

Rug Braiders International

November 1, 2025 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00pmEST. There were 33 Attendees.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** –No additions to the agenda. Christine Manges made a motion to approve the agenda. Rose Robertson-Smith seconded. The agenda was approved.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes for September and October Meetings** – No amendments to the minutes. Robertson-Smith made a motion to approve. Leigh Johnstone seconded. The minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Sherry Chilcutt presented the treasurer’s report which is attached to the agenda. She asked for a vote to approve closing the old Mercury Bank accounts now that the transition has been made to Bank of America with our new name. Gail Stephens made a motion to approve. Rita Capella seconded. Closing the old accounts was approved.
5. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – Sherry discussed transportation by ferry from Seattle to the conference at the Seabeck Conference Center in Seabeck, Washington on April 30-May 3, 2026. Class information will be coming soon.
 - b. **Education** – Christine presented the conference classes so far which include braided slippers, braided corn, and beginner classes. She asked for suggestions for other classes to be sent to her.
 - c. **Exhibit** – Rissa discussed the upcoming rug challenges to be held at our conferences which are listed in the agenda.
 - d. **Finance** – Sherry shared that the committee has met and will be a great asset for her. She announced Rhonda Beaupre as our new Finance Committee Chair.
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** – No report.
 - f. **Media** – Christine is working on getting winter and spring classes on the website. They are currently viewable and registration will be available soon.
 - g. **Membership** – Marlene Breitenbach reported that we are up to 188 members. She shared that Mary Ragno sent a reminder letter to members who had not renewed and received many renewals.
 - h. **Nominating** – No report.
 - i. **Programs**- Christine reported that several Special Events and Demos have moved on the calendar.
6. **Demo** – Christine Manges presented a demo on Counting Loops. The handout is in the newsletter.
7. **Adjournment** – President Rissa Moore adjourned the meeting at 1:45pmEST followed by show and tell.