

June 2006

Hi everyone - The following are the changes that could be included if we opt to change our annual dates of membership, etc. I asked Heather (Oh she of the wonderful ability of properly wording things) how bylaw changes could be worded. The first part is a suggested release to be included in the next newsletter to notify the membership - a requirement of our bylaws. You'll note the date for a vote is July 14 but it can be done in August. We need to give 30 days written notice, in any event.

The last item is to remove the dues section that should not have been part of the bylaws to begin with.

I'm sorry - I do not have the underlining for you. If you go to the back of your membership book you will find the current version of the bylaws. I would suggest your printing this out. I'll bring a few extra copies and we can begin our discussion from this. Betty

Board Proposes Bylaws Changes

At the Guild meeting on July 14, 2006, members will be asked to vote to amend the Bylaws, mainly to allow a change in the Guild's fiscal year beginning in July 2007, from a calendar year to a fiscal year, July 1 to June 30. This change would allow the Guild to work more smoothly, by shifting many time-intensive duties from the busy Fall/Winter holiday season to the relatively less hectic period of Spring/Summer—including recruitment and election of directors/officers, collection of dues, and preparation of the budget and directory. To accomplish this transition, the Guild would hold an annual meeting in November 2006 and elect directors/officers, who would serve six-month "transitional" terms through May 2007. At an annual meeting in May 2007, directors/officers would be elected to serve regular one-year terms. Officers who serve transitional terms would be allowed to serve an additional 6 months in the same office (for a total consecutive-term limit of 2 years, 6 months.) A "clean up" amendment would delete a policy amendment about membership fees, which was mistakenly placed in the Bylaws and conflicts with another provision. Members who wish to review the current Bylaws will find them at the back of the Guild directory.

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the Coastal Quilters Guild, Inc.:

Effective July 1, 2006, the following paragraphs shall be amended to read: (changed text is underlined)

Paragraph 11.

a) Through 2006, an annual members' meeting shall be held on the second Thursday in November at 7:00 PM unless the board sets another date or time and so notifies members. If the scheduled date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held the next full business day. At this meeting, directors shall be elected and any other business may be transacted.

b) Beginning in 2007, an annual members' meeting shall be held on the second Thursday in May at 7:00 PM unless the board sets another date or time and so notifies members. If

the scheduled date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held the next full business day. At this meeting, directors shall be elected and any other business may be transacted.

Paragraph 21. The authorized number of directors shall be five or more as needed to perform the duties of the corporation. The qualifications for directors are: (1) must be a member in good standing; (2) must be willing to attend board meetings; (3) cannot serve more than two consecutive years in the same office, except that any director serving in office during the corporation's fiscal-year transition period between the elections of November 2006 and May 2007 may serve consecutive terms in that same office of up to two years and six months; (4) must have read and be familiar with the bylaws of the corporation.

Paragraph 50.

An annual report shall be prepared by the treasurer within 60 days after the end of the corporation's fiscal year, which shall be a calendar year through June 30, 2007, and a fiscal year from from July 1 to June 30 thereafter. That report shall contain the following information in appropriate detail: a balance sheet as of the end of the fiscal year, and an income statement and statement of changes in financial position for the fiscal year, accompanied by any report on them by independent accountants.

Effective July 1, 2006, the following paragraph shall be deleted: (changed text is underlined)

Amendment to Membership Fee Policy: Membership dues are \$25.00 annually and shall be collected at the beginning of each fiscal year in January. The same amount will be collected from a new member joining any time between January and August.