



Minutes
Long Range Planning Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 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 Alice Nicholas (Sea Breeze), Marci Gimmarro (Riverbend Bobbins), Lynn Kluczynski (Quilting Bs), Denise Messerli (Fenney Sewcialites), Ruth Ann Assaid (Piecemakers), Penny Byrnes (Fenney Sewcialites), Laura Chiravolo (Lakeside) Pattie Barrette (Allamanda), Donna Barnum (Happy Hour), Nancy Wildzunas (Lake Miona), Pixie Wilder (Sterling Stitchers) and Mary Ellen Streeter (Patchwork Garden).

President Ardie Wood – The potential for the new “Regional” level within QGOTV was presented at the September Executive Board (Eboard) meeting. Her impression was that people were in favor for the most part, with some apprehension from a few. Deb Silva, the presidential candidate for 2024-2025, is very much in favor.

Ellen Peters has resigned as chair of Policies and Procedures and will not be attending Long Range Planning because of new personal responsibilities. She recommended Pattie Barrette as her replacement. **Pattie is considering it???**

President Wood had prepared a list with Qualifications of a Regional Liaison. How to Elect the Regional Liaisons the First Time and Regional Liaisons' Jobs. These were discussed, edited and added to. See last page.

Some of those debated were:

Full Time – some thought it might be easier to find a volunteer if the job could be shared, particularly for those who are seasonal residents. President Wood feels it would be best if the liaison is available at least 80% of the year.

Can the liaison be a Guild Committee Chair or Chapter Officer?

Yes, anyone who belongs to any chapter within the region, with the exception of a Guild Officer (president, vice president, treasurer or secretary of the Guild.)

Could there be co-liaisons?

President Wood would rather see it be just one person.

There was much discussion on whether we can implement this new structure by January 2024.

The target for this is

1. To have a vote at the October 17th Eboard meeting. This will require that all chapter presidents poll their membership and be ready to vote at that meeting.
2. If the motion to add the additional layer of Guild government passes at the October Eboard, this will require soliciting nominations for Regional Liaison (at least one per Region.) along with a short Bio for each candidate by November 2nd Guild meeting.
3. Chapter presidents will then have until November 16th to obtain votes from all their members. If more than one person is nominated in any given region, that region's chapters will need to vote **either** by secret ballot as laid out in *Policies and Procedures* which can be found on the QGOTV website (qgotv.org) under menu item *The Guild*, **or** according to a procedure that will be written next month. If there is only one nomination in any given region, that region's chapters can vote in the same manner as they do for any Eboard business.
4. If the above proceeds as stated, liaisons could be installed as early as the December Guild meeting.

Misc thoughts and questions:

Concern was expressed about sharing chapter minutes with 2-4 other chapters.

No request for sharing Chapter minutes will be made. Regional minutes will probably be posted on the website eventually, but definitely shared with all the chapters/members in that region.

Some confusion about how the chapter gets 2 votes with only one person from a chapter at the regional meeting.

The president of each chapter (or substitute when necessary) shall attend the regional meeting and convey to the liaison the chapters two votes. (A member-at-large may attend, but it is not necessary.)

The liaison will attend the Eboard meeting and convey the two votes of each chapter in his or her region.

It was suggested that President Wood and Secretary Kloeffler prepare a skeleton form for candidates to use to write their Bios so they will all be somewhat uniform.

Next month we will work on the election process.

The next Long Range Planning meeting will be October 25, 2023 at 7:00pm at Moyer Recreation Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Streeter

Characteristics of a Regional Liaison

- Good Listener and good communicator
- Good at both oral and written communication
- Guild focused
- Computer literate
- Approachable
- Full time resident would be helpful
- Willing to attend all eboard and regional meetings

Regional Liaison Job Duties

- Establish Regional board meeting time and place, and preside over meeting
- Prepare proposed regional board agenda and distribute to chapters within the region
- Ensure minutes from regional board are distributed to chapters within the region
- Attend e-board meeting
- Bring to eboard the voting preferences of each chapter represented and any issues their region would like discuss
- Present to each of the chapters within the region the outcomes and questions from eboard
- Communicate with region members via text, email, and/or phone
- Performs other duties as required