

CONSTITUTION OF THE SANDHILLS QUILTERS GUILD

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Sandhills Quilters Guild".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Guild is exclusively educational through workshops and programs and the sharing of related ideas and projects within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE III - NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Guild is a non profit organization. No part of the Guild's income shall accrue to the benefit of any member or individual. Reimbursement for expenditures or reasonable compensation for services rendered shall not be deemed to be distribution of income or principal.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Any member of the community interested in quilting or related skills is considered eligible to become a member of the Guild. A member is required to pay the annual dues of the organization. A prospective member may attend two meetings, excluding workshops, prior to joining the Guild.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The elected officers of the Sandhills Quilters Guild shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office shall be one fiscal year. No member shall hold more than one office at a time and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the five elected officers and the immediate past President in an advisory capacity.

ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint a Budget Committee, Nominating Committee, Membership Chairperson, Newsletter Editor, Auditing Committee, Librarian, Historian and other committees as needed.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By Laws of the Guild may be amended by a quorum of 50% of the general membership, requiring a favorable majority of such quorum. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the general membership in the newsletter prior to presentation at a regular business meeting of the Guild. Approved amendments shall be printed in the Newsletter immediately following the meeting at which they are approved.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

The regular business meetings of the Sandhills Quilters Guild will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 A.M.

ARTICLE X - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Guild shall be January 1st through December 31st.

ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

The organization may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Guild. Upon dissolution of the organization, the assets shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for the exclusive purposes of education for which this organization was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non profit educational corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to educational purposes.

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SANDHILLS QUILTERS GUILD BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Guild and its Executive Committee. She shall enforce observance of the Constitution and By-Laws.
2. The First Vice Presidents (up to 2) shall assist the President and perform the duties of the President in her absence. She (they) shall also serve as Chairperson for all fund raising events for the Guild.
3. The Second Vice Presidents (up to 2) shall assist the President and perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice Presidents. She (they) shall also serve as Chairpersons of the Program Committee.
4. The Secretary/secretaries (up to 2) shall keep minutes of all meetings, conduct all correspondence and perform such duties as the President shall direct.
5. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Guild, shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, collect dues and make all disbursements approved by the Executive Committee or General Membership. She shall also serve as Chairperson of the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President and/or upon the written request of three members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall transact necessary business between the regular meetings of the Guild. The Committee shall hear all complaints and resolve disputes between members. The Committee shall have the power to approve Expenditures for the Guild in an amount not to exceed \$200. Expenditures in excess of \$200 must be approved by the general membership at a regular business meeting of the Guild.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

The Budget Committee is to consist of the Treasurer as Chairperson and two (2) members from the general membership of the Guild to be appointed by the President. The proposed budget shall be published in the February newsletter and presented for approval to the general membership at the February regular business meeting.

The Nominating Committee shall present to the membership a proposed slate of officers. The Committee shall be appointed by the President no later than October 1st to present the proposed slate of officers at the November regular business meeting of the Guild. The proposed slate shall be published in the Newsletter prior to the November meeting. The Committee shall consist of at least five (5) members.

The Membership Chairman shall maintain a complete roster of the members of the Guild. She shall maintain an attendance roster at the regular meetings and welcome guests. She shall distribute membership folders and name tag kits to new members.

The Program Committee shall be chaired by the Second Vice President. She shall appoint a committee to assist her. This Committee shall be responsible for all programs.

The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for publishing the Guild's Newsletter on a monthly basis and distributing same to the general membership prior to each meeting.

The Historian shall keep pictorial and printed records generated by the Guild's activities so as to have a physical file for future reference.

The Auditing Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President whose duty it shall be to audit the Treasurer's account. The Auditing Committee report shall be submitted to the general membership at the February meeting.

The Librarian shall maintain and make available to Guild members all publications owned by the Guild. She shall maintain a complete roster of titles and authors of all publications.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee shall present the proposed slate of officers at the November meeting. There being no nominations from the floor, the election shall be by acclamation. Should there be nominations from the floor, the election shall be by secret ballot and a majority of the members present at the meeting shall elect. All persons nominated for office shall have given their consent to serve prior to nomination. The Nominating Committee shall be in charge of the installation of the new officers which shall take place at the end of the same November meeting. The term of office for the new officers shall commence on January 1st of the following year.

Should a vacancy occur in any office, the Executive Committee, by a majority vote, shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V - DUES

Annual dues shall be established by the membership, the amount to be voted upon at each November meeting. Dues then become payable on January 1st and are considered delinquent on January 31st.

ARTICLE VI - NAME TAGS

Name Tags, composed of quilt blocks approximately 4 x 5 inches or smaller, shall be made by each member from materials given to her by the Membership Chairperson of the Guild. The name tag is to contain her name and the name of the Guild, or SQG. Within one (1) month of joining the Guild, she is expected to wear her name tag. All members shall wear their name tags at each meeting or pay a fine of 25 cents per meeting.

ARTICLE VII - SMOKING REGULATIONS

The "No Smoking" rule shall prevail at all regular meetings of the Guild.

ARTICLE VIII - WORKSHOP MEETINGS

Workshop Meetings shall be held for the benefit of Guild Members. A member must have paid her dues at any general membership meeting prior to the workshop meetings. If the workshop quota is not filled with members in good standing, guests may attend by paying the determined fee.

March 2000 – 2nd VP Responsibility Changes

December 2000 – Name Change

November 2008 – Change officer duties to allow up to 2 persons to fill some offices