



Minutes
Long Range Planning Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 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 Pam Pike (Patchwork Garden), Theresa Ierardi (Mamies), Marci Gimmarro (Riverbend Bobbins), Lynn Kluczynski (Quilting Bs), Denise Messerli (Fenney Sewcialites), Barbara Rule-Mispel (Piecemakers), Laura Chiravolo (Lakeside) Pattie Barrette (Allamanda), Donna Barnum (Happy Hour) 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.

President Wood had reported that she has received interest in the job of Regional Liaison from Regions 1 through 4, none from Regions 5 through 8, so far. She is holding a meeting on Friday, Nov. 3 at Rohan Recreation Center at 9:00am (in the Lake Miona Room.) Anyone interested may attend, but please email qgotvPresident@gmail.com so enough chairs will be set up

Resumes

1. Your Chapter
2. Any positions you have held in the Guild or Chapter
3. Your background related to the job of Liaison, ie any previous job or life experience.
4. Computer/Email experience/proficiency.
5. There is an expectation that the individual be Guild-focused and able to be impartial.
6. Communication between liaisons may be necessary, especially as we go through our first couple of years.

What if no one steps up in any given region?

After November 3rd, if there are any regions where no one has stepped up to run for Liaison, President Wood will send an email to the chapter presidents in that region asking them to send out a request to their chapter members.

The goal is to have at least one candidate for Liaison from each region commit to run by November 10th.

President Wood will collect the resumes (or bio) from each candidate and send them to the chapter presidents of each respective region to be immediately sent to their chapter members.

If there is only one candidate in any given Region, voting for those liaisons will be by show of hands (similar to the Election of Guild officers except that it will be voting region by region).

If there is more than one candidate for liaison from any given region, ballot boxes will be distributed to the chapter presidents from those regions at the November Executive Board Meeting . The ballot boxes should be returned to President Wood by the December Executive Board Meeting for counting of ballots.

Please note and make your candidates aware:

Liaisons elections are subject to two year terms. In order to have some continuity, similar to Guild officers, elections for liaison from regions 1, 3, 5 & 7 will take place in odd years and elections for liaisons from regions 2, 4, 6 & 8 taking place this year will be only a one year term, with subsequent elections taking place in even years.

If there is still no volunteer a few possible alternatives were discussed:

A) Split the region and add those chapters to other regions. (This could possibly mean that any of the given chapters could end up in a region some distance away from their recreation center.)

B) Appoint someone from another region to act as the region's liaison.

C) Dictate that one of the chapter presidents MUST volunteer.

D) President Wood will contact the chapter presidents involved and visit those chapters, possibly taking 1 or 2 liaison volunteers from other regions with her to talk about the job and why they feel it is important to do this.

There will be no Long Range Planning Meeting in November or December, due to the holidays. The next Long Range Planning meeting will be scheduled by the next Guild president after her election.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

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