

Braided River Quilters Bylaws

Article 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be Braided River Quilters.

Article 2: Purpose

Braided River Quilters are dedicated to the appreciation and enjoyment of quilting, to the friendship bonds forged through participation and sharing the art and the craft of quilt making, and to the public education of the historical value of quilting in American Life.

Article 3: Membership

In keeping with the desire to maintain a small active quilt group, membership in Braided River Quilters shall be limited to 150 members excluding honorary members. Any increase in the membership requires a motion from the floor and shall be voted on during the business meeting of the following month after the motion was made. Passage of the motion requires a simple majority of members present.

Honorary membership may be conferred to any person or organization as a token of appreciation to recognize an outstanding contribution to the Braided River Quilters. Honorary members do not have voting privileges. A simple majority can bestow honorary membership.

Article 4: Dues

Dues shall be collected to provide funds for the operation of the guild. An increase in dues must be voted on by the membership at a regular business meeting. A simple majority of the members present is required to approve an increase.

New membership will be accepted on or after June 1 on a first-come, first-serve basis until the 150th member is reached, after which the membership committee will establish a waiting list.

Article 5: Business

The business year will be August through May. A general business meeting shall be held at the beginning of each meeting. There will be no meetings in December, June, or July. All meetings will be conducted in a general business manner.

The elected officers, committee chairs, and any other member deemed necessary, may meet in addition to the general business meetings for the purpose of planning. Planning can include topics such as quilt shows, retreats, nominations, etc.

Article 6: Officers and Duties

President: Will conduct all business, appoint chairpersons, preside over the nominating committee, and perform other duties as the office may require. If an elected office other than President or Vice President becomes vacant, appoints a replacement.

Vice President: Will chair the Program Committee (which will consist of any member recruited by the V.P.), will assume the responsibility of planning programs for the general membership meetings during her term of office and for the first meeting of the following year (August), and stand in for the President in her absence.

Secretary: Will take minutes of the business meetings, answer any correspondence of the guild, and publish the newsletter.

Treasurer: Will collect dues, keep any monies from fund-raising events, disperse any funds voted on by the membership, keep a neat and accurate ledger, and maintain both checking and savings accounts in the guild's name.

Nominating Committee: Three (3) members will provide a slate of officers as stated in Article 7.

Article 7: Nominations, Elections and Terms of Office

The nominating committee shall be chaired by the President and consist of the President and three (3) elected members who do not currently hold elective office.

A slate of candidates shall be presented at the March meeting and elections will be held at the April meeting. Installation of the new officers will be in May.

A term of the office for all elected officers shall be one year after installation.

Article 8: Committees

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Article 9: Amendments

Any member in good standing may propose amendments to the bylaws. After being presented at a general meeting, the proposal shall be voted on at the next general meeting.

Voting shall be by voice or show of hands. An amendment is carried by a simple majority of members present and eligible to vote.

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