



Rug Braiders International General Meeting

**Agenda for Zoom Meeting:
Saturday, Nov 1, 2025, 1 pm EST**

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** -- Rissa Moore, President
2. **Approve/Add to: Agenda**
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes of Sept & Oct Meetings** – attached. Karen Levendusky, Secretary
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Sherry Chilcutt, Treasurer.

Closing Mercury Bank savings and checking accounts; moving funds into Bank of America accounts.

5. Committees:

- a. **Conference Committee** : Chair: Sherry Chilcutt
Seabeck, Washington: Conference Apr 30-May 3, 2026

- b. **Education Committee** Chair: Christine Manges

- c. **Exhibit Committee** Chair: Pam Rowan

1. Rug Challenges:

2026: Mixed Media Braided Garden

2027: Fine Art Inspiration

2028: Mythical Beasts / Magical Creatures

d. Finance Committee

- e. **Fundraising/Scholarship Committee** Chair: Kris McDermet

- f. **Media Committee** (website, social media) Christine Manges; Lisa Kilgo; Janet O'Connell

Our Facebook Address: www.facebook.com/groups/308491603694553 or search for "Rug Braiders International"

Our Instagram Address: #rugbraidersinternational. Judy Fahnestock is managing the account.

- g. **Membership Committee** Co-Chairs: Marlene Breitenbach & Mary Ragno
• Current members: 189?

- h. **Nominating Committee** Chair: Mary Hibbard

- i. **Program Committee** Chair: Christine Manges
Zoom Coord: Judy Fahnestock

Several events have changed their dates and moved around. See attached schedule for updates.

6. **Demo: Counting Loops** with Christine Manges

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

Attachments:

- Minutes of Sept & October Meetings
- Treasurer's Report

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September 6, 2025 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00pmEST.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** –The agenda was approved.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes of Last Meeting** – The minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Sherry Chilcutt presented the Treasurer’s report which is attached to the agenda.
5. **Presentation of the proposed budget for 2025-2026** – There were no questions regarding the budget which is attached to the agenda. The budget was approved unanimously.
6. **Progress on Name Change** – Sherry reported that we have a new bank account with our new name. Christine Manges asked for volunteers to help go through the website looking for the old name.
7. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – Sherry presented the location and date of the conference which will be held April 30-May 3, 2026 at the Seabeck Conference Center in Seabeck, Washington.
 - b. **Education** – Christine presented the new classes for the fall and discussed a new program for teachers and braid demonstrators.
 - c. **Exhibit** – Pam Rowan reported that 8 braiders used Exhibit funds to help toward shipping costs for getting their rugs to Sauder Village. Christine presented a slide show of the braided rugs at Sauder.
 - d. **Finance** – Rissa reported that we have passed our audit and thanked auditors Janice Lyle and Lucinda Harrison-Cox. She asked anyone interested in serving on the Finance Committee to reply to the agenda. We are looking for some people with financial expertise and also people to help with general research.
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** – Kris McDermet reported that the committee will be offering ten \$40 scholarships for beginners and some scholarships next spring for advanced classes. Contact Kris if you are interested in joining the committee.
 - f. **Media** – Christine reported that she is assisted with the website updates by Lisa Kilgo and Janet O’Connell. She is looking for someone with WIX experience to help. Judy Fahnestock is our Instagram coordinator.
 - g. **Membership** – Marlene Breitenbach reported that we are up to 172 members including 16 from Canada, one from Norway, one from Germany, and one from Australia. Mary Ragno will send an email this fall to past members who have not renewed as a reminder and also to get feedback.
 - h. **Nominating** – Mary Hibbard reported that we will need to elect a new Secretary for 2026-2027 since Karen Levendusky will have reached the term limits for the position.
 - i. **Programs**- Christine Manges presented the current list of demos and Special Events which is in the agenda. Rissa will give a demo on magnets and other gadgets at the October meeting. Contact Christine if you have an idea for a demo or Special Events.
8. **Demo** - Christine Manges presented a demo on Chevron Braiding.
9. **Adjournment** – President Rissa Moore adjourned the meeting at 2:20pmEST followed by show and tell.

Submitted by Karen Levendusky 9/25/2025

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October 4, 2025 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00pmEST.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** –No additions to the agenda.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes of Last Meeting** – The minutes will be approved at the November meeting.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Report will be attached to November agenda.
5. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – Gail Stephens presented the location and date of the conference which will be held April 30-May 3, 2026 at the Seabeck Conference Center in Seabeck, Washington. Registration will be in January. More info on classes and costs soon.
 - b. **Education** – Rissa presented the new classes for the fall which are listed on the website. A calendar of events is on the website under Events.
 - c. **Exhibit** – Rissa discussed the upcoming rug challenges to be held at our conferences. Rose Robertson-Smith encouraged members to send rugs to Sauder Village. The dates for next year are August 12-15 and there will be a braided rug exhibit.
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** – No report.
 - f. **Finance** – We have a new Finance Committee chair who will be announced soon.
 - g. **Media** – Rissa shared that Christine Manges is looking for people to help proofread the website for name changes and active links.
 - h. **Membership** – Marlene Breitenbach reported that we are up to 178 members including 26 new members.
 - i. **Nominating** – No report.
 - j. **Programs**- No report.
8. **Demo** – Rissa Moore presented a demo on Magnets and Other Gadgets.
9. **Adjournment** – President Rissa Moore adjourned the meeting at 1:37pmEST followed by show and tell.

Submitted by Karen Levendusky 10/28/2025

Statement of Activity

Rug Braiders International

July 1-October 27, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
40000 Contributed income	
40010 Donations from individuals General Fund	60.00
Total for 40000 Contributed income	\$60.00
41000 Program Revenue	
41010 Membership Fees	3,570.00
41020 Class Revenue	3,855.00
41030 Speaker Fee Revenue	9.87
41090 Discounts given	-150.00
Total for 41000 Program Revenue	\$7,284.87
70000 Interest Income	0.06
Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue	0.00
Total for Income	\$7,344.93
Cost of Goods Sold	
Gross Profit	\$7,344.93
Expenses	
60000 Contract & professional fees	
60040 Speaker fee expenditures	450.00
60050 Teacher Fees	2,602.66
Total for 60000 Contract & professional fees	\$3,052.66
60200 Office expenses	
60225 Paypal Fees	186.38
60230 Wix Fees	53.04
60240 Shipping & postage	197.70
60245 Software & apps	744.72
Total for 60200 Office expenses	\$1,181.84
60400 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,560.00
60500 Insurance	1,480.00
Total for Expenses	\$7,274.50
Net Operating Income	\$70.43
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Net Other Income	
Net Income	\$70.43