



**Minutes**  
**Long Range Planning Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 23, 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 (Mamies) were Chair Pamala Pike (Patchwork Garden), Ellen Peters (Sterling Stitchers), Alice Nicholas (Sea Breeze), Marci Gimmarro (Riverbend Bobbins), Ann Grossman (Riverbend Bobbins), Maureen Huntley (Riverbend Bobbins), Jan Olson (Riverbend Bobbins), Lynn Kluczynski (Quilting Bs), Deb Silva (Homestead), Denise Messerli (Fenney Sewcialites), Ruth Ann Assaid (Piecemakers), Theresa Ierardi (Mamies), Leslie Savage (Fenney Sewcialites) and Mary Ellen Streeter (Patchwork Garden).

President Ardie Wood – Started by introducing Deb Silva who has accepted the nomination for president of QGOTV for 2024-2025. She then explained for anyone else new to the meetings the main reasons for a change in the structure of the Guild:

- 1) The growth of the Guild. numbers of members and consequently number of Chapters as well as the geographical size of The Villages has caused some problems.
- 2) Survey results showed people did not want to travel so far to meetings
- 3) The work at the Guild Executive level needs to be streamlined if we expect to get future volunteers to run for Guild level offices.

In previous meetings a couple of solutions were discussed. By listing the “Pros and Cons” of each, the adding of a new layer of government, Regional, was deemed the more favorable solution. Last month we began looking a what changes need to be made to the QGOTV Bylaws if the new structure is accepted by the Guild Executive Board.

President Wood presented her suggested changes last month and asked all there to look them and the current Bylaws over and come back with their thoughts. A few people did this. In the meantime Chair Pam Pike conferred with President Wood to incorporate them into the current Bylaw and copies were available for all attendees.

The first thing we did was discuss the name of the position we had been calling a “Regional Director” Last month some alternate names were mentioned. We came to a consensus that “Regional Liaison” was a much better name for the intended role. We then went through the changes typed and the changes others suggested and made more revisions. Hope is that Chairman Pike will have the new draft document ready to present to the Executive Board on September 19, 2023.

A section for the QGOTV Policies and Procedures will need to be written up and posted on qgotv.org before this can be rolled out and regional Liaisons elected, etc.

The next Long Range Planning meeting will be September 27, 2023 at 7:00pm ay Moyer Recreation Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Streeter

Attachment: *Pros and Cons*

## **Reason for Change**

Growth of the guild

Survey results

Streamline work at executive level

## **Pros**

This plan will allow for guild growth and still remain as 1 entity

Chapter will have 2 votes for each item voted on and will not have to send anyone to eboard

Less meeting time for most

Less travel for most

Might be easier to get chapter president volunteers with no eboard requirement.

Smaller meetings make for better communication.

Easier to make meetings at the most convenient time for attendees

Not necessary to find large rooms for meetings

Could potentially assign job functions by region for Marketplace and Showcase making training and travel easier

8 points of major contact versus 28 currently

Regions would foster a sense of "connection" and community that does not work well in large groups

Smaller groups could plan activities together like shop hops and celebrations

## **Cons**

It is a change

Finding volunteers

Chapters need to read minutes on web

Might be delay in getting responses

Additional web database work