

BY-LAWS
LEAGUE OF NORTHERN COLORADO QUILTERS
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ARTICLE I: NAME and LOCATION

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be The League of Northern Colorado Quilters (LNCQ).

Section 2: The principal office of the League shall be in Larimer County with non-interleague mailings going to the LNCQ PO Box.

ARTICLE II: MISSION

LNCQ is a nonprofit group devoted to preserving the heritage of quilting. It is open to members of established Quilt Groups as well as individuals wishing to share knowledge and skills for all aspects of quilting. The arts involved in quilting shall be the primary and only focus of this organization. The purpose of the League is to provide a source of education, information and inspiration. The League shall support and promote small Quilt Groups.

ARTICLE III: NON PROFIT

The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

We agree that no part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of the propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (a) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV: GENERAL MEETINGS

Section 1: General meetings shall be held on a date, location and time selected by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Additional meetings may be scheduled by special request of the Executive Board or by the President.

Section 3: The meeting in February shall be known as the Annual Meeting. All record/files shall be transferred to the new officers after the December election and before January 1.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in the league is open to those interested in quilting and quilt arts without discrimination on basis of sex, religion, country of origin, or quilting ability.

Section 2: Annual dues shall be payable on or before the February General Meeting of each year or the membership will be canceled. Proposed changes in the dues must be announced and published before a vote by the membership at a General Meeting. A majority vote of the members present will adopt the changes.

Section 3: A member will not sell or give away the membership roster. A member must not use the roster for personal gain. Membership in this League is nontransferable or assignable.

Section 4: Members waive all claims of liability against the League for loss, theft, or damage of personal property or work or personal injury at any League function.

Section 5: Each member agrees, as a condition of membership, to release and waive any claim she/he has, or may have, against the League, its officers, committee members or agents arising out of or related to the member's participations in activities of the League or arising out of any action taken by the League or its Board to discipline or expel any member or officer.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS / CHAIRPERSONS

Section 1: The elected officers of the League shall be President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2: The Committee Chairpersons and other positions the Executive Board deems desirable shall constitute the General Board. Volunteers will be called for. The Standing and Appointed Chairs will serve in an advisory capacity.

Section 3: Election of officers shall take place by a show of hands at the December General meeting. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast.

Section 4: Officers and Chairpersons shall serve beginning January 1 through December 31. They shall serve a one year term for no more than 4 consecutive terms in the same office or chairmanship.

Section 5: A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the 1st Vice-President. A vacancy in the office of the 1st Vice-President shall be filled by a show of hands vote at the next General meeting. Any other vacancy on the Executive Board shall be filled by a majority vote by the General Board.

Section 6: Officers and Chairpersons may resign by presentation of a written statement to the Executive Board.

Section 7: Removal from office may be for cause or when the best interest of the League would be served thereby.

Chairpersons may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Elected officers may be removed from office by a majority vote of the General Board. Removal of an elected officer shall also constitute

removal of such officer from the General Board.

Section 8: Duties of officers

- A. The President shall:
 1. Preside at all League and Board meetings.
 2. Be ex-officio member of all committees.
 3. Sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer.
 4. Perform other duties as may be required or directed by the Board.
- B. The 1st Vice-President shall:
 1. Preside in the absence of, or at the request of the President and assist the President as needed.
 2. Make all arrangements for the location of the General Meetings and locate an alternate site for meetings when a change is necessary.
 3. Perform other duties as may be required or directed by the Board.
- C. The 2nd Vice President shall:
 1. Coordinate programs for the current year. Arrange payment, transportations and/or accommodations for teachers/lecturers.
 2. Plan programs for the following calendar year.
 3. Organize program classes and workshops.
 - A. Be responsible for locating and arranging the site for classes/workshops.
 - B. Make final arrangements for supply lists, class assignments, etc.
 4. Notify Web Master and Publicity Chair of upcoming programs and speakers.
 5. Send thank you notes after meeting to those presenting programs and program classes/workshops.
 6. The program year shall begin in January through February of the following year.
- D. The Secretary Shall:
 1. Record and sign the proceedings of all meetings of the League and Board.
 2. Conduct the correspondence of the League as requested and provide a copy/record of each to the President.
 3. Maintain a correspondence file with copies of replies for reference.
 4. Perform other duties as may be required by the board.
 5. Prepare and send a copy of the minutes to the Web Master.
 6. Send a copy of the minutes to the President and General Board for review before distribution.
- E. The Treasurer shall:
 1. Receive funds and dues and keep accurate records.
 2. Make disbursements as authorized by the League. No disbursement shall be made without a validated receipt.
 3. Sign checks for authorized disbursements.
 4. Prepare and present an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements at each League meeting.
 5. Prepare a report listing totals by Committees of the year's disbursements for presentation at the January Board Meeting.
 6. Assist the new Board in establishing a projected budget for the year beginning in January.
 7. Submit books and financial statements for audit upon request by the Board.
 8. Collect funds in conjunction with League workshops, retreats or other League related activities from the chairperson who has scheduled the activity. If the League does not retain these funds, the appropriate disbursement shall be made.
 9. Perform other duties as may be required or directed by the Board.
 10. Submit all applicable State and Federal Forms.

ARTICLE VII: THE BOARD

Section 1: The elected officers and the Immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Board. The immediate past president shall serve in an advisory capacity only. The elected Officers and Committee Chairpersons shall constitute the General Board.

Section 2: The General Board shall meet as deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

Section 3: The Executive Board shall transact such business as may be necessary between regular General meetings, subject to ratification by the League.

Section 4: The Executive Board shall select a committee of three (3) persons to audit the financial records as necessary.

Section 5: The Executive and General Boards shall be subject to the orders of the League and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the League.

Section 6: The Executive Board shall make recommendations to the League and perform such other duties as specified in the By-laws.

Section 7: The Executive Board shall review dues each year and present any changes to the membership for a vote at a General Meeting.

Section 8: Newly elected officers will meet with the current Executive Board prior to the January Board meeting to promote a smooth transition for the following year.

Section 9: The incoming Executive Board shall prepare a budget for review at the January General Board meeting and for presentation at the February Annual meeting for approval by the membership.

Section 10: Special Board meetings may be called by the President or by any two Executive Board members choosing the location for holding said meetings.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1: The standing committees and their responsibilities shall be set forth in the Standing Rules of the League Of Northern Colorado Quilters.

Section 2: Each committee chairperson shall:

- A. Submit to the Executive Board all proposed plans for approval.
- B. Prepare and submit to the Treasurer, a proposed budget on or before the January Board meeting.
- C. All expenditures over \$25.00 made by committees which are not previously approved budget items must be pre-approved by the Executive Board.
- D. Any committee chairperson may receive, by approval of the Executive Board, a cash advance, which shall be accounted for in the Annual Report.
- E. Transfer accurate records and committee files to the successor chairperson as soon as possible, but no later than January 1.
- F. Advise the President, prior to each General meeting, whether or not, a report will be given which shall be submitted in writing, to the Secretary following the meeting.
- G. Be responsible for keeping the Web Master and Publicity Chair advised of pertinent information as to the activities which may need to be publicized.
- H. Attend General Board meetings.
- I. Perform other duties as may be required or directed by the Board.

ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the League in all cases not specified in these By-laws. In the event of a conflict between Robert's Rules and the By-laws, these By-laws shall prevail.

Section 2: In the event of conflict regarding the appropriateness of the application of parliamentary procedure the President shall appoint a Parliamentarian to research the appropriate procedure to be followed.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF BY -LAWS

These By-laws may be amended and new By-laws may be adopted at any time by a majority vote at a General meeting. The proposed amended by-laws must have been presented via email or USPS mail to those not giving an email address prior to voting.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

Section 1: This organization may be dissolved at any time provided the proposed dissolution has been submitted in writing to the entire membership prior to the meeting. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total members present will be required to dissolve this organization.

Section 2: The laws of the State of Colorado and any applicable Federal Laws shall prevail in the event of the dissolution of the organization.

STANDING RULES

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1. The Standing Committees of the League shall be:
 - A. Community Service
 - B. Membership
 - C. Publicity
 - D. Retreats/Events
 - E. Show and Tell
 - F. Small Groups
 - G. Ways and Means
 - H. Website
2. Duties of Committee Chairpersons are outlined in the League By-laws
3. Committee responsibilities are:
 - A. Community Service
 1. Locate organizations in need of quilts/quilt art.
 2. Promote service projects with the membership.
 3. Coordinate the donation of items for community service projects.
 - D. Membership
 1. Receive all applications for membership in the League.
 2. Submit records and money from dues to the Treasurer
 3. Maintain accurate records of the League members to include at least name, address, telephone number and email address.
 4. Ensure that an updated copy of the roster is on the member's page of the website.
 5. Update membership information and provide current rosters to the Executive and General Board as needed.
 6. Register members and guests at the General meetings.
 7. Provide each person attending a General meeting with a name tag.
 - F. Publicity
 1. Prepare notices that promote the League, meetings and activities by distributing information to the news media, shops, and quilting events throughout the county.
 - G. Retreats/Events
 1. Ensure that all approved retreats and events have an organizer from the general membership.

2. Oversee the committees for each retreat/event and ensure that all funds are accounted for.
3. Provide information concerning each retreat/event throughout the year at the General Board meetings.

H. Show and Tell

1. Coordinate show and tell at each meeting.
2. Be responsible for sign-in of members with quilts at each meeting.
3. Provide show and tell records the Secretary and pictures to the webmaster.

I. Small Groups

1. Provide leadership for the formation of new small groups.
2. Be responsible for keeping small groups list up to date and provide a copy for the website.
3. Notify small group contact person providing information or details of special events.

J. Ways and Means

1. Propose ways to raise money for League activities.
2. Coordinate all fund-raising activities of the league not specifically covered by another committee.
3. Account for all funds received by item, and forward such funds to the Treasurer. (This is to include sales tax information if required.)

K. Website

1. Maintain and update LNCQ website
2. Monitor Contact Page
3. Coordinate with General Board members to provide current information.
4. Report and submit expenses related to Web site to the Treasurer.

5. Small children are not to attend general meetings unless they are present to show their own completed quilt project.

Children or pets are not allowed at retreats or other LNCQ sponsored events.

6. At the General meetings of the League and any other League sponsored functions, no selling, soliciting or other commercial enterprises will be allowed, except by the Ways and Means committee.

Members may advertise used quilting related products on the website.

7. On the day of their presentations or classes, program speakers will be exempted from Rule 6 and allowed to sell printed materials, kits or quilting tools.

8. A guest will pay a fee set by the Executive Board.

