

**SBQG STANDING RULES**  
(As provided for in bylaws Article VII Section 1f.)  
**(Amended and Approved by the Membership – 06/15/10)**

- A. There is no **membership limit**. Each June, the Board shall determine if a limit shall be imposed, considering the average attendance at general meetings and the available meeting space. If the Board decides that the limit should be changed, it shall propose a change to this standing rule at the September general meeting.
- B. **Junior membership** is restricted by the following:
1. A junior member shall be an unemancipated minor 10 through 17 years of age as of August 1 of the membership year.
  2. A junior member must be accompanied at all times by an adult supervisor when participating in a Guild activity. Their level of participation shall consider their age.
  3. Junior members are not eligible to vote or to hold an office of the Guild.
  4. Fines and bills unpaid by a junior member are the responsibility of their sponsor.
- C. **General Membership**
1. **Dues** are payable in full at or before the September general meeting. Dues are prorated semi-annually.
    - a. Dues for regular, junior and associate members are \$40 per year (September - February) and prorated to \$20 (March - August). There will be a \$5 penalty fee for late renewal of current members, i.e., renewing after the close of the September guild meeting.
    - b. Two or more members who reside at the same address and who agree to receive a single copy of the Guild newsletter may qualify for a reduction in membership rate (in an amount equal to the estimated annual newsletter cost) for the second or additional member(s).
  2. **New Members' Tea**. The guild president shall organize, or appoint a chair to organize, the new members' tea. All current year new members shall be invited to the tea.
- D. The **Quilt Show participation activities** as required for regular membership must include:
1. Work on the Quilt Show Committee; or
  2. Work a minimum of three (3) hours during the Quilt Show Weekend.
  3. Members may also provide three (3) hours of support to the committee before quilt show weekend if they are not available to work during quilt show weekend. Tasks include publicity mailings, database update, etc.
- Exceptions to this Rule must be approved by the Quilt Show Chairperson.
- E. The **Guild participation activities** as required for regular membership may include:
1. Serve as an elected officer, appointed officer or auxiliary position.
  2. Assist any Guild officer or auxiliary position.
  3. Serve on any standing or special committee.
- F. **SBQG newsletter:**
1. Newsletter subscriptions are available to non-members at the cost of \$15 per year.
  2. Guild members may receive a hard copy of the newsletter via the postal service for \$5 per year.
- G. **Visitors** are welcome to attend SBQG meetings; the cost per meeting is \$5.
- H. **Quilt Show Chair Responsibilities:**
1. A Quilt Show Chair Elect is elected by the membership in the June two years prior to the show. Until the conclusion of the Quilt Show immediately preceding the one for which they are responsible, they will:
    - a. Prepare their Quilt Show's Opportunity Quilt. Supplies for the next year's opportunity quilt are budgeted in the current year quilt show budget. Contract for the location of their Quilt Show unless this has already been arranged by the guild.
    - c. Attend Board meetings and Quilt Show meetings as an observer.
    - d. Consider all Guild members to chair various Quilt Show Committees. Committee Chair appointments would be finalized when the Quilt Show Chair assumes their full responsibilities.
  2. At the conclusion of each Quilt Show, the Quilt Show Chair Elect is installed and assumes their full responsibilities. The Previous Quilt Show Chair is no longer considered a Board Member and is limited to these activities until their term ends:
    - a. Attend Board meetings as an observer

- b. Assist the Quilt Show Treasurer with the:
  1. Completion of all financial transactions to close their Quilt Show.
  2. Presentation of Quilt Show financial records to the Treasurer and newly installed Quilt Show Chair/Quilt Show Treasurer as appropriate.
  3. Completion of a final Quilt Show financial report to be presented to the Board within 60 days after the Quilt Show, which officially ends their term. An extension to the 60-day requirement must be requested of the guild treasurer.
- c. Signature cards for the quilt show account will only be updated after the June elections. In the interim time between the close of the current year quilt show and the account update for the next year's show, any checks written on the quilt show account will be signed by the President and Treasurer.

**I. Quilt Show Treasurer Responsibilities:**

1. A Quilt Show Treasurer Elect is elected by the membership at the same time as the Quilt Show Chair Elect but is not installed until the completion of the final financial report of the Quilt Show immediately after their election. Until that time, they may attend Board meetings and Quilt Show meetings as an observer, but are not considered a member of the Board.

**J. Financial**

**1. Policies and Procedures**

- a. **Deposits** shall be submitted to the Treasurer or Quilt Show Treasurer (using a SBQG Deposit Form) and banked in a timely manner.
- b. **Out of pocket expenses** incurred for Guild business shall be submitted with appropriate documentation to the responsible officer/auxiliary position. After verification, the officer/auxiliary position will submit a SBQG Check Request Form with documentation to the Treasurer or Quilt Show Treasurer who will write a check after review at the earliest convenience.
- c. Any **checks requested** for expenses for which a receipt or an invoice is obtainable will only be disbursed when the receipt or invoice is attached. For checks written in advance of expense, a receipt is to be forwarded to the Treasurer upon the use of the check. If no receipt is available, a written statement from the requesting officer must accompany the check request, stating what the expenditure was for, and why no receipt is present.
- d. To adhere to proper financial procedures, **two authorizations** will be required for all access to Guild accounts:
  - (1) No Guild checks shall be signed while blank.
  - (2) Any authorized officer may access the Guild safe deposit box.
  - (3) Signatures of two authorized officers shall be required to move funds from one account to another, as directed by the Board.
  - (4) Signatures of three authorized officers shall be required to withdraw money from the Certificate of Deposit (CD) account.
  - (5) If the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Quilt Show, or Quilt Show Treasurer position are filled by a team of two co-chairs, only one co-chair may sign any given check.
- e. Any expense which exceeds the budget must be approved by the Board. Unbudgeted items that are less than \$200 must be approved by the Board. Any unbudgeted item exceeding \$200.00 must be approved by the general membership. The Board shall be authorized to approve the expenditure of up to \$500 in the event of an emergency requiring immediate action. This emergency action must have to do with the operation of the Guild and may only be made if the action must be taken before the next regular membership meeting.
- f. The Guild's fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30.
- g. Any officer of the Guild that makes contracts for future fiscal years, is limited to the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year. Contract expense includes travel and per diem for speakers in addition to their speaking and workshop fees. In addition:
  1. Contracts may only be initiated for two years beyond the current guild fiscal year.
  2. Speakers requiring long lead-time may be booked beyond that time (i.e., 2 years beyond the current guild fiscal year), but those contracts are subject to board approval prior to executing the contract.
- h. Any officer of the Guild that makes a contract in the name of the Guild (Vice President, Travel Coordinator, Workshop Coordinator, Facilities Chair, Quilt Show Committee members, etc.) shall immediately give a copy of that contract to the Treasurer.

(1) Note: For any contract initiated with a speaker or teacher (regardless of the amount to be paid), a completed IRS W-9 form must be submitted to the guild treasurer along with a copy of the contract.

- i. Copies of all documents and correspondence relating to financial matters shall be kept with the **Treasurer's records**.
- j. A receipt or check and balance procedure must be used in the handling of **cash** for any Guild activity.
- k. **Junior members** may not be responsible for any Guild monies.

## 2. Budget Considerations

- a. A **financial reserve** shall be maintained in the Guild's bank accounts. This amount shall be determined annually by the Budget Committee and shall be sufficient to cover the operation of the Guild for one year and to cover existing financial commitments. This policy is to ensure the solvency of the Guild in the event that the Quilt Show (the Guild's main income source) is prevented from being held.
- b. The use of the **net income received from the mini quilt auction** shall be decided by the membership annually as a part of the budget approval process.
- c. The Philanthropic Committee shall present its recommendation of allocation of **funds to be donated** to other nonprofit organizations to the Board for approval. Upon Board approval, the recommendation shall be presented to the general membership for approval. The **amount** of money shall be determined by the membership each year as part of the annual budget.
- d. The **budget committee shall obtain input** from each officer and auxiliary position when evaluating the budget amounts for each area.
- e. The newsletter editor shall annually determine the **cost of producing the newsletter** for purposes of adjusting the subscription rate and discounted membership dues.

## K. Guild Property

### 1. Storage Facility

- a. The President, Vice President, Quilt Show Chair, Hospitality/Facilities Coordinator, Workshop Coordinator and Internal Auditor shall have access to the Guild storage facility and shall adhere to the sign-out procedure when removing any item from storage.
- b. Sign-out Procedure  
Anyone removing an item from the Guild storage facility shall put their name, date and the item(s) on the sign-out sheet located on the door. Upon returning the item(s), the person shall again sign and date the sign-out sheet.
- c. Borrowing Policy  
The Board shall approve or disapprove the loan of Guild property to other non-profit groups, or a guild member, upon receipt of a written request. If loaned, the Board reserves the right to charge a rental fee for such use and/or to assess any fines for returning the item(s) with damage.

### 2. Safe Deposit Box

- a. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Internal Auditor have access to the Guild safe deposit box, and shall sign a sign-out sheet when removing an item from it.
- b. Sign out Procedure  
Any officer removing an item from the Guild safe deposit box shall put their name, date and the item(s) on the sign-out sheet located inside the box. Upon returning the item(s), the person shall again sign and date the sign-out sheet.

L. Members of the Guild shall not expect **remuneration** for their work and/or time expended on behalf of the Guild. They are performing a service. This does not include members who lecture or teach a workshop contracted by the guild program chair as part of the regular guild program development. Such fees shall be determined by negotiation between the program chair and the member in the same way lecture and workshop fees are agreed upon for non-guild member speakers/teachers.

M. All **donations**, made in the name of the Guild, shall be to organizations which are operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which have established tax exempt status under Section 23701d of the California Revenue Taxation code. A copy of the donee's IRS Determination Letter shall be provided to the Treasurer before the donation check is written.

**N. Cancellation Policy**

For any event requiring pre-registration (workshops, bus trips, etc.), a full refund will be paid up to two weeks prior to the event. Up to one week prior, there will be a full refund only if the position can be filled from the waiting list. Less than one week prior, there is no refund. Registration is official only when all fees have been received. If fees are not received within one week after registration, that name may be removed from the list and that place given to the next sequential name on the waiting list.

**O. Procedure Manuals**

1. Each officer is responsible for maintaining a procedure manual for their position and all other documentation and supplies pertaining to their office, relinquishing these items to their successor at the time of their installment.
2. Where no procedure manual exists, one shall be prepared to include at a minimum the pertinent sections of the bylaws and standing rules and a guild calendar (maintained by the Parliamentarian).
3. Procedure manuals shall be updated with any notes or procedures of the position as to assist any incoming officer or auxiliary position with assuming their responsibilities.
4. The Parliamentarian shall retain an outline copy of each position's procedures manual.

P. Release of the membership roster or directory to any non-member or organization for any reason without prior written approval from the Board is strictly prohibited and will be cause for immediate expulsion from the Guild. Membership renewal or re-joining after expulsion will not be accepted for a minimum of five years. In addition, the members are cautioned that the mailing list is to be used for "guild business" only – not for personal use.

Q. Membership renewal is limited to members who have met the qualifications for renewal as defined in the Bylaws and who are considered to be in good standing. Some reasons for not being considered "in good standing" are, but are not limited to:

1. Failure to return property of the Guild (i.e. books, quilt frames, audio/video equipment, etc.)
2. Non-payment of dues (this includes not making restitution for a check returned for insufficient funds), library fines or other fees.
3. Non-participation in quilt show membership requirements, except by approval of the Quilt Show Committee.

Any challenge to this Rule will be decided by the Board.

R. **Library Fines** will be assessed at \$1 per month overdue, up to a maximum of the replacement value of the book.

**S. Lifetime Membership**

1. It will be the responsibility of the Board to appoint a five member committee (one shall be the then current membership chairman) to consider individuals nominated for Lifetime Membership. This committee should have sufficient depth of Guild experience to fairly evaluate nominations.
2. Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for Lifetime Membership consideration.
3. Nominations shall be in writing and submitted to the Membership chairman on or before the April Guild meeting.
4. Lifetime Membership committee will present their recommendations (if any) to the Board at the May board meeting for final approval.
5. Lifetime Memberships (if any) shall be presented at the June business meeting,
6. Due to the sensitive nature of the overall process, all materials and discussions shall be held in strictest confidence. Only the name(s) of individual(s) actually selected may appear in Board minutes.