

**EASTERN LONG ISLAND QUILTER'S GUILD, INC.**

ARTICLE I. The name of this organization shall be the Eastern Long Island Quilters Guild, Inc.

ARTICLE II. The purpose of this organization is to preserve and promote the tradition, culture, and history of quilting; to promote the knowledge and understanding of all aspects of quilting among our members and the general public.

ARTICLE III. Section 1A.

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the organization shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended; or to the Federal Government, or to a State or Local Government, for a public purpose.

Section 1B.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member, trustee, officer of the organization, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any assets on dissolution of the organization.

Section 1C.

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code Section 501(h) or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 1D.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization is organized exclusively for education purposes and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Section 2. The Executive Board;

A. Shall consist of elected officers, appointed officers and chairpersons of all standing and special committees. The immediate past President shall serve as an advisor to the Board.

B. Shall meet at least six (6) times a year at a regularly scheduled time, and at other times as is necessary to act on all matters pertaining to the operation of the organization. A quorum shall be one-half (1/2) the number of the Executive Board, and must include two (2) elected officers.

C. Special meetings may be called by the President or by at least one-half (1/2) the members of the Executive Board or by the written request of at least twenty (20) members of the organization.

D. Shall authorize the spending of funds on all major bills and expenditures.

E. Shall pass on the selection of all honorary members.

Section 3. Membership;

A. Any person who believes in the purposes of this organization and will take an active part in its work, and will submit a quilted item each year, is invited to be a member and is considered an active member upon payment of required dues.

B. Membership dues will be established by the Board, with the approval of the general membership. A member may be dropped from the roster if dues are not paid by the required time set by the Board.

C. Honorary membership may be conferred upon a person of outstanding contributions in a related area, upon their nomination by ten (10) members of the Guild and subsequent approval by the Executive Board. Honorary members are not liable for any dues or assessments and have no voting rights.

Section 4. The organization year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE IV. Election of Officers;

Section 1. A nominating committee of at least three (3) members shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Board. The committee shall submit a slate of officers to the general membership prior to the election meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Section 2. Election of officers shall take place at the November general meeting, with installation taking place at the following general meeting. One-fifth (1/5) of the members of the organization shall constitute a quorum for the election. Only those members whose dues are paid currently may vote.

Section 3. Officers will serve one (1) year or until their successors are elected. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are installed. No member shall hold more than one (1) office on the Executive Board at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 4. Vacancies may be filled by appointment of the Board.

ARTICLE V. Officers and Their Duties;

Section 1. The President shall serve as presiding officer at all meetings of the Executive Board and the regular general meetings; have the power to call special meetings when necessary; appoint chairpersons of all standing committees with the Board's approval; and be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President; take over the duties of the President if for any reason the position is vacated; shall serve as Chairman of the General Meetings Program Committee; and shall serve as Chairman of the Special Education Workshop Committee.

Section 3. The 2nd Vice President shall serve as Chairman of the Guild Services Committee and assist the First Vice President.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of the general meetings and the Executive Board meetings.

Section 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all necessary correspondence authorized by the President of the

Board and maintain all Guild files.

Section 6.The Treasurer shall keep a record of receipts and disbursements; pay all bills authorized by the Executive Board; prepare the books and submit them for a yearly audit.

ARTICLE VI. General Meetings

Section 1.The Guild shall have at least (6) general meetings a year, one (1) of which will be in November, for the purpose of election of officers.

Section 2.The Guild shall present an annual exhibition.

ARTICLE VII. Committees

Section 1.There shall be an Auditing Committee of three (3) members appointed by the President prior to the end of the fiscal year, whose duty it will be to audit the Treasurer's accounts and report at the next general meeting.

Section 2.There shall be a Nominating Committee as indicated in Section 1, Article IV.

Section 3.Other standing or special committees such as hospitality, membership, publicity, quilt shows, library or historical, may be created as is considered necessary to carry on the purpose of the Guild. The Chairperson of each committee shall be selected by the President, with approval of the Executive Board. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. Amending the By-Laws.

These By-Laws can be amended at any general meeting of the Guild by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous general meeting.

ARTICLE IX. Rules.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern this organization in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.