

MOUNTAIN TOP QUILTERS GUILD STANDING RULES

Revised February 5, 2024

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS:

Election of directors/officers shall be held at the May Annual meeting with their term beginning July 1st. The outgoing officers shall turn over all notebooks, records, and materials in their possession by June 30th, with the exception of the outgoing Treasurer. The Treasurer shall complete and turn over the records upon receipt of the June bank statement, but no later than July 15th. The Secretary shall complete all June board and general meeting minutes by June 30th.

BOARD DUTIES:

1. The board may create or dissolve committees as needed.
2. The new President shall announce the committee chairs at the June general meeting. All outgoing committee chairs shall turn over reports and records before or by the July General Meeting.
3. The Treasurer's books shall schedule an audit, review, or compilation, as determined by the Board, after the fiscal year-end close of the books. A summary report of findings shall be presented to the Board no later than the September Board meeting.
4. The Budget Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, incoming Treasurer (if known), Program Chair, and at least one voting Member-at-Large. The Treasurer shall be the Budget Committee Chair. The Treasurer shall give the Budget Committee a copy of the prior two year's budget, actual expenditures, and a working budget. After approval by the Budget Committee, the new budget must be approved by the voting membership before any money is spent, except standard operating expenses, for example: rent and insurance. The timing for the budget shall be:
 - March: Budget review committee presents proposed budget to Board for discussion
 - April:
 - a. Budget discussed and finalized at the April Board meeting.
 - b. Proposed budget distributed to the membership with the newsletter.
 - c. Proposed budget discussed at the April General Meeting.
 - May: Membership approves the budget at the May Annual Meeting.
5. Mountain Top Quilters Guild Board members and Committee Chairs shall work within approved budgets.
6. All collected monies submitted to the Treasurer must use the Money Verification Form, be signed by both parties, and be submitted within 30 days.
- 7.—The President and Secretary shall inventory materials at the meeting place and the storage facility each year at the President's discretion.
8. Board meetings are open to the general membership. Anyone wishing to attend or speak at a board meeting should make his/her wish known to the President a week in advance. Members are asked to advise the President one week in advance if they wish to be on the agenda at the general meeting.

9. Mountain Top Quilters Guild shall maintain General Liability insurance and Directors and Officers insurance.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Promotional Activities: Individuals and outside businesses offering quilting classes, services, or products may not be promoted at MTQG meetings or through the Grapevine. Exceptions:
 - a. Non-Profit organizations may sell tickets for an Opportunity Quilt with prior approval by the President.
 - b. Persons contracted by the Guild to give a lecture or teach a class may promote their products.
 - c. Sales of current members' quilt-related items may be promoted after timely submittal of a request to the Board for consideration and approval by the Board. Sales of deceased members' quilt-related items may be promoted. (*Amended February 7, 2022*)
 - d. Bookmarks and brochures promoting upcoming quilt shows or events may be placed near the member check-in table at MTQG monthly meetings, upon approval by the President.
2. Advertising for quilting classes, businesses and items related to quilting will be accepted upon Board approval and placed on the Guild's website and/or the monthly newsletter for a monetary charge. Charges for advertising will be determined by the current Board.
3. Mountain Top Quilters Guild membership list shall not be given or sold to persons or organizations to be used for solicitation, sales, or political purposes.

CONDUCT:

Mountain Top Quilters Guild Code of Conduct:

1. Members shall conduct themselves to reflect favorably on Mountain Top Quilters Guild. They shall refrain from conduct that is injurious to the group and the purposes outlined in the Bylaws. Any member who disregards normal rules of social conduct by disruption of meetings with disorderly conduct, shows disrespect for elected Board members, refuses to follow the Bylaws, or is verbally abusive shall be given a letter of warning. If the member continues to disregard the Code of Conduct, said membership shall be revoked.
2. Mountain Top Quilters Guild members shall abide by the rules of the meeting facility with regard to the use of the kitchen, meeting room, classrooms, and parking areas.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT:

1. Timeline: It takes approximately a year to complete the quilt from design, fabric selection and assembly to quilting and binding. The process for the next Opportunity Quilt should begin shortly after the Quilt Show. A completed quilt needs six months to a year for optimal ticket sales.

2. Design and Fabric: Members shall submit designs from July through August, giving everyone the opportunity to review them through August. The designs will be voted upon during the September general meeting. If not an original design, permission must be granted by the designer or publisher in order to be included in the voting. Whenever possible the fabric will be purchased from local quilt shops.
3. Finishing: The quilt should have a label, sleeve, and a protective pillowcase for traveling.

NEWSLETTER:

1. All newsletters will be emailed to the membership and posted on the website. Members without internet access will have newsletters mailed to them by regular US Mail.
2. The newsletter and all Grapevine messages must be approved by the President prior to distribution.

QUILT SHOW:

1. All parts that comprise the quilt show display frames co-owned by both Thumb Butte Quilt Guild and Mountain Top Quilters Guild are for the sole use of said guilds and not available for loan to any other guild or organization.
2. Only MTQG members may display a quilt(s) in the MTQG Quilt Show.
3. Quilt tops must be made by a MTQG Member.

FINANCIAL APPROPRIATIONS:

1. Suggestions/ideas on how MTQG should spend additional monies (outside of the current approved budget) may be submitted in writing to the current MTQG President. Information must be complete, providing the President with specific details of the suggestion, potential benefit to the membership, and estimated costs. All suggestions must be dated and signed.
2. The Board will review and evaluate all suggestions and the Board will approve or disapprove the suggestions. Members submitting suggestions will be notified of the proposal's outcome, providing reasons if not accepted.
3. Following Board approval, the MTQG President will place the recommended and approved suggestion(s) before the voting membership for a vote of approval.
4. The Board may increase expenditures for individual budgeted line items up to three hundred dollars per line item without voting membership approval, up to an overall maximum of \$1,500 in the fiscal year.

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS:

1. All expenditures should be pre-approved by the appropriate Committee Chair, who will verify that the proposed expenditure is within the Committee Budget. The member must complete a MTQG Expense Reimbursement form, obtain the Committee Chair's signature and submit the form, along with the receipts, to the Treasurer for payment processing.

Committee Chairs and Board members should obtain the signature of their co-chair or another Board member for reimbursable expenses.

2. All submitted receipts must be dated within the current fiscal year.
3. All MTQG Expense Reimbursement forms for the current fiscal year should be submitted to the Treasurer by the June member meeting, but no later than June 25th.

YOUTH PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP:

1. Youth Quilting Program participants will be covered under MTQG liability insurance for any damage to the facility for which MTQG would normally be responsible.
2. Youth Quilting Program participants are allowed to attend all MTQG general meetings throughout the year. They are NOT permitted voting rights in Guild business.
3. Youth Quilting Program members must obtain the Youth Quilting Program instructor's approval to attend guild sponsored classes such as ECHOS or Program workshops. Approval will be given after evaluating the Youth Quilting Program participants' skills and maturity level.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

1. Ideally, all workshops, quilt camps and bus trips should be self-supporting. These are only open to members up to one month prior to the date of these activities; after that time, available spaces may be filled by non-members.
2. People signing up for workshops, bus trips and quilt camps must pay the deposit or fee at the time they sign up for the activity.
3. There will be no refunds for people canceling their spots for workshops, bus trips and/or quilt camps. If unable to attend, participants may find a replacement for their spot.
4. Community Quilts shall be open to non-members.
5. By-laws and Standing Rules shall be posted on the website.
6. Renewing members must pay all amounts owed to the guild before their renewal can be accepted.
7. Anyone joining MTQG after February 1st shall pay a reduced rate as set by the Board.
8. All 20-year members shall be recognized at the Spring Luncheon.