

PIONEER QUILTERS GUILD

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ORGANIZATION

The Pioneer Quilters Guild is organized as a non-profit tax-exempt corporation under California Revenue and Taxation Code 23701g and Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(7).

MEMBERSHIP

Privileges and Responsibilities of Members: Only Members may participate in non-fundraising Guild activities (i.e., block-of-the-month, fabric raffle, challenges, library, secret pal, etc).

Members shall have priority in registering for Guild activities where attendance is limited. Non-members may place their name on a waiting list for specific Guild activities.

Members shall participate in community service projects either by attending a Guild community services workshop, attending the community service night during the scheduled Guild meeting, or by finishing a community service project.

Membership List: A current membership list will be made available to members by the March general meeting in paper or electronic format.

Nametag: Members must wear a nametag at all general meetings or be fined \$0.50.

General Meeting Sign-in: Members must personally appear and sign-in at the Membership table to document attendance at general meetings.

DUES AND FEES

Dues: There are two dues categories, Membership and Non-Member Newsletter Subscriber. Membership dues are \$35.00 annually, which includes 18 opportunity quilt tickets. Newsletter Subscriber dues are \$15.00 annually.

Admission Fee: A \$3.00 admission fee will be charged to non-members for all general meetings. Newsletter Subscribers are considered non-members and must pay the admission fee.

MEETINGS

General Membership Meetings: General meetings shall be held the first Monday of each month, except July when there is no meeting, and September's meeting, which is held the last Monday of August to avoid the Labor Day Holiday, or unless otherwise designated by the Executive Board.

General Meeting Announcements: It is expected that committee representatives, Executive Board members and special guests may have brief announcements directly concerning Guild business and related activities. All others must request to be added to the general meeting agenda at least 24 hours prior to the general meeting. The President will review the topic and content of such requests to ensure the announcement meets Guild purposes and interests.

Executive Board Meetings: The Executive Board will meet prior to each general meeting or unless otherwise designated by the Executive Board. General members may attend Executive Board meetings but will have no voting privileges. General members wishing to address the board must submit a request to the President to be added to the Executive Board meeting agenda at least 24 hours prior to the Executive Board meeting.

WORKSHOPS AND RETREATS

Fees for Guild-sponsored events (i.e., workshops, retreats, etc.) must be paid at the time of registration. Refunds may be given under the following circumstances:

- Cancellation of the event
- When workshop coordinator fills the opening with a replacement or a person on the waiting list
- For special, individual situations, at the discretion of the Board

COMMITTEES

Where appropriate, committees shall have a chairperson and a co-chairperson.

NEWSLETTER

Advertisements: Newsletter advertisements may be purchased per issue as follows:

Business Card \$6.00

Quarter Page \$12.00

Half Page \$20.00

Full Page \$35.00

The Executive Board shall establish advertisement fees.

Submitting Items for Publication: Newsletter articles and advertisements must be submitted for approval to the newsletter editor by the first Friday following the general meeting for publication in that month's issue.

WEBSITE

The guild maintains a web site at www.pioneerquiltersguild.org in which members and the general public have access to information about the guild. The membership list and guild newsletters are available for members only in a password protected area of the site.

LIBRARY

Book Usage: The Guild library is available for members only. Items may be checked out for a period of one month. If another member does not wish to check out the returned item, it may be checked out for a second consecutive month. A maximum of three items may be checked out at any one time.

Fines: A \$1.00 per month fine will be assessed for each overdue item.

QUILT FRAMES

The use of the Guild's PVC display frames shall be limited to Guild events or upon approval of the Executive Board. There will be no rental to outside organizations.

VISITING OPPORTUNITY QUILTS

Display and marketing of opportunity quilts from other guilds at Pioneer Quilters Guild meetings shall only be allowed for recognized organizations with which a reciprocal agreement exists or upon Executive Board approval. The Guild's Vice President is responsible for coordinating and maintaining a database of visits of other guilds' opportunity quilts.

FINANCIAL

Travel Expenses: Reimbursement for travel expenses for the NCQC Chairperson, Program Chair and Program Chair Elect to attend quarterly NCQC meetings will be paid at a rate set by the Executive Board.

Reimbursement Forms: All Executive Board members and Committee Chairs must complete the appropriate financial forms when submitting funds to or requesting funds from the Treasurer. All requests for reimbursements or revenue submittals must be signed by appropriate Executive Board member or Committee Chair.

Annual Budget: All budget requests must be submitted with a completed Budget Request form to the Treasurer by January 15th. The Treasurer shall prepare a Proposed Budget to present to the Executive Board for approval at the January Board Meeting.

Financial Professional: The Guild has hired a CPA to prepare its annual tax returns and provide limited tax and financial guidance.

LOGO

The logo for the Pioneer Quilters' Guild shall be a covered wagon on a trail facing the setting sun.

AMENDMENTS

These Policies and Procedures shall be reviewed as needed and any changes shall be approved by the Executive Board and shall take effect immediately.

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