme of "Celebrating Canada".

Entry forms must be received by June 1st 2018.

Entry form and submission details can be found at eac.ca under Exchanges and Challenges.

Embroiderers' Association of Canada, Inc.

Report Booklet



Annual General Meeting

May 17, 2017

St. John's, Newfoundland

AGENDA

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Annual General Meeting

**May 17, 2017 Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's campus
St. John's Newfoundland**

EAC Aim: *To preserve the traditional techniques and promote new challenges in the Art of Embroidery through education and networking.*

EAC Purpose: *All members should endeavour to fulfill the following purposes:*

- ❖ *To encourage and promote the practice and knowledge of the Art of Embroidery in all its forms;*
- ❖ *To have a fellowship of persons who enjoy needlework and wish to learn and share their knowledge; and thereby to work towards maintaining higher standards of design, colour and workmanship.*

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Annual General Meeting – May 18, 2016 Humber College, North Campus, Toronto, Ontario

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Call to Order – Beryl Burnett

The Annual General Meeting of the Embroiderers' Association of Canada was held in Seventh Semester, Humber College, North Campus, Toronto, Ontario on May 18, 2016. EAC President, Beryl Burnett, warmly welcomed all attendees and invited EAC Course Manager Diane Scott to open the gathering with an Opening Thought.

Following the buffet meal, the meeting was called to order by President Beryl Burnett at 12:20 p.m. She congratulated the Seminar 2016 Committee on the excellent job they have done in organizing and presenting this Seminar. She then introduced the members of the 2015 – 2016 Officers, Directors, and Appointees:

President, Beryl Burnett; Vice President, Margaret Adey; Treasurer, Dianna Thorne; Secretary, Sheila Stewart; Past President, Joyce Gill; Communications Director, Nicole McReavy; Education Director, Bonnie-Lynne Ceriko; Membership Director, Helen Bartel; Atlantic-Central Regional Director, June Barry; Course Manager Appointee, Diane Scott; Government Compliance Appointee, Terri Briggs; Heritage Collection Appointee, Janice Routley; Leonida Leatherdale Needlearts Library Appointee, Isla Marsh; Youth Embroiderers' Appointee, Linda Brenner; Sampler Registrar, Anne Rowlands.

Prairie-Pacific Regional Director, Kerry Leslie, attended meetings earlier but was unable to attend the AGM due to illness.

Assistants, Incoming Board Members 2016 – 2018, and Potential Incoming Board Members 2016 - 2018 were seated near the head table and were introduced by Beryl Burnett:

Assistant (Webmaster), Arlene Chanel; Assistant (Communications Blog and eThreads), Kathryn Robicheau; Incoming Education Director, Jennie Wolter; Incoming Membership Director, Diane Mugford; Incoming Atlantic-Central Regional Director, Faith Cormier and Potential Incoming Prairie-Pacific Regional Directors Andrea d'Haene and Rachel Janzen. The make-up of the Incoming Board was announced later in the meeting.

Acceptance of the AGM Minutes, May 13, 2015 – Beryl Burnett

There being no errors or omissions noted, the minutes were accepted with the following motion.

Motion 1: Susan Harrington / Barbara Gilbert

That the Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated. MC

Treasurer's Report – Dianna Thorne

Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2015 were printed in the Spring 2016 edition of Embroidery Canada. Treasurer Dianna Thorne briefly commented on the report and asked for questions. There were no questions.

Motion 2: Dianna Thorne / Terri Briggs

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as printed in the Spring 2016 edition of Embroidery Canada. MC

A motion to appoint accountants for the upcoming year was called.

Motion 3: Dianna Thorne / Marcella Pedersen

That Grant Thornton, Victoria, BC Office, be appointed to do the review engagement for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2016. MC

Leslie Burrows was recognized by the Chair and rose to register her deep concern over the fact that the Spring 2016 issue of Embroidery Canada had not yet been received by many EAC members, including several who were in attendance at this meeting. She urged that steps be taken to ensure the timely delivery of the Spring issue of Embroidery Canada.

Acceptance of 2016 EAC Board Annual Reports – Beryl Burnett

Reports from all EAC Officers and Directors were printed in the 2016 AGM booklet which everyone received in their Seminar bag. President Beryl Burnett asked for questions; there being none, she called for a motion to accept.

Motion 4: Lucie Daigneault / Leslie Burrows

That the EAC Board Annual Reports be accepted as printed in the 2016 AGM booklet and pre-circulated. MC

Nominations – Joyce Gill

The Board of the Embroiderers' Association of Canada, 2016 – 2018 was announced. The following will step into their posts on July 1, 2016:

Officers:

President - Margaret Adey; Vice President - Dianna Thorne; Secretary - Jeanine Robertson; Treasurer - Diane Scott; Past President - Beryl Burnett
Directors:

Education Director - Jennie Wolter; Communications Director - Nicole McReavy; Membership Director - Diane Mugford; Atlantic-Central Regional Director - Faith Cormier; Prairie – Pacific Regional Director - Andrea d'Haene.

A motion to accept the Nomination Report was called.

Motion 5: Joyce Gill / Lisa Carlin

That the report of the Nomination Committee be accepted as presented. MC
Board Pins were presented to those present at the Seminar Banquet on Saturday, May 21; pins were mailed with a welcome letter to those absent. A huge "Thank you!" goes out to Kerry Leslie and Rachel Janzen for putting their names forth as candidates for EAC positions. We look forward to their continued participation in EAC endeavours.

Voting for two positions on the EAC Board was closed on April 1, 2016.

Members are to be commended for their active participation in this successful undertaking. Online voting was used for the first time and was a success. As well, several Guilds conducted voting as part of a Guild meeting and sent in the votes in one bulk mailing package. Now that the results had been announced, a motion was called to permit the ballots to be destroyed.

Motion 6: Sue Thomas / Jennie Wolter

That the ballots submitted in the vote for the two contested 2016 EAC positions be destroyed. MC

New Business:

Proposed Changes to EAC Bylaws – Dianna Thorne

The following changes to the EAC Bylaws were presented for a vote. To comply with the present EAC Bylaws, the following motion was made to table the vote on these changes until the 2017 AGM.

Motion 7: Marie Cron / Sue Thomas

That the following proposed changes to the EAC Bylaws be tabled to the 2017 AGM:

Under Section 3, the section on Affiliate Membership, to delete the phrase "which is already a member of another national or international association". The revised section is to read "Affiliate Membership, wherein the member is an institution, or group in which some or all members are not members of the Corporation".

Under Section 3, an addition of the following sentence be made - "Current Life Memberships will be honoured but no new applications will be accepted." This reflects current practice.

Under Section 8, the following two sentences to be added at the end - "The result of an electronic vote is as valid as if it had been passed at a regular Board meeting and is to be included in the records of the following meeting. Any member entitled to attend EAC meetings may request to attend an electronic meeting of the Board."

Under Section 17, clarification to be made by changing to the following wording - "The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and any such other officers as the Board of Directors may determine. The same person may hold any two (2) offices but only in unusual circumstances."

Under Section 34, clarification to be made by adding the word "annual" before "general meeting". The wording will then be the following - "The members shall at each annual general meeting appoint an accountant to review the accounts of the Corporation for report to the members at the next annual general meeting provided that the Board Member may fill any casual vacancy in the office of the accountant. The Board of Directors shall fix the remuneration of the accountant." MC

74 yes, 14 no, 16 abstain

Articles of Continuance – update and revision – Dianna Thorne

Additional information to Article 8 in the Articles of Continuance as follows was needed to continue as a charitable organization:

8 – The classes, or regional or other groups, of members that the Corporation is authorized to establish

Membership – 5 classes:

Chapter Membership, National Membership, Life Membership – 1 vote per member

Youth Membership, Affiliate Membership – non-voting

It was noted that CRA has already accepted these.

Motion 8: Dianna Thorne / Deb Blackmore

That the revised Articles of Continuance as distributed be approved. MC

Motion to include the French name for EAC – Beryl Burnett

In Canada, we enjoy the benefits of multiculturalism and are blessed to have two official languages, English and French. In May, 2015, the Board of the Embroiderers' Association of Canada, in response to questions and ideas brought to the Board about embracing bilingualism, passed a motion "That Association canadienne de broderie be registered as the official French name for Embroiderers' Association of Canada". This proposed change in the name of our Association meant a change in the Articles of Continuance. Therefore, the EAC membership was asked to approve this change with the following motion.

Motion 9: Marie Cron / Faith Cormier

That Association canadienne de broderie be registered as the French name for Embroiderers' Association of Canada and be added to the English name of our Association to create the official name of our Association. MC

Education Committee – positions available – Bonnie-Lynne Ceriko

The new structure of the Education Committee and opportunities within were highlighted; if anyone was interested, they were asked to speak with the Outgoing Education Director or Incoming Education Director for more information on positions. Pamphlets were on hand outlining the positions available.

“Meet the Board” Activity – Joyce Gill

Joyce Gill encouraged all Seminar attendees to search out the current and incoming Board Members and ask for a copy of the embroidery stitch pattern that they had brought with them. There were 24 patterns available and a puzzle featuring these stitches was featured in the 2016 Seminar Participants Handbook.

Introduction of “Artful Accessories” Challenge 2017 – Dianna Thorne

The EAC Challenge 2017 is “Artful Accessories”. Information on the Challenge and how to enter can be found on the back of the 2016 Seminar Participants Handbook and on the back of the Spring issue of *Embroidery Canada* as well as future issues of this magazine.

Winter Ornament & Spring Scissor Fob Exchanges – Sheila Stewart

Thanks were extended to the host of the 2015 Winter Ornament Exchange, the Marigold Guild of Needle Arts, Truro, NS and to the host of the first Spring Scissor Fob Exchange, the Aldney Needlearts Guild, Dartmouth, NS. Island Stitchery Guild, Nanaimo, BC has offered to host the Winter Ornament 2016 Exchange and the Embroiderers’ Guild of Victoria, Victoria, BC has offered to host the 2017 Spring Scissor Fob Exchange.

News from the May 2016 EAC Board Meeting – Beryl Burnett

- Online voting for EAC positions has proved successful and will continue as we move forth.
- A Treasurer Consultant is being sought; please forward names to Joyce Gill.
- Investigation continues into how to correct damaged copies of *EC* being delivered to International members.
- EAC payment of shipping costs of EAC Library books both ways will continue until December 31, 2016.
- EAC nylon market / shopping bags were available at the cost of \$5.00 on site, \$6.50 if mailed.
- There was encouragement to participate in the Seminar Online Silent Auction.
- Machine embroidery thread was available free of charge on tables outside Seminar Central during Seminar 2016.

- Seminar attendees were encouraged to share their Seminar experience by posting photos on Facebook, using twitter and tweeting.
- The Archivist, Liz Scott, is working on a new Archives Policy which will soon be available.
- EAC is moving into digital storage of documents using Box.com.
- Approximately 3500 slides have been converted to digital format and are available on a compact disc from the EAC Library.
- It is projected that a new category, Group Entries, will be available for display in the Seminar Members’ Exhibition.
- The new EAC website will be up and running in the next few weeks; both old and new sites will be running until the new site is completely functional.
- Updating continues on the Chapter Resource Manual.
- A promo for Seminar 2017 will be available on disk to all Guilds and will also be placed on the website as soon as possible.
- The Sampler Registrar hopes to have completed computer entry of existing Samplers in the next six months and will be ready then to ask for new submissions.
- EAC is in the process of developing a phased response to aid those who have been affected by the disastrous wild fires presently raging in and around Fort McMurray, Alberta. Stitching supplies for immediate use were collected at Seminar Central and more information will be forthcoming in how we all can reach out to help fellow Canadians at this time.

Announcements

“Let Your Creativity Out” Challenge Winners – Sheila Stewart

All seven entries clearly exhibited the creativity within the stitcher. Kerry Leslie, who was the inspiration for this Challenge, was scheduled to announce the winners but was unfortunately unable to be present. Sheila Stewart presented certificates and cheques for \$25.00 to the top 3 winners and certificates of Honourable Mention to the remaining 3 winners:

1st – Bonnie-Lynne Ceriko – Scissor Fob, Scissor Case and Needlebook

2nd – Susan Davies – Spiral Cushion

3rd – Pat Armour – Puffin Needle Case

3rd – Judith Almond-Best – Or Nue “Weaving”

Honourable Mention:

Pat Armour – Jacobean Revisited Crewel, Iryna Varabei – Spirit of Belarus, Marietta Douglas – Southern Sun.

Pauline Glover Educational Grant Winners – Bonnie-Lynne Ceriko

Bonnie-Lynne Ceriko announced the winners of the Pauline Glover Educational Grant:

Natalie Dupuis - Montreal, Quebec, Atlantic-Central Region

Phyllis Borgdorf – Barrie, Ontario, Atlantic-Central Region

Marietta Douglas – Cos Cob, Connecticut, USA, International

Cheryl Kinkaid – Vancouver, BC, Virtual Threads (Prairie-Pacific Region)

Claire Meldrum – Hamilton, Ontario, National Member

Winners received the cost of an individual course of their choice plus binder fee and a certificate.

2016 Seminar Grant Winners – Margaret Adey

This is an opportunity to have the cost of Seminar defrayed and encouraged stitchers to apply for this Grant. Margaret Adey related that there were nine applications this year, from which the following winners were selected: Louise Desmarais – EAST – Lakeshore Creative Stitchery Guild / La guilde des travaux a l'aiguille du Lakeshore; Jeanette Cholka – WEST – Winnipeg Embroiderers' Guild; Frances Vidal – FIRST TIME AT SEMINAR – Quinte Needlearts and Virtual Threads.

The deadline for the completion of the Seminar winners' projects is set for April 1, 2017.

Presentation of Appointment Pins – Beryl Burnett

Pins were not available until the Seminar Banquet later in the week; it was announced that the following would be presented with EAC Appointee Pins: Dianna Thorne, Seminar 2016 Chair; Terri Briggs, Government Compliance Appointee; Kathy Taylor, National Member Appointee.

Seminar Announcements – Dianna Thorne

Dianna Thorne relayed important information about happenings at Seminar and how to be included.

Adjournment

Beryl Burnett declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beryl Burnett, President

Sheila Stewart, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016 AGM: _____

EAC Treasurer's Report – AGM May 2017

Grant Thornton completed the Review Engagement for the year ending August 31, 2016. These financial statements were distributed to all EAC members and also published in the Spring 2017 issue of Embroidery Canada. My comments are associated with the highlights.

For the year ending August 31, 2016, EAC showed a loss of \$3,733. This is down from the previous year income of \$8,740.

The primary reasons for the change are as follows:

Net revenue was down \$12,423 from the previous year. Income from Membership fees was reasonably stable. One of the significant differences is the lower Seminar profit.

Correspondence course revenue will continue to be variable. New initiatives in Education are being introduced and are expected to generate increased course awareness.

Expenses were marginally higher than the previous year. EAC continued to support the production costs of Project 150, and supported the donation of supplies to residents of Fort McMurray. These costs were funded by the Future Fund. The costs of Embroidery Canada and EAC programs remained about the same.

Notes at the end of the financial statements provide additional information.

Approval of financial statements:

Motion: Diane Scott / _____

That the Treasurer's report be accepted based on the financial statements for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2016 published in the spring of 2017.

Appointment of accountants for the upcoming year:

Motion: Diane Scott / _____

That Grant Thornton, Victoria BC office, be appointed to do the review engagement for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017.

Government Compliance Appointee: Terri Briggs

Form 105 Waivers were submitted to CRA by mail on February 13th for three foreign teachers. Additional paperwork was required to procure Individual Tax Numbers for Non-Residents.

Respectfully submitted, *Diane Scott*, EAC Treasurer

REPORTS

EAC President's Report – AGM 2017

Our organization currently has 1537 members and 40 guilds across the country. The business of the organization continues to be conducted mainly through online meetings. The GoToMeeting system is used not only by the board but also by Virtual Threads, the Education Committee, the Web team, the Editorial Committee, Seminar 2017 and 18 and, for the first time, the Prairie-Pacific Regional Meeting.

Our ability to provide information to you our members was greatly enhanced with the launch of our new website in July. The new site is a Content

Management System and we no longer have to remember the assigned password but are able to create our own password. We also have eThreads, the blog and Facebook as ways to communicate with our members.

The new Education Committee continues to offer us great new courses in a variety of formats. Those of us who don't have a needlework store in their area were pleased to see that some teachers now offer the option of having a kit included. Our creativity continues to be challenged with the ability to participate in several exchanges each year. This year it was a winter ornament and a scissors fob.

Under the capable leadership of Helen McCrindle, Project 150 has travelled across the country and many guilds took the opportunity to add their stitches to one of the beautiful panels. The panels are now (April 1, 2017) in Vancouver where it is being finished, cleaned and stretched. We are hoping that our dreams will come through and the Capital Commission will grant approval for the panels to be hung in Rideau Hall. I will update you at the AGM on May 17.

We continue to showcase our expertise and skills by participating in the many festivals across the country. Last year you could have found EAC represented at events in Truro, Toronto, Calgary, Surrey, and Vancouver. Thank you to our members who make this possible. For areas that don't have festivals many guilds showcase their skills by participating in local shows and other events. Don't forget that EAC has resources available for this purpose as well as our annual Stitch in Public Day.

We were saddened that the Fraser Valley Needlearts Guild made the decision to leave EAC but are encouraged that we have had inquiries about starting new guilds in other areas.

We offer our sincere thank you to Liz Scott, our long time archivist who is leaving her position. We wish her all the best for the future.

Respectfully submitted, *Margaret Adey*, EAC President

EAC Vice President's Report – AGM 2017

In every area under the vice president we have many new things transpiring. In Archives we are changing how we store most of our documents, Heritage is having to look at the size of our collection and our available storage of it, Library is purging out dated media with the hope of replacing them with new updated options and Samplers is getting its collection revamped and onto our website for all to enjoy. We have finalized our EAC presentation for guilds to use at any public events and it can be found on the website.

We are saying good bye to our archivist, Liz Scott after approximately 12 years of volunteering and welcoming a new appointee. Thanks so much Liz! **Archives – Liz Scott:** Archives hold historical papers and documents pertaining to events and history from our organization's past. All paper copies of archives are being scanned for ease of storing and finding documents when requested. The last remaining two filing cabinets have been emptied and sold to an EAC member. Remaining documents are now held in a couple of bankers' boxes. Separate files have been made for each Guilds' documents and for EAC's official documents i.e. Incorporation, etc. these will remain in paper and scanned format. The EAC Archives Policy and Job Description were reviewed and updated. By the end of the term all archival documents will have been reviewed and either destroyed, purged, or scanned as deemed applicable.

Heritage – Janice Routley: During the past year over 30 articles have been accessioned into the Collection, including: one of Dorita Grant's dolls, a jewelry box, a number of Ukrainian runners, a unfinished pillow cover (crewel) by Joyce Hunter, a lappet, lace hankies and many other items of interest. In March, a total of 6 people working at different times spent 3½ days going through the whole collection reorganizing and repacking. We have started to put together a small collection of baby bonnets which will soon be ready to go out on loan. All the information is on an Excel spreadsheet which includes accession number, article name, name of box it is stored in, if it was inventoried in March/17 and appraised value if available. At this time there are over 1000 items in the collection.

Library – Isla Marsh: In the past year, EAC slides have been digitized. Copies of the DVDs are available. All commercial slides and videocassettes have been disposed of. The offer of reimbursement of the return postage on books borrowed from the library has resulted in 24 book requests to date, which is encouraging. The one part of the goals for the year that has not been completed is the review of the library contents. The projected date was the end of March, but it will probably not be finished for another month, due to a number of unexpected interruptions.

Samplers – Anne Rowlands: Progress with the sampler registry, has been slow this year for various personal reasons, however, we are now exploring the possibility of connecting the registry to the EAC website. The connection of the registry to the website opens up many possibilities from academic research, to letting members know where they can visit samplers of interest in public collections across the country. The identification of samplers in

private collections will remain private, but the technical information about, and the photos of the samplers will be accessible.

Respectfully submitted, *Dianna Thorne*, EAC Vice President

EAC Past President's Report – AGM 2017

EAC Board members continually identify issues that need attention in our EAC By-Laws, policies, and procedures, and we make appropriate changes when required.

Following up on a suggestion that was brought forward to the Board in 2015, we have set up a new members' competition at Seminar called "Seminar Group Project." Entries will be displayed at the Members' Show. We developed the following documents to manage this competition:

a) Group Seminar Project Award Policy; b) Group Project Display at EAC Seminars, Members' Entry Form (Brochure); c) Group Project Displays at an EAC Members' Exhibit, Additional Information (document).

Also arising from a concern that was identified by a member at the 2016 AGM, we have developed a new way to disseminate time-sensitive documents. In the past we published the EAC Finances as well as any proposed changes to the EAC By-Laws in EC magazine. This year we will distribute this information via e-mail and regular mail in a timely manner such that we comply with the notice period mandated in the By-Laws. This will give our members time to consider suggested changes prior to voting at the AGM meeting at Seminar 2017. Anticipating that this will solve the problem of late notice, we plan to continue this method of delivery into the future.

Respectfully submitted, *Beryl Burnett*, EAC Past President

EAC Communications Report – AGM 2017

2016-2017 has been a year of growth and diversification within the Communications team. With the creation of a new and more user-friendly website, a team of members have been working hard to update and maintain the EAC site. Recently a new webmaster has stepped forward and is taking the helm to introduce more interesting items within our site. Please welcome Anna De Felice! Our Embroidery Canada editor Sandra Preikschat has expanded her team to assist with securing new content for our magazine, and oversees the diligent team of proof-readers as well. Rounding out the members of the Communications team are Karen Dearbourn, Kathryn Robicheau, Arlene Chanel, and Nicole McReavy who work together to bring you the EAC website, Embroidery Canada, eThreads, the blog, and other communication related tasks.

The EAC Facebook is looking for new members to assist with creating content for our members. If you are interested, please email communications@eac.ca.

The 2016 Fall Creativ Festival in Toronto was held in a new location, the International Center near the Pearson Airport. Daily make and take projects were a hit, especially the reversible blackwork bookmark. Guests were asking every day if we would teach that technique again. Fall 2017 will occur in the same location, so if driving downtown Toronto was a deterrent in the past, you don't have to worry. EAC is also planning on having a booth in shows at the Love to Sew Show, Vancouver (BC), Calgary, and Toronto, and increasing our presence at the Nova Scotia Fibre Festival to 5 days this year. We are still in search of an Ad Manager to assist the editor with securing ads in EC. If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to editor@eac.ca. Our international members are now receiving their Embroidery Canada magazine in a protective plastic covering. This will save our international members from receiving damaged or torn magazines. It will also result in a small savings in the additional postage required to resend magazines out. If you ever had concerns about the delivery of your magazine, do not hesitate to reach out to the EC Editor, or the Communications Director.

Respectfully submitted, *Nicole McReavy*, EAC Communications Director

EAC Education Report – AGM 2017

Education is a key focus and deliverable to our EAC members. I have learned much since I joined the EAC Board officially on July 1, 2016 as the Education Director.

The Education Committee has grown and expanded with new people in existing roles and Carolyn Mitchell / Barbara Gilbert helping me learn the ropes and hopefully improve members' learning experience.

As a team, we have sourced new courses, added additional counsellors, refined the course process, and continue to update existing courses. We have launched a test student program for new courses to ensure the course content is workable and understandable for our members. Once they are ready for our members, the course is released for publication in our Embroidery Canada magazine, on the EAC website, in the EAC Blog and on eThreads. So watch for these additional learning opportunities.

Course Coordinator – Carolyn Mitchell: As this is a new position the learning curve and opportunities keep expanding and I am so pleased that each member of our team is willing to help the others when need be. My mandate is to find new courses in all three areas: Technique, Project and

Cyber Courses. I do this by approaching our competent teachers/authors as well as enlisting new teachers/authors encouraging them all to submit courses for consideration. Another part of this position is to maintain a Student Test List and assign students to test the various courses, who then return with comments on the courses. These comments are discussed with the authors and adjustments are made before pasting the courses over to the Course Manager and out to the membership.

Course Manager – Pat Armour: While a serious learning curve continues, correspondence courses continue to be formatted into a more consistent look and available as PDFs. The Blackwork Smalls as a Project Course (formerly Group Correspondence Course) as well as the Design for Embroidery Technique Study (formerly Individual Correspondence Course) have been completed. As skills improve, any courses that need tweaking will be revisited. Diane Scott set a high standard with her work in this role and I endeavor to keep to it.

Course Registrar – Arlene Chanel: Registration has been steadily increasing since September, 2016. Several new courses have been added with more forthcoming. Some of the older courses and new courses are being updated which has delayed the processing of registrations. Disclosure of any errors in any course is appreciated so that Education ensures the best quality of a course offered. To date there are 15 Technique Study courses (formerly Individual Correspondence Courses - ICC), 22 Project courses (formerly Group Correspondence Courses - GCC) and two Cyber courses being offered with the respective registrations completed: 11; 87; 17 + 15 pending as registration is still open, for a total of 130.

Youth Embroiderers Appointee – Linda Brenner: Youth Membership - We now have 63 Youth members as follows: National 8; Starfish Youth Stitchers, NL 23; Thread Whisperers, BC 5; Oceanside Youth Stitchers, BC 20; Tangled Threads, BC 6; Nifty Needlers, NB 1. Total Youth Members: 63

Eleanor Thomas Youth Award – No applications were received in 2016. The next deadline is October 31st, 2017. Information about the award will be appearing in the next several issues of Youth Embroiderers' Newsletter. Youth Leaders will also be sent application forms and information about each category of the Award.

Respectfully submitted, *Jennie Wolter*, EAC Education Director on behalf of the Education Committee team

EAC Membership Report – AGM 2017

Membership as of March 31, 2017 stands at 1539. There are currently 1284 members in 40 guilds across Canada, as well as 199 National, 52 International and 4 Affiliate members. In March 2016, our membership stood at 1562 for a net loss of 23 members over the past year. Since July 1, 2016 I have processed 115 brand new memberships.

Kathy Taylor, our **National Member Appointee**, has been busy contacting all our National members to find out their needs so that we can make them feel more a part of our organization. She has sent out a mass mailing newsletter in October to the national members via email or by surface mail for those who do not have email. As she receives information about classes, retreats, visiting teachers and other stitching related activities she forwards this to national members in the general geographic area.

Helen Bartel, the **People Pool Coordinator**, has several volunteers working on the following projects: finding online resources for our library; doing French translation; writing condolence notes to guilds; researching pieces for the Heritage Collection; working on Presentation in a Box.

Respectfully submitted, *Diane Mugford*, EAC Membership Director

EAC Atlantic-Central Region Report – AGM 2017

This has been a quiet year for the Atlantic-Central Region, except of course in the St. John's Guild of Embroiderers, which has the honour of hosting Seminar 2017, Rock, Needle, Scissors.

We face the same challenges of an aging membership and lack of volunteers as every other non-profit organization in the country. We're holding the line, but I can't honestly say we are expanding. That needs to be our challenge for the coming year.

EAC, and our Region, have been attempting to expand the use of available technologies in getting information to members and Chapters, but not every member, or Chapter, wants to use these technologies.

The Atlantic-Central Region has both remote areas and urban agglomerations. The potential is there for expansion, along with the room, and we have had some inquiries this year, but so far they have not come to fruition. Maybe next year!

Respectfully submitted, *Faith Cormier*, EAC Atlantic Central Regional Director

EAC Prairie-Pacific Region Report – AGM 2017

This year has not turned out as many expected it to do so. Andrea D’Haene had to resign as the Prairie Pacific Regional Director in November due to personal reasons. We thank Andrea for her willingness to be a part of the board and we wish the best in her future endeavours.

Due to the challenges in the change in Director mid-way through the year, the annual regional meeting was delayed until March. For the first time Prairie Pacific held their meeting online using GoTo Meeting. It was well received by all who participated. Meetings you can attend in your pajamas are the wave of the future! We look forward to utilizing this technology more in the future.

I feel like personally I’m still on the learning curve with the requirements of this position and I wish to thank my chapter presidents and other members of the board who have been patient with me as I learn the ropes.

Currently there are 22 chapters within the region. I look forward to getting to know everyone better as we work together.

Respectfully submitted, *Rachel Janzen*, EAC Prairie Pacific Regional Director

NEW BUSINESS

– Changes to EAC Bylaws – Beryl Burnett

The following changes will be voted on at the EAC Annual General Meeting at Seminar 2017. Please read and be prepared to vote at that meeting. If there are any questions please contact any member of the Board of Directors.

Motion: Beryl Burnett / _____

To accept the proposed changes in the Bylaws:

Under Section 3, the section on Affiliate Membership, to delete the phrase “which is already a member of another national or international association”. The revised section is to read “Affiliate Membership, wherein the member is an institution, or group in which some or all members are not members of the Corporation”.

Under Section 3, an addition of the following sentence be made - “Current Life Memberships will be honoured but no new applications will be accepted.” This reflects current practice.

Under Section 8, the following two sentences to be added at the end - “The result of an electronic vote is as valid as if it had been passed at a regular Board meeting and is to be included in the records of the following meeting.

Any member entitled to attend EAC meetings may request to attend an electronic meeting of the Board.”

Under Section 17, clarification to be made by changing to the following wording - “The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and any such other officers as the Board of Directors may determine. The same person may hold any two (2) offices but only in unusual circumstances.”

Under Section 34, clarification to be made by adding the word “annual” before “general meeting”. The wording will then be the following - “The members shall at each annual general meeting appoint an accountant to review the accounts of the Corporation for report to the members at the next annual general meeting provided that the Board Member may fill any casual vacancy in the office of the accountant. The Board of Directors shall fix the remuneration of the accountant.”

– Introduction of “Celebrating Canada from the East to West Coast” Challenge 2018 – Marg Adey

– Winter Ornament & Spring Scissor Fob Exchanges – Jeanine Robertson

– News from the May 2017 EAC Board Meeting – Marg Adey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

– “Artful Accessories” Challenge Winners – Marg Adey

– Pauline Glover Educational Grant Winners – Jennie Wolter

– Seminar Grant Winners – Dianna Thorne

– Presentation of Appointment Pins – Marg Adey

– Seminar Announcements – Marg Adey

ADJOURNMENT