

		Basic Questions
	1	unfortunately my local group pulled out of MEOUW
	3	Don't really need it.
	5	Continuing at expo would depend on what we get out of it. Do we get new members??? How many? Does that justify the time and/or money spent??? I have no recommendation regarding the fairs.
	6	Only if more people would volunteer
	6	those who are interested should continue to participate in fairs. I would like to see more participation in gallery events
	7	I don't go for health reasons
	7	The expos are too far away. I did check into volunteering one year but would have had to pay gas, hotel and meals just to volunteer and the Seattle gals didn't seem anxious for outside help.
	8	I have voted each time except for the vote after all the resignations.
	1a	I really think it should stay this way!!!
	1b	Use the monies raised to lower the cost of the seminar for all attendees. Having only been a member for one year, the cost of seminar did seem high for what I can afford.
	1b	No....the whole point of scholarships is lost. Lower the cost of seminar for everyone by using judicious choices of locations and activities. Bring teacher payments in line with other national groups instead of paying the highest rate.)
	b	No - it wouldn't lower the cost enough for me to go/not go, but the scholarship amount as it makes it so someone can attend at a reduced rate. I like that there's no financial stigma attached to it too
		<b>MEOUW Scholarship</b>
	1	I really don't know; I do not apply as I feel I can afford to go, and someone with a tight budget could use it more
		Yes -- but only if the bickering and in-fighting stop, and people work together.
		<b>MEOUW Seminars:</b>
	1	Yes to a pin, but it should be part of the budget. It's too small a part of the budget to make a difference in seminar costs.
	1b	I believe Carol originally intended for the scholarship monies be used for those truly not able to afford to go to seminar. If so, we have truly strayed from this purpose. Therefore, it might be in everyone's best interest to use the monies raised from raffles to reduce the seminar expense so everyone can benefit.
	1b	I know there has been a lot of controversy about this, but really a lot of the scholarships have gone to members who could readily afford to pay their way. Keeping the cost down for everyone would be more fair.
	1	should be in the price already
	2	it does depend on cost
	2	yes, but the cost cannot continue to increase. This has to be something that members feel they can afford to come to.
	2	if feasible money wise
	3	it's nice to see the creativity
	3	They are kind of fun to collect and when you look at them later they will bring back lots of good memories

	4	lower the cost
	4	get energized w/new ideas, mingle w/ women who have similar interests
	4	maybe to learn new things and meet new friends
	4	to learn new techniques and be inspired by the creativity of members
	4	I have attended in the past and was very interested in the classes, but never seemed to get my first choice but one way down on my list. I have not been very interested in the classes in the past several years.
	5	would like to see fewer thread painted pictures and more technique classes
	5	as stated on #5, my number one reason is kids still come first. the cost was a little high for not knowing up front what classes I would get and only a few classes interested me. not sure if you have this option, but maybe some people only wanted to do one day.
	6	classes I was interested in were full right away
	6	I understand it
	6	I have attended all since 1993; I came by myself and took part in everything; I loved it!
	6	I just attended my first seminar. It took a lot of arranging but I am glad that I was able to attend. I did receive a scholarship which helped. I would attend, if I had not attended before, just because of all the good comments and I would be jealous of the fun I would be missing. When the seminar was at Shoreline, I was able to attend parts of it. I really enjoyed the camaraderie, raffle and dinners. It was close enough that I could come home and get lunch and dinner for my sister and go back for the festivities in the evening.
	7	I think the newsletter over the internet is great. I think the raffle is a good idea for raising money.
	7	cut postage, eliminate scholarship
	1b	THIS IS MY CHOICE - IT WOULD BE NICE TO GET MORE MEMBERS TO ATTEND.
	1b	I do not apply as I feel I can afford to go, and someone with a tight budget could use it more
	1b	Could the attendees approach their group about a subsidy; perhaps for a portion of the fees paid by their group in exchange for the attendee teaching a class in what she learns when she returns home.
	3a	just last year only, and I've been to multiple seminars
	3c	Yes, but do not feel there should be prizes awarded only paper certificates
	3c	either way - no opinion. If it's a good project yes, it's fit another water bottle no.
		The pajama party was fun but the cost of the catering was not worth it, so no catering
	6c	Classes didn't interest me even if classes didn't interest me I enjoy visiting with old friends that have traveled to attend. It does not bother me to skip a class if I choose I have done that before.
	1	no I do not like all the turmoil. I don't like people fighting when this is a volunteer organization. I am thankful for the ones who do run it but wish they didn't have so much stress to deal with
	1	Attended regularly when I was Newsletter Editor. Quit when I was bluntly told not to bring my handwork. Didn't return to board meeting until I was required to for a special job I took on. I noticed that the 'rules' have changed since then because many people now do handwork in the meetings. However, the meetings in the past few years all land on a day that I have another meeting which I am in charge of. It's a hardship to me if I have to attend MEOW board meeting because of the hassle to cover my absence from my other meeting.
	2	Yes & No Sometimes the board does not want things discussed they say it will come out in the newsletter. Plus I also misunderstand some of the things said I have been to board meetings and taken notes and when the news letter comes out it is not the way I interpreted it

	2	sometimes there have been times when we were told not to pass info along
	2	I am the area rep and if there are things that directly affect our local group we discuss it; otherwise it is up to each one to read the newsletter.
	6	I don't have a problem with it
	6	Having it posted and explanations to back it up.
	6	Yes Why have a board of Directors. I feel we do not need babysitters and some state Directors do not have the time to go to different places because a lot of us still work. Plus I feel that MEOW is a group that I come to know and enjoy and it was becoming work for me to be a State Director. I think that the Area Rep, when they send in their report, they can just add one or two more addresses to it and eliminate the Director. Also I have found no matter what, some area reps do not want to follow through with reports and who cares if someone in the group is upset about it then they also have the right to send in anything they like into the newsletter concerning there group.
	6	bigger print; synopsis of w3hat monies go to what line and why; explain of what goes to general and what to seminar and why
	6	quarterly reports & annual budgets emailed to members or group leaders to share
	6	I understand the budget
	6	no problem with understanding the budget
	6	6. I don't need to understand the MEOW budget!
	6	I don't think the average member really cares about the budget.
	6	Seeing it published with itemized income and expenditures with explanations where appropriate
	6	Who says I don't understand it?
	7	It doesn't matter if we agreed or not it has been done so that is out of our control but it is out there for all to learn from to help the next Seminar chair.
	7	email newsletters
	7	cut unnecessary spending
	7	no more printed newsletters or seminar brochures
	7	I like your idea of emailing newsletters rather than printing. I like the idea of utilizing the MEOW website more.
	7	No, other than to monitor each board member's expenses and seminar expenses more closely.
	7	Presenting the newsletter on-line is one of the best ideas the board has come up with to cut corners.
	8	Go to Friday & Saturday No Sunday and Thursday is on your own. I for one have enjoyed Alice's class however we could ask for volunteers for people who plan on being there If they would like to be in the class room to help with basic free embroidery. This was for seminar.
	8	I do volunteer when I can
	10	when I need to satisfy my scholarship requirement
	10	I have gone to other groups to teach and have always known it way my time and my monies to do
	10	I'm too far away
	10	if time was available and I had something the group wanted to learn
	12	Again lately I mean over a few years people are not happy at all the way the board meeting have been going. We have to work on that before we will get people to come back to board meeting and getting active in things again. Plus as you know most the time it is the same people that do most the work that is known in every organization or work area.
	12	I re-read and refer back to it . It's my connection to MEOW

	12	Yes -when I attended before the bickering and lack of respect that some members showed towards others added to the 4 hour round trip to attend made me desire not to go again
	13	I think the newsletter could be streamlined as to content but don't know if this would conform with the by laws.
	13	times of board meeting
	13	far too much repetition. Information is often found in two, sometimes three places. Seems poorly organized. Is in much need of a makeover! Would like to see directors reports incorporated under each area group information/schedules
	13	I believe our newsletter provides adequate info the way it is
	13	it's ok
	13	I think it is well written
	13	looks good to me
	13	I would like to see a member highlighted each newsletter - so one can better know other members
	13	it's fine as it is - good job
	13	I like the newsletter
	13	Recipes, patterns and more pictures
	13	Would like to see patterns, etc
	14	haven't but will if newsletters, budget, and reports are available
	14	I enjoy the newsletter - don't have any ideas
	14	Everything involving MEOW
	14	I have not used our web site much in the past but certainly will in the future since the newsletter will be on it and information as to what other groups are doing.
	14	It helped to answer some misinformation received during the recent controversy.
	15	quicker, more current info, don't have to wait for a mailer
	15	I go on about seminar info
	15	mostly, who is in charge of certain groups, also important dates of upcoming events
	15	quick overview, groups activities
	15	places to get supplies that are not available where I live. I am very rural
	15	what's going on and pictures of what's happening w each group
	15	seminar info
	15	The most current information (especially for what is happening before the newsletter gets published) Newsletters, MEOW forms and documents
	15	Area Group information and upcoming events plus needed forms
	15	group contracts, projects info about seminar
	15	I looked at seminar classes before I got my copy.

15	Why not use the website for all member information . . . newsletter, seminar information, meeting minutes, officer list and reports, Anything anybody needs to refer to.
15	Everything but phone numbers which need to stay off the internet.
15	Schedules
15	Put the classes with photos and materials list on the website to save money. We could probably afford a web mistress with money left over with the savings in printing and postage. In our quilt guild, one of our members does this for free for us!
16	ability to enlarge the photos to see details
16	it's nice for web-site news letter, but I do like the newsletter that comes in the mail. I'm more apt to read all of it
16	these are just ideas; patterns of non-copyrighted things; maybe a tips or "try this" page; maybe a recipe of the week or month page
16	highlight a person drawn randomly or as a group drawing randomly
16	easy access to the leaders and their contact information
16	I think an overall MEOW calendar would be helpful such as what is scheduled to happen at each board meeting and the deadlines for various events (such as teacher submission forms and scholarship applications, etc).
16	It should be updated more frequently. Some information becomes outdated and doesn't get changed in a timely manner
16	Kept up to date. Stitching tips and projects, lots of pictures!
16	The pages need to be updated in a more timely manner.
16	Keep things current
17	have everyone that I have gotten since I joined in the 80's
17	Probably will just put in a file on the computer which will be lost when this computer dies.
17	I will need to adjust and get used to it
18	depends, probably yes, but I'll print out random pages
18	it is easier to read via snail mail, but easier to store on web
18	I'll try it!
18	I would print it out so I can read it at my leisure
18	I can print it off
18	it doesn't not need to be mailed. It is important that an email be sent to the membership when the newsletter is posted
18	No, I prefer to keep hard copies in a notebook.
19	are you sending out a general email to announce the new newsletter
19	I might go to several members, but I will eventually find what I am needing
	<b>MISC COMMENTS</b>
	encourage NAME TAGS be available and worn at each meeting
	the area groups could design a logo to distinguish their name & group

	we need to advertise the crafts that we do more if we want new members. Especially the younger people	
	<p>I think MEOW is great. I do not understand the petty bickering. Nadra and I try not to gossip or join groups that do. We made it a rule in our meetings. I love all the ladies of MEOW. I only want to learn, teach and develop sewing friendships. We have a very small group, but we love show and tell and meeting each other once a month. Some people complain about the yearly dues. I would go to the board meeting if it wasn't six + hours away. a friend of mine in longview would like to give a class at a local dealer?</p>	
	<p>I was pretty new to MEOW when I volunteered to be the Treasurer. I had only been to one board meeting prior. I was surprised at the tone and manner in which business was conducted? Nevertheless I joined the board. The board meetings in particular, and subsequently the communications among members between the meetings has appeared to go downhill. I have a really hard time believing that a bunch of ladies that like to sew can get so caught up in the Personalities and politics of running a volunteer organization. I believe that everyone truly means well, but it just isn't coming across that way. I hear time and again that people's motivation is for the betterment of MEOW, but then I hear such negative comments about specific people. It is out of control. The leadership team needs to lead by example. All members need to play nice. I understand that not everyone will agree, but we need to give respect in order to earn it from others. I understand that with a volunteer organization, it can be difficult to get people to participate. The ones that step up tend to be the most passionate and therefore may have an agenda of changes. Change can be good. I've made a decision for myself to not get involved because I don't want to participate in the negativity. Why can't we all get along? Perhaps there is too much history for people to let the past go. Perhaps there are agendas that are misunderstood. I don't know, but I'm losing confidence in the ability of the leadership team to keep the organization focused on its purpose. I am not trying to single anyone out. I just don't feel like we are all on the same page and it is a shame. I'm still a member because I still like to sew and I want to learn from the many talented and energetic friends I've made through MEOW.</p>	
	When I move, I won't be near any MEOW groups, so won't belong after this coming year.	
	Please note that my answers are based on my interests which are not mainline MEOW. The MM Kats group is my only concern at the present time.	
	I am a member of MEOW for the sake of that group only.	