



Rug Braiders International General Meeting

**Agenda for Zoom Meeting:
Saturday, May 9, 2026, 1 pm EST**

Agenda

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

Notice of Proposed Bylaw Amendment

To Be Presented for Membership Vote at the Upcoming (June) General Meeting

In accordance with the Rug Braiding International bylaws, the Board of Directors hereby gives notice that a proposed amendment to the bylaws will be presented to the membership for discussion and vote at the upcoming General Meeting on 6 June 2026.

The Board are recommending the following amendment changes:

1. Current Bylaw Wording:

The annual dues for Members shall be determined by the Board, due and payable July 1 each year

Proposed New Wording:

The annual dues for Members shall be determined by the Board, due and payable January 1 each year

2. Current Bylaw Wording:

Dues shall be prorated after February

Proposed New Wording:

Dues shall be prorated after July

Reason for the Proposed Amendment

This amendment aligns RBI's membership dues with the calendar year rather than a mid-year cycle. Moving the dues date to January 1 simplifies record-keeping, budgeting, and membership tracking, and creates a clearer, more consistent schedule for members.

The Board believes this change will help Rug Braiding International continue to operate effectively while serving the needs of our membership.

Member Vote Required

How to Vote

Members may vote in one of two ways:

- **Attend the Annual General Meeting on June 6**, or
- **Submit the electronic ballot** that will be emailed prior to the meeting

Instructions and deadlines for electronic voting will be included in that email.

Comment: To change the membership year from July – June to January – December, we will need to have one 18-month membership period; our dues will be \$50 for that 18-month “year.” It will start in July 2026 and go to December 2027.

b. **Old Business:** Call for Right Opening Lacing Illustrators: was answered by Gail Davidson, Karen Levendusky, Donna Dunn, and Pat Sprague. We are looking into Inkscape, a free drawing program; first meeting will be in late May.

6. **Committees:** Budget Requests have been submitted by Committee Chairs;

a. **Conference Committee:** Chair: Sherry Chilcutt
The recent conference in Seabeck, Washington was a tremendous success!
Slide show & stats will be presented.

2027 Spring RBI Conference: Tennessee! Place of Grace Retreat Center, April 15-18, 2027, Clarkrange TN <https://placeofgraceretreat.net/>

b. **Education Committee** Chair: Christine Manges
The monthly Teacher's Forum has been active and appreciated. This month: Recording and Uploading Class Videos: Sunday, May 24 at 4pm EST. Braid Help Sessions are Sundays, May 17 & 31 at 4pm EST. Online classes starting soon: Braided Flag (beginner level).

The classes at the Conference seemed to be enjoyed!

c. **Exhibit Committee** Chair: Pam Rowan
1. Currently editing form for ½ reimbursement for shipping rugs to exhibits... up to \$100. Stay tuned. Form will be posted on Exhibit Committee page.
2. Rug Challenges:
2027: Fine Art Inspiration
2028: Mythical Beasts / Magical Creatures
3. Sauder Village Exhibit: Aug 12-15, 2026
Sauder Rug Registration is OPEN!
Register rugs: <https://saudervillage.org/rug-hooking-exhibit-registration/>

d. **Finance Committee** Chair: Rhonda Beaupre

e. **Fundraising/Scholarship Committee** Chair: Kris McDermet
The recent Rug and Chair Pad Raffle was a tremendous success! The raffle raised \$1,076 dollars for the Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Karen Levendusky for managing the raffle tickets from non-attending members.
Additional funds were received from Sandy Busby, who donated money from fabric sales at the conference. Thank you!

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. The older, private page is still active and can receive member posts.
Our Instagram Address: <https://www.instagram.com/rugbraidersinternational/>
Judy Fahnestock is managing the account. Send her rug photos!
Judebug31@gmail.com

g. **Membership Committee** Co-Chairs: Marlene Breitenbach & Mary Ragno; Asst Janice Lyle
• Current members: 221

h. **Nominating Committee**

Chair: Mary Hibbard

i. **Program Committee**

Chair: Rose Robertson-Smith

Zoom Coord: Judy Fahnestock

Upcoming Special Events:

16 May: The Magnificent Multistrand Rugs of Maxine Ward

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

Upcoming Demos:

6 June: Baby Turtle with Pam Rowan

6. **Demo:** Calculating Fabric Requirements for Rugs, with Christine Manges

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

Attachments:

- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Rug and Chair Pad Raffle Results!

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.

Submitted by Karen Levendusky 4/12/2026

Statement of Activity
Rug Braiders International
July 1, 2025-May 5, 2026

	TOTAL
Revenue	
40000 Contributed income	
40010 Donations from individuals General Fund	782.64
40020 Donation for Scholarship Fund	300.00
40040 Donation for Shipping of Rugs	300.00
Total for 40000 Contributed income	\$1,382.64
41000 Program Revenue	
41010 Membership Fees	4,335.00
41020 Class Revenue	9,785.00
41030 Speaker Fee Revenue	14.87
41040 Retreat Revenue	15,150.00
41090 Discounts given	-2,385.00
Total for 41000 Program Revenue	\$26,899.87
70000 Interest Income	55.25
Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue	0.00
Total for Revenue	\$28,337.76
Gross Profit	\$28,337.76
Expenditures	
60000 Contract & professional fees	
60020 Accounting fees	100.00
60040 Speaker fee expenditures	1,501.25
60050 Teacher Fees	8,723.88
Total for 60000 Contract & professional fees	\$10,325.13
60200 Office expenses	
60225 Paypal Fees	793.37
60230 Wix Fees	136.43
60240 Shipping & postage	197.70
60245 Software & apps	1,118.91
Total for 60200 Office expenses	\$2,246.41
60400 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,560.00
60500 Insurance	1,480.00
Total for Expenditures	\$15,611.54
Net Operating Revenue	\$12,726.22
Net Other Revenue	
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Statement of Financial Position -

Rug Braiders International

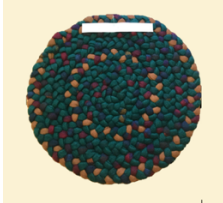
As of May 5, 2026

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10005 BOA Checking	25,906.12
101005 BOA Savings	2,743.04
10200 Paypal	947.31
Total for Bank Accounts	\$29,596.47
Other Current Assets	
10300 BOA CD First	10,054.92
14000 Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total for Other Current Assets	\$10,054.92
Total for Current Assets	\$39,651.39
Total for Assets	\$39,651.39
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
21000 Other Current Liability	0.00
Total for Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total for Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total for Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
30200 Temp Restricted Net Assets	0.00
30100 Unrestricted Net Assets	26,925.17
Net Income	12,726.22
Total for Equity	\$39,651.39
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$39,651.39

Rug Braiders International Raffle 2026

Makers and Winners!

Braider	Rug/Chairpad	Winner
Kris McDermet Pam Rowan Cathy Winship Leigh Johnstone Karen Levendusky	Rug – Calm Before the Storm Hooked and Braided 	Jamie Ledford
Laura Ennis	Red and Gray with Red Border 	Dawn Taylor
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Kris McDermet	Peace – Hooked, Braided 	Richard Busby
Patsy Simon	One Nation Under God – Braided with felting 	Annaliese Simon
Yvonne-Iten Scott	Teal and Gold Flower – Hooked with Braids 	Richard Busby

Kris McDermet	Be Brave- Hooked with Braids 	Eileen Smith
Dianne Tobias	Teal and Multi Color Hooked with Braids 	Janet O Connell
Rose Robertson-Smith Pattern by Christine Manges	Gray and Pink Cat 	Kim Kubie
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Dianne Tobias	Green and Brown Braided 	Jan Cushman