

**Central Virginia Modern Quilt Guild
Proposed Bylaws Changes 2021**

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Article III

3.1 Officers

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment (strike-throughs and underlines for comparison only)	How Read, if approved
<p>...Candidates must understand and adhere to The Guild's purpose and have been an active member for one full year to be considered, except for the first year of elections. Officers must attend 75% of the general and Executive Council meetings.</p>	<p>...Candidates must understand and adhere to The Guild's purpose and. <u>The President and the Treasurer</u> <u>must</u> have been an active member for one full year to be considered, except for the first year of elections. Officers must attend 75% of the general and Executive Council meetings.</p>	<p>...Candidates must understand and adhere to The Guild's purpose. The President and the Treasurer must have been an active member for one full year to be considered. Officers must attend 75% of the general and Executive Council meetings.</p>

Rationale

Removes reference to first year of guild. This increases the number of eligible candidates for officer positions for our small guild. The one full year membership requirement remains for the President and the Treasurer, two key positions that require being familiar with the practices and experiences of this guild.

Article III (con't)

3.2 Nominating Committee

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment (strike-throughs and underlines for comparison only)	How Read, if approved
... A Nominating Committee will be formed 60 days prior to elections and will consist of 3-5 members who do not wish to be considered for any officer position.	A Nominating Committee will be formed 60 days prior to elections and will consist of 3-5 members. who do not wish to be considered for any officer position.	... A Nominating Committee will be formed 60 days prior to elections and will consist of 3-5 members.

Rationale

Nominating Committee members who are qualified and are interested in serving in a leadership position should be able to run for an officer position, and will be properly vetted by remaining nominating committee members. This is a practice endorsed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Article III (con't)

3.3 Election of Officers

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment (strike-throughs and underlines for comparison only)	How Read, if approved
... Voting is by paper ballot and will be tallied by two (2) members in good standing who are not in consideration for an officer position.	...Voting is by paper ballot, <u>absentee ballot, email or electronic process</u> and will be tallied by two (2) members <u>tellers</u> , who are members in good standing and who are not in consideration for an officer position.	... Voting is by paper ballot, absentee ballot, email or electronic process and will be tallied by two (2) tellers, who are members in good standing and who are not in consideration for an officer position.

Rationale

Expands allowable methods of voting to ensure maximum participation from all members in different voting formats. Also, defines the position of teller.

Article IX

9.1 Amending Bylaws

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment (strike-throughs and underlines for comparison only)	How Read, if approved
...Voting will occur at that meeting with the majority of members attending constituting an affirmative response.	...Voting will occur at that meeting with the majority of members attending constituting an affirmative response. <u>Bylaws that are adopted by the membership take effect immediately.</u>	Voting will occur at that meeting with the majority of members attending constituting an affirmative response. Bylaws that are adopted by the membership take effect immediately.

Rationale

Clarifies when bylaws take effect. Permanent record will still indicate the date of the revised bylaws.