

## NBQA Board Meeting – March 10, 2015

In attendance: Judy Lang-Chiarella, Melanie Johnston, Lisa Champlin, Maribeth Traer, Maria Lage, Diane Roman, Chris Bagley, Joan Johnson, Susan Chace

The meeting was called to order at 7pm

1. A discussion was held regarding the consolidation of the existing 3 membership forms into 1 form. Diane Roman created a single form for ease of processing and to eliminate the confusion of the proper form to use for new, renewal or associate membership. Minor changes in the wording on the form were discussed and agreed to.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the new membership forms with changes as discussed.

Melanie said she would work with the web committee to remove the old membership forms from the NBQA site and replace them with the new form.

2. The current Associate Membership form has a check off box for the mailing of a Membership card; however, there is no mention of an Associate Member getting a membership card anywhere else.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to send all associate members, membership cards.

3. Diane Roman said the cost of purchasing a greater amount of membership cards at one time might save use some money. It was decided that the cards would not have the date pre-printed on them so that we can purchase a greater number of cards and simply fill in the names and guild year as they are issued.

The board authorized Diane to purchase 500 membership cards, removing the date and making the change on the existing card to read simply as Member.

4. Should the membership dues be pro-rated if someone joins as a new or associate member during the guild year?

A motion was made, seconded and passed to not pro-rate NBQA dues.

5. It should be at the discretion of the Program chair for opening up workshops for associate members and then the general public, not a set time frame as the workshops fill up at different rates.
6. Most guilds charge \$5 for a guest to attend a meeting. A person can attend 2 meetings during the guild year.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that NBQA will charge a \$5 fee for any guest starting with the 2015-16 guild year.

7. Tina Craig has volunteered to conduct the paper piecing class for those that have volunteered to work on the paper piecing part of the Raffle Quilt. The class will be to instruct those that have not done paper piecing before and to ensure that all participating are piecing the same way so that the final results are uniform.
8. Maria Lage volunteered to do the appliqué on the Raffle Quilt.
9. Lisa Champlin showed a sample of a pin she made that would replace the fabric NBQA member name tags. The new pin will have the NBQA logo and the first name of the member. Lisa said that she would volunteer to make the tags and Judy Lang-Chiarella, Maria Lage and Chris Bagley said they would assist her as needed. The new name tags will be distributed as they are created. The smaller size should allow most members to keep them in their purse, eliminating the no name tags at meetings problems.

The board authorized Lisa to purchase 500 “buttons” on sale this week for \$125.00.

10. Chris Bagley reported that there will be a two week long festival in Lowell from 7/31/15 to 8/16/15 in which the NEQM will participate with the Best of New England Quilt Show. NEQM had put out a call to all its member guilds to submit their Best Quilt for the show. Chris will contact Anne Sabitini to request her Best in Show quilt be submitted for the show. If Anne’s quilt cannot be submitted for some reason, then the viewer’s choice winners will be approached.
11. The board felt the recently created Treasurer procedures and the bonding of the Treasurer provide adequate protection against fraud, and that continuing the requirement of 2 signatures on checks was not only impractical, but did not offer any real protection.

A motion was made, seconded and passed for the sentence in the by-laws to be removed that requires two signatures be required for checks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Submitted by; Susan Chace