



Inland Northwest Machine Quilters Newsletter January 2019 - Issue 46

Board Meeting Notes:

Present were outgoing President, Anita Pederson, and Secretary, Kathleen Woods. Also, returning officers Susan Smith, Vice President; Jean Brustkern, Secretary; Linda Clevenger, Treasurer; Kay Harris, Challenge Coordinator; and Public Relations officer, Jean Shute. President, Candy Huddleston was unable to attend due to illness. Mattie Arnold was also ill. She will continue as our website manager.

Topics included:

Our meeting place at the Trail Head in Liberty Lake, Washington. Susan Smith has procured our space for the coming year at a total of \$25 for the entire year. We are most fortunate to have this new space to meet in at such a reasonable sum.

Upcoming classes: Teresa Silva will be our March teacher and classes will be held at the Trail Head location. Sign ups will continue at the January meeting on January 19th. Teresa is an excellent machine quilter and teacher. This is a great opportunity to increase your skills and add new ideas. For any questions contact Kay Harris at: challenges@inmq.org

Future class options were discussed because of budget concerns. We have lost money on some of the national teachers so the emphasis will be on teachers that live closer and to use the considerable skills within our membership. Members are encouraged to suggest teachers they would be interested in.

Budget discussion: The cost for continuing membership pins and dangle bars may require the members to pay for these items if they would like to have them. The minimum order is 300 pins so it would be necessary to spread the cost over more than the present year. Membership will be asked whether they believe these are important to them and would pay for them.

WSQ quilt show ribbons: Kathleen Woods noted that there were very few members who voted at the WSQ show and we gave out ribbons on the basis of only 2 or 3 votes. This is a major expense for the guild and unless more members take the time to vote for deserving quilters, it is hard to justify the cost. This is your group and the ribbons acknowledge excellence in machine quilting and help to continue the mission of our group. We also encourage other quilters in our area by providing ribbons to local fairs.



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Furniture inventory: The group purchased tables and chairs when we had access to the Quilting Bee meeting place. The Quilting Bee also made use of these items when they had classes and this saved the group rental fees. Susan Smith graciously offered to store these items until a decision could be made about their disposal. Susan can no longer keep these items and a buyer has been found for them. The sale will net the group \$1,200 which will return to our treasury.

Membership: Currently we only have approximately 45 paid members. Dues must be paid in order to attend classes and also to pay for expenses that benefit all of the members of our group. If you haven't yet paid your membership, please do so at the January 19th meeting.

Website: We are continuing to check into options for moving our website to a place where it is easier to navigate for our members.

Artistic Challenge and Treasure Quilt Challenge 2019

There are still Treasure Quilt openings. If you are interested in participating in the challenge, please let Kay Harris know at the beginning of our January meeting. We will be drawing numbers for the challenge boxes during the meeting.

We have only three people presently signed up for the Artistic Challenge. The subject matter is open to whatever interests you and the requirement is to use only the shades and tints of one color. That sounds like fun! Let Kay know if you would like to participate. If we do not get enough members interested, we will have to eliminate this challenge and could lose our space for them at the WSQ show.

Upcoming classes at INMQ

March 2019: Teresa Silva. Sign-ups will will continue at the January 19th meeting.

January Meeting

January 19, 2019 at the Trail Head, Liberty Lake, WA

Meeting times: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Potluck. Bring your favorite dish, salad, or dessert to share.



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Bylaw proposed changes: The proposed changes to be voted on at the September 19th meeting are as follows:

- 1: Change where INMQ is located from **Spokane** to **Spokane Valley**
- 2: Under nominations, it will be changed from **in the fall** to the **September meeting**
3. Under Membership Dues, **the amount of \$25** shall be removed to allow for changes in the future.

The bylaws sheet is attached for perusal by the members.

Board contact information:

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| President | Candy Huddleston | president@inmq.org |
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Inland Northwest Machine Quilters Bylaws
Proposed Changes as of Dec 10, 2018

Inland Northwest Machine Quilters

Inland Northwest Machine Quilters, also known as INMQ, is located in Spokane Valley, Washington and is a non-profit organization.

Mission Statement: To promote the art of machine quilting through education and fellowship.

Membership: Membership is open to anyone who is interested in the art of machine quilting.

Elections: Office of President, Secretary, and Public Relations will be elected in even number years. Office of Vice-President, Treasurer, Challenge Coordinator, and Membership Coordinator will be elected in odd number years. Elections will be held at the fall meeting by those members physically attending the meeting. The term of office will be a two (2) year term. If an officer resigns before the end of their term, the current board may elect another to serve until the next general meeting, at which time another will be elected to finish out the term vacated.

Nominations: Nominations for officers will be from the membership present at the fall September meeting.

Elected Officers: Board officers will be: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, public relations / communications, challenge coordinator, and membership coordinator. Officers will meet as needed to conduct guild business.

Indemnification:

This organization, from the date of the acceptance of these by-laws by the general membership, shall indemnify its officers for any costs, expenses, or liabilities necessarily incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding in which they are made a party by reason of being or having been a member serving in an elected or appointed capacity. No member shall be indemnified when judged in the action or suit to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty.

Membership Dues:

Annual dues of \$25.00 for each calendar year are due and collected in November for the next year's membership. Everyone's membership expires at the end of December regardless of the time of the year they joined. Youth membership's annual dues are also \$25.00 the same. Youth under age 16 require an INMQ member sponsor for their membership approval.

Amendment of bylaws:

These bylaws may be amended at any general meeting of INMQ by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing in the newsletter preceding the general meeting.

Dissolution:

Should INMQ be dissolved, all monetary assets if any, remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to an agreed upon charitable organization. Physical assets, if any shall be auctioned to the general membership with the proceeds going to said charitable organization.