

**Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society  
General [Zoom] Meeting – January 6, 2022**

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by president Sherry Ellis. The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Approximately 23 members participated.

**Business Meeting**

There was a reminder about renewing memberships.

Melissa Grakowsky Shippee will do a two day presentation of her Mask Master Class on February 18 and 19. She will have two one-day sessions of her Suspension necklace on February 20 and 21. She will not be speaking at our February meeting.

Financials will be presented at the February meeting.

Cath Thomas will have her Sunshine pendant classes in two sessions, on March 12 and March 19. She will not be speaking at any of our meetings.

Upcoming workshops will be presented by Kim Stathis, Shona Bevan and Stephany Burnham. Kim Stathis and Shona Bevan's workshops have not yet been determined.

There was further discussion about the possibility of hybrid general meetings. There were 11 votes for no and 8 votes for yes. However, 3 of the 8 yes votes were qualified, so instead they are considered no votes. The end result is 14 no votes for hybrid meetings and only 5 yes votes for hybrid meetings. There will be no hybrid meetings for the present, only Zoom meetings.

There was a request to publicize the Baltimore Bead Show on January 15 to be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Further information is on the Baltimore Bead Society's website.

There was an email from Lorraine Morton's son-in-law, Jonathan Holtzman, with a photograph of a Cheyenne or Potawatomi loomed beadwork sash. It is probably from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. He is looking for an assessment of the piece. There was a suggestion to contact the National Museum of the American Indian. Amy Castine, who works at the Smithsonian, offered to forward the photograph to the right person.

Roberta Ainsley brought up the Bead Museum as another option for getting information on the piece.

Diane Dennis, the outgoing treasurer, will contact those who volunteered to step up as treasurer. NVBS still has nothing new regarding funding options. It is possible that we will end up with a profit since instructors are presenting by Zoom and there is no need or reason for reimbursement since there is no transportation, meals or accommodations.

The need for revised bylaws was discussed as was the need for a bylaws committee to rewrite our bylaws to reflect the current operating procedures.

A membership directory will be sent to members. At least two members do not want to be included in the directory.

**Program**

Kristen Ho presented a lesson on odd count cellini spiral. Members were sent supply lists and a link to a video.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.