



# Inland Northwest Machine Quilters Bylaws

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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.

Membership is defined by payment of dues to INMQ. Dues are non-refundable and non-transferable.

The membership year is from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

Annual dues for each calendar year are due and collected in November for the next year's membership.

New membership paid in October at WSQ Quilt Show may attend November meeting as guest and fee extends through the next calendar year.

All memberships expire December 31 of each calendar year.

Memberships not renewed by January 31 of each year will be considered delinquent.

Membership can be initiated or renewed at any time. Membership dues are not prorated.

Youth members under age 16 require an INMQ member sponsor for their membership approval.

## **Elections:**

All officers must be active, paid members of INMQ.

Nominations for officers will be submitted prior to or at the June general membership meeting and published in the following newsletter. Members can volunteer themselves or be nominated by an INMQ member with the prior consent of the nominee.

Officers will be elected at the September general membership meeting.

Elections will be held by ballot, unless only one person is nominated for an office, in which case the President will declare the nominee elected by unanimous consent. The nominee with majority of votes for each Board position will be declared elected.

**Elections:** (continued)

The term of office will be a two (2) year term, beginning January 1 following elections and ending December 31 following elections.

Board officers will be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Coordinator.

The offices of President and Secretary will be held in even-numbered years. The offices of Vice-President, Treasurer, and Membership will be held in odd-numbered years.

If an officer resigns before the end of their term, the current board may appoint a member to serve. The member appointed to fill the vacancy will only serve out the remainder of the original term of office.

Officers will meet prior to each general membership meeting and additionally as deemed necessary 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.

**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 membership meeting.

Amendment proposals must be submitted in writing in the INMQ membership newsletter preceding any general membership meeting.

The next general membership meeting will hold a discussion of the proposed Bylaw amendments to the members present.

The Bylaws may then be amended at any INMQ general membership meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

**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.