



**Minutes**  
**Long Range Planning Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

The monthly meeting of the Quilting Guild of The Villages Long Range Planning Committee was held at the Moyer Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Guild President Ardie Wood. Those present besides President Wood were Ellen Peters (Sterling Stitchers), Marci Gimmarro (Riverbend Bobbins), Janet Tomczak (Riverbend), Nancy Wildzunas (Lake Miona), Linda Conaway (Riverbend), Nanette Fahler (Sterling Stitchers), Donna Barnum (Happy Hour), Penny Rice (Moyer), Pattie Barrett (Allamanda), Ruth Ann Assaid (Piecemakers), Yvonne Wecker (Whiporwills), Julie Woith (Manatee), and Mary Ellen Streeter (Patchwork Garden).

President Ardie Wood – Explained that the impetus for what we have been doing the last few months- Based on current number of residents of The Villages and the current number of QGOTV members we have 0.9 members for every 1,000 Villages resident. The Villages has planned to build enough homes that by 2027 we can expect to have almost 1,500 members and we expect to need 33 chapters. The number of chapters has already become very challenging to manage and the distance from north to south longer than retired residents want to drive. The main function of Long Range Planning is to try to anticipate the needs of the Guild in 5 to 10 years and plan how those needs can be met.

She passed out a paper with all the thought about what creating another “layer” of hierarchy, ie Regions, for lack of a better word, could mean to QGOTV. Her hope is to create a document before the end of the year to take to the Executive Board. Copy attached.

A few key people were asked to be present to tell what new challenges this “Region” plan would cause for them.

**Vice President and Program Chair Yvonne Wecker -**

She holds one meeting per month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 11am. She feels that what it consists of might be done by email.

Question: What do you do at the meetings?

Answer: Talk about upcoming Visiting Artists, VA Workshops, M2M Classes and occasional Special Events (like the *Sunshine & Lollipops Challenge*).

Question: Do you foresee that you would change anything about Guild Programs under a “Regional” structure?

Answer: No, I would probably *wait and see how things go*. Remaining flexible if and when the need arises.

**Web Developer Penny Rice -**

Said there is still one Chapter that doesn't allow their members to buy their own memberships on-line. They collect money and one person goes in and purchases all the memberships.

Also said some Chapters buy classes in bulk.

Question: What do you see that would change on qgotv.org?

Answer: Each member would have a third layer of ID. Currently there is Member ID & Chapter ID, would need to add a Regional ID.

**Web/Membership Chair Nanette Fahler-**

Her problem is the number of members who need training on the chapter's web tasks such as new/transferring memberships, membership renewals, leadership roster update and use of chapter gmail accounts. The information is not being passed on to new officers and chairs.

Question (asked by President Wood of **Treasurer Nancy Miller** prior to meeting): What would you see changing with the introduction of a 3<sup>rd</sup> layer of governing QGOV?

Answer (prior to meeting): All the financial transactions would still be within the Guild or the Chapter levels.

Question: Would there be any change to the number of votes at Executive Board?

Answer: Even though each president and member at large (other representative) would not have to attend the Executive Board meeting, the “regional director” would be attending and bringing 2 votes from each of his or her regional chapters. (It may also be that the “regional director” gets a personal vote as well, much like the 4 Guild officers have their own personal vote now.)

Comment: I think the regions should have more than 4 chapters.

Answer: Part of what we are trying to do is to make each job smaller so that people will be willing to do the job.

Comment: Perhaps the multiple presidents within a district could share the job of director...

Victoria Grace made a comment at a previous Long Range Planning meeting that perhaps jobs for Marketplace could be assigned within a district when assigning the same task to more than one chapter.

Discussion: Whether there would need to be minutes at the “Regional” meetings. President Wood thinks not. Marcie Gimmarro said she would want to see minutes. Mary Ellen Streeter said someone in each district would have to act as “secretary” to take minutes. It was also brought up that an alternate director in each district is needed in the case that the director is out of town or otherwise not able to attend a district or Eboard meeting.

**Things to consider:**

More topics of discussion – what are we overlooking?

The QGOTV Bylaws – what needs to be amended and added?

A detailed outline of proposed structure will need to be presented to the current Eboard.

What is the appropriate number of districts?

The next Long Range Planning meeting will be July 26, 2023 at 7:00pm at Moyer Recreation Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Streeter

## Thoughts on new structure

Divide into regions – each region not to have more than 4 and not less than 3 chapters.

8 regions – Mulberry, Chatham, B's and Piecemakers; Laurel, Lake Miona, Friendship Star, and Patchwork Garden; Sunset Pointe, Allamanda, Sterling Stitchers, and Seabreeze; Big Cypress, Khakis, and Mamies; Manatee, Bradenton, Captiva, and Moyer; Rohan, Happy Hour, and Southern Belles; Homestead, Whiporwills, and Riverbend; Fenney, Water Lily, and Lakeside.

Each region will have 1 elected regional director and one back up to cover meetings when regional director not available.

Each regional director will represent their chapters at a monthly eboard meeting.

Each guild officer and regional director will have one vote – each chapter will have 2 votes brought for decision purpose to the eboard meeting by the regional director

Rboard day of week and time of day will accommodate regional directors so that if the regional director has an afternoon chapter meeting will be able to participate in their home chapter

Each regional director will hold a meeting not more than 1 week after eboard with all their chapters to provide information – notes from eboard will be available for reading after eboard meetings

Eboard will be executive officers and regional directors and committee chairs, like Marketplace, Showcase, Charity, as well as others that wish to attend – votes will be taken from regional directors only as directed by the chapters

Each regional director will be elected for the period of 2 years not to exceed 2 terms total. Odd numbered regions elected on odd years and even elected on even years

Periodic realignment of regions may be necessary with growth and determined yearly.

Will not need large eboard meeting just room enough for about 25.

Budget meeting will require only 1 representative from each region rather than one from each chapter. That representative will speak for all chapters in the region

Most people will have fewer meetings and less travel

Executive officers will attend rboard meetings when requested

Eboard will be moved to the middle of TV

Rboard meetings will be held within the region as determined by regional directors

Regional director may be any chapter member from one of the represented chapters.

It should be a chapter president attending an rboard meeting, but may be a chapter replacement if the president is not available.

Distribution of funds would remain the same at guild and Eboard (might be up to regions to deliver to chapters)

Marketplace and Showcase meetings will continue to precede guild meetings and require each chapter to be represented

Perhaps job assignments can become more regionalized, then the chapters can work it out together

## Guild meeting

Place in the back for each of the 3 guild sponsored charities – only on agenda if they want to be ahead of time

Say the pledge and recite the purpose

Special activities only –

- 10 and 20 year pins
- Scholarship recipients
- Special awards
- Marketplace or showcase announcements as required