

# **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.