



Rug Braiders International General Meeting

**Agenda for Zoom Meeting:
Saturday, April 4, 2026, 1 pm EST**

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** -- Rissa Moore, President
2. **Approve/Add to: Agenda**
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes of March Meeting** – attached. Karen Levendusky, Secretary
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherry Chilcutt, Treasurer
5. **New Business/Old Business**

Call for Right Opening Lacing Illustrators: was answered by Gail Davidson, Karen Levendusky, and Donna Dunn. We are looking into Inkscape, with a plan to work together after the conference.
6. **Committees:** A call has gone out from the Vice President, Judy Fahnestock, for Committee Chairs to submit Budget Requests for the '26-'27 fiscal year by May 1.
 - a. **Conference Committee:** Chair: Sherry Chilcutt
Seabeck, Washington: Conference Apr 30-May 3, 2026. One more spot is left!
 - b. **Education Committee** Chair: Christine Manges
The monthly Teacher's Forum has been active and appreciated. This month: Zoom Basics for Teachers: Sunday, April 19 at 4pm EST. Braid Help Sessions are Sundays, April 12 and 26 at 4pm EST. Online classes starting soon: Three 5-point Stars for Chair Pad Centers, Chair Pad with Picot Edge.
 - c. **Exhibit Committee** Chair: Pam Rowan
 1. Update on financial support for shipping rugs to exhibits
 2. Rug Challenges:
 - 2026: Mixed Media Braided Garden!**
 - 2027: Fine Art Inspiration
 - 2028: Mythical Beasts / Magical Creatures
 3. Sauder Village Exhibit: Aug 12-15, 2026
 - d. **Finance Committee** Chair: Rhonda Beaupre
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship Committee** Chair: Kris McDermet
All 6 coupons for \$40 off Intermediate classes used!
All coupons of \$40 off Beginner classes have been used
Working on raffle rug and chair pads for the conference!
 - f. **Media Committee** (website, social media) Christine Manges;
Assistants Lisa Kilgo; Janet O'Connell; two New Assistants Emma Lishness and Susie Weber! Instagram: Judy Fahnestock
Our Facebook Address:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579439943998>
or search for "Rug Braiders International – RBI"
Recent change to a public page instead of a private one, so postings can go to both Instagram and Facebook at the same time.
Our Instagram Address: <https://www.instagram.com/rugbraidersinternational/>

Judy Fahnestock is managing the account. Send her rug photos!
Judebug31@gmail.com

- g. **Membership Committee**
• Current members: 218

Co-Chairs: Marlene Breitenbach &
Mary Ragno; Asst Janice Lyle

- h. **Nominating Committee**

Chair: Mary Hibbard

- i. **Program Committee**

Chair: Rose Robertson-Smith
Zoom Coord: Judy Fahnestock

We have a new Chair of this Committee!!

Upcoming special event on Apr 18: Braiding with Wool Roving, with Pam Rowan

16 May: The Magnificent Multistrand Rugs of Maxine Ward

27 June: Cindy French on Her Etsy Business Making Custom Braided Rugs

6. Presentation of the **5-Year Plan for Rug Braiders International**, from the Leadership Retreat

7. **Adjournment**, followed by **Show & Tell!**

Attachments:

- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- 5-Year Plan for Rug Braiders International (separate attachment, linked in newsletter)

Rug Braiders International

March 7, 2026 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00pmEST. There were 38 attendees.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** –Pam Rowan made a motion to approve the agenda. Jaime Ledford seconded. The agenda was approved.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes for the February Meeting** – Rose Robertson-Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Sandy Busby seconded. The minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Sherry Chilcutt reported that we are running a small profit so far this year of about \$1200. She is planning to invest another \$5000 of our reserve into a CD.
5. **New Business/Old Business** – Rissa Moore asked for tech savvy right opening braiders to contact Christine Manges if they could help her develop lacing diagrams for right openers.
6. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – Sherry Chilcutt discussed the upcoming conference at the Seabeck Conference Center in Seabeck, Washington on April 30-May 3, 2026. There are 23 braiders and 3 non-braiding partners attending. There are still a few rooms available. Donna McKeever, a local rug teacher, will be open by appointment for wool shopping.
 - b. **Education** – Rissa Moore reported for Christine Manges that the monthly teacher forums have been active and appreciated. Rissa will be teaching an in-person mug rug class in the spring or summer.
 - c. **Exhibit** –Pam Rowan reported that the exhibit Committee has funds available for shipping rugs. Rose Robertson-Smith encouraged braiders to submit their rugs to Sauder Village. Maddie Fraioli added that she may be able to help with shipping logistics.

d. Finance – no report

e. Fundraising/Scholarship – Rissa Moore reported for Kris McDermet that all intermediate scholarship coupons have been used. There are still conference scholarships and one beginner coupon available.

f. Media – Rissa Moore reported for Christine Manges that there will be a meeting of the Media Committee on March 19 at 9:30AM.

g. Membership – Marlene Breitenbach reported that we have 216 members. She added that there has been some confusion about the discount rate for the last few months of the year.

h. Nominating – Rissa Moore reported for Mary Hibbard that Mary has a candidate for secretary for next year.

i. Programs- Rissa Moore reported for Christine Manges that the Program Committee will meet on Monday March 9.

7. Adjournment – President Rissa Moore adjourned the meeting at 1:23PM followed by the demo and show and tell.

8. Demo – Pam Rowan presented a demo on Braided Easter Eggs. The handout is on the website in the members only section.

Submitted by Karen Levendusky 3/23/2026

Statement of Financial Position

Rug Braiders International

As of Apr 3, 2026

TOTAL

Assets

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

10005 BOA Checking	31,201.06
101005 BOA Savings	2,742.99
10200 Paypal	0.00

Total for Bank Accounts	\$33,944.05
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Other Current Assets

10300 BOA CD First	5,028.07
14000 Undeposited Funds	0.00

Total for Other Current Assets	\$5,028.07
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Total for Current Assets	\$38,972.12
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Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

21000 Other Current Liability	0.00
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Total for Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
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Equity

30200 Temp Restricted Net Assets	0.00
30100 Unrestricted Net Assets	26,925.17
Net Income	12,046.95

Total for Equity	\$38,972.12
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Statement of Activity	
Rug Braiders International	TOTAL
July 1, 2025-April 3, 2026	
Revenue	
40000 Contributed income	
40010 Donations from individuals General Fund	772.64
40020 Donation for Scholarship Fund	300.00
40040 Donation for Shipping of Rugs	300.00
Total for 40000 Contributed income	\$1,372.64
41000 Program Revenue	
41010 Membership Fees	4,275.00
41020 Class Revenue	9,305.00
41030 Speaker Fee Revenue	14.87
41040 Retreat Revenue	14,460.00
41090 Discounts given	-2,385.00
Total for 41000 Program Revenue	\$25,669.87
70000 Interest Income	28.35
Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue	0.00
Total for Revenue	\$27,070.86
Gross Profit	\$27,070.86
Expenditures	
60000 Contract & professional fees	
60020 Accounting fees	100.00
60040 Speaker fee expenditures	1,501.25
60050 Teacher Fees	8,378.40
Total for 60000 Contract & professional fees	\$9,979.65
60200 Office expenses	
60225 Paypal Fees	755.68
60230 Wix Fees	131.47
60240 Shipping & postage	197.70
60245 Software & apps	919.41
Total for 60200 Office expenses	\$2,004.26
60400 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,560.00
60500 Insurance	1,480.00
Total for Expenditures	\$15,023.91
Net Operating Revenue	\$12,046.95
Net Other Revenue	
Net Revenue	\$12,046.95