

Rug Braiders International

April 4, 2026 General Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – President Rissa Moore called the meeting to order at 1:01pmEST.
2. **Approve/Add to the Agenda** –Gail Stephens made a motion to approve the agenda. Rose Robertson-Smith seconded. The agenda was approved.
3. **Amend/Approve Minutes for the March Meeting** – Christine Manges made a motion to approve the minutes. Rhonda Beaupre seconded. The minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Rissa Moore presented the treasurer’s report which is attached to the agenda.
5. **New Business/Old Business** – Christine Manges has three braiders who will work on diagrams for RO braiders.
6. **Committees**
 - a. **Conference** – No report.
 - b. **Education** – Christine Manges reported that the next Teacher’s Forum will be on Zoom basics for teachers.
 - c. **Exhibit** –Pam Rowan reported that the committee will be reimbursing 50% of shipping costs up to \$100 as funds permit. Christine Manges asked that braiders who cannot get their challenge rugs to Seabeck send a picture of their rug to her. She will bring a large photo of their challenge rugs to the conference.
 - d. **Finance** – Rhonda Beaupre reported that the committee will be meeting in April.
 - e. **Fundraising/Scholarship** –Kris McDermet reported that all scholarship coupons have been used for beginner and intermediate classes. There will be a raffle of a rug and chair pads made by the committee at the conference to raise funds for scholarships.
 - f. **Media** –Christine Manges reported that she has two additional assistants that have website and social media experience.
 - g. **Membership** – Marlene Breitenbach reported that we have 220 members – 196 from US, 20 from Canada, and 4 from other countries.
 - h. **Nominating** – No report.
 - i. **Programs**- The program committee has a new chair, Rose Robertson-Smith. She will be assisted by Mary Hibbard and Jaime Ledford.
7. **Presentation of the Five Year Plan** – The plan was presented by Christine Manges and Rissa Moore and is attached to the agenda.
8. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Rose Robertson-Smith and seconded by Peggyann Watts. President Rissa Moore adjourned the meeting at 2:05PM followed by show and tell.