



Carolinan Region EGA
Board of Directors Meeting
Rock Hill, SC
9/28/2025

Gail Smith called the meeting to order at 8:31 am

Executive Committee in attendance:

Gail Smith (RD)
Carole Overton (Website)
Julie Anderson (ARD)
Janet Noble (Education)
Elizabeth Little (Treasurer)
Marguerite Ewing (Secretary)

Special Guest:

Lea Peacock, National President of EGA
Judy Brady, Tip of Texas Chapter, South Central Region

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Aiken Stitchin' Belles:	Susan MacRae (P) Belinda Ebert (RR)
Blue Ridge:	Betsy Hanson (P) Theresa Underwood (Proxy for Pat Parks)
Charlotte:	Virginia Martin (Proxy for Susan Banbury) Connie Miller (RR)
Chicora:	Katrina Lawrimore (RR)
EGA AT VA Tech:	Nicole Roatch (P) Sarah Shultz (RR)
Florence:	Julia Tison (P) Sallie Folk (RR)
Golden Needles:	Laura Smith (P)
Low Country:	Kate Wendorf (Proxy for Frances Della Penna) Terri Goodwin (RR)
Magnolia:	Betsy Morgan (P)
Millwood:	Janet Noble (P)
Piedmont:	Heather Rushforth (P) Jeni Huebner (RR)
The Laurel:	Carlie Holdridge (P) Barbara Dexter-Smith (RR)

Chapters not represented:

Cardinal

Star Stitchers

Tryon

The attendance indicated there was a quorum, so the meeting continued.

Executive Committee Reports

Julie Anderson (ARD) reported no news at present, but she is looking for a replacement for her position.

Elizabeth Little (Treasurer) reported the CD's that need renewal have been renewed with a locked-in rate of 3.68%. Funds are stable until these mature. She made the motion that Chapter Grants remain at \$150 per chapter for the year 2026. The motion passed. There were a few numbers in error in the budget packet given. They were corrected. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Janet Noble (Education) thanked the teachers for the classes this retreat. There are teachers needed for Fall 2026. Any information would be helpful. The CRESS Scholarship for 2025 was awarded to Jessica Boudreaux-Hnatiuk.

Carole Overton (Website/*RegioNews*) reported the Website has all updated information. In a discussion with Webmaster, on-line payments would not affect the website. There were 40 zoom sessions hosted. There have been three editions of *RegioNews* released this year, with one more coming out soon. Carole also stated that she is no longer able to continue writing the *RegioNews* and asked for a replacement.

Dee Pierce (Nominating Chair) reported that the positions of By-Laws Chair, Secretary and Treasurer have been filled. We are still in need of a Director of Education plus adding another Nominating person.

Old Business

Gail Smith (RD) reminded members of the twice-monthly stitch-in meetings scheduled on zoom. Everyone was encouraged to attend these. Leslie Brady has an ongoing Special Interest Group (SIG) on surface embroidery which meets on the third Saturday of each month. There are also several other SIGs available for stitchers.

The joint Seminar with TVR has been cancelled. The reason behind this is a difference in the way finances are handled between TVR & CAR.

The Teaching Tables at the Spring Retreat were a hit. They were enjoyed by all and will continue in the future.

“Growing Your Chapter” is now “Growing Your Connections.” These are zoom sessions from National each 4th Saturday at 1pm. She encouraged members to sign in and see what is going on.

New Business

Gail Smith (RD) Recognized Chapter Anniversaries

Magnolia	50 Years
Millwood	50 Years
Florence	45 Years
Laurel	35 Years

National Seminars:

Dallas	<i>Nov 12-16, 2025</i>	
Orlando	<i>Oct 9-14, 2026</i>	The theme is "Wish Upon a Stitch"
Tucson	<i>Sept 15-19, 2027</i>	The theme is "Needles that Inspire"

Laura Smith will be hosting the Educational Exhibit at the Orlando Seminar and asked for volunteers to assist her.

Announcements

Gail Smith (RD) announced that the Florence Chapter will be serving as chair for the Spring and Fall retreats in 2026.

A major change is that registration will be on-line for the Spring Retreat 2026. People not able to do this on-line will still have the option of printing out the brochure & mailing in their registration. Payment for the Spring Retreat remains in the form of a check. We are in the process of learning about e-payments & hope to have that ready for the Fall Retreat.

The voting on and swearing in of new officers:

New Officers:

- Dee Pierce-Secretary
- Nova Shultz-Treasurer
- Jeni Huebner-By-Laws

Each candidate accepted the responsibilities of the job and were duly sworn in.

President Lea Peacock asked that we check our email & be sure to complete the survey that was sent out to all members.

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 9:18.