

BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD CONSTITUTION

VISION

To provide an environment in which members can participate in all aspects of quilting and *textile arts*.

ARTICLE 1

This organization shall be known as the BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD.

ARTICLE 2

Objectives :

Provide education about the art and craft of quilting and *textile arts*.

Promote the art and craft of quilting and *textile arts* to the community.

Support requests from community organizations and individuals seeking quilted items wherever possible.

Provide social support and engagement within the membership.

ARTICLE 3

Membership in the BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD is available upon payment of the prescribed fee as determined by the Executive. The membership year is July 1st to June 30th of the following year. Prorated membership will be determined at the discretion of the Executive.

ARTICLE 4

Meetings of the BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD general membership shall be held a minimum of 10 times a year. Dates are to be set by the Executive, generally being the 3rd Monday of the month.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) and election of Officers will be held in conjunction with the June meeting of each year. The Financial AGM will be held no later than September 30th. The Nominating Committee Chair (Past President or designate) shall conduct the election of Officers.

ARTICLE 5

Committee Members will be elected to conduct various areas of Guild business. Ad hoc committees will be created as required to conduct the business of the Guild.

ARTICLE 6

The Officers of the Guild are: Past President, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The Executive is composed of the Officers and one member of each standing committee. The positions of Vice President, President and Past President, shall be each for a term of one year with the incumbent serving one year in each consecutive position. The remaining Officers shall serve for a two-year term. Committee members are elected for a term of 2 years.

ARTICLE 7

In the absence of the President or Vice President any Past President shall conduct the meetings.

ARTICLE 8

The constitution may be amended following a written notification which includes email, of 30 days, at a General Meeting. Motion to amend must be passed by two-thirds of the members present. Changes to the constitution must be documented.

ARTICLE 9

The agenda for all general meetings shall be determined by the President in collaboration with the Program Committee.

ARTICLE 10 Finance:

All cheques must be signed by two of the following: Treasurer, President, Past President or Vice President. Each Committee shall have an approved budget. Any further expense must be approved by the Executive. Financial Records shall be available and open for perusal by any Guild member. Two non-Executive members of the Guild shall be appointed as reviewers at the June meeting and shall report the results at the Financial AGM. All requests for financial donations must be submitted in writing for consideration by the Executive.

ARTICLE 11

In the event that a duly elected officer cannot complete the required term of office or is in flagrant neglect of the duties of the office, the Executive shall appoint a member to carry out that term of office.

Article 12

In the event the Bluewater Quilters' Guild determines it is unable to continue as an organization, date undetermined, all assets and chattels held by the BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD at the time of the discontinuance would be sold, outstanding debts and liabilities would be paid and surplus funds would be donated to local charitable organizations as voted on by the existing membership at the time of such discontinuance. There is no personal gain to be realized by any member.

In the event the BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD determines it is unable to continue as an organization all media accounts will be closed, including but not limited to Facebook page, website and newsletter.