

**Quilters Unlimited Annual Meeting
June 4, 2016**

The annual business meeting of the Quilters Unlimited (QU) was called to order at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA at 5:30 PM by President Denise Racz.

President Denise Racz welcomes everyone to the annual meeting and thanked the Executive Board, Chapter Presidents and all those who gave time to the organization this past year. She thanked Betsy Stone, the 2016 Quilt Show chair, and her team of volunteers for efforts in putting together and overseeing such a great show, and Linda Cooper of Burke for providing the refreshments for the business meeting.

The minutes from the May 30, 2105 annual meeting were approved as published in the QU newsletter, and as distributed at the meeting.

Denise read the names of the members who passed way this year and the attendees held a moment of silence to honor these members.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer:

As of April 16, 2016 the current balances of QU's checking/money market account is \$153,805.00. Books for the current fiscal year will close June 30, 2016.

Nominations:

Kath Helsep – presented the slate of officers

President – Joyce Bounds (Annandale)

Vice President - Christine Shaefer (Centreville) Secretary – Trudi Sommerville (Arlington) Treasurer – Janet Tasker (Vienna)

QU Show – Betsy Stone (Burke)

Newsletter – Karla Vernon (Vienna) Nominating - Linda Keithley (Centreville)

President Denise Racz asked if there were any nominations from the floor, no were presented. Vote was carried and the new board was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Motion to the Membership (1) -

WHEREAS all current positions on the Executive Board for officers are limited to no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, except for the President, which is limited to one full term, and

WHEREAS the experience for the positions adds value for each term served, and

WHEREAS there is no known basis for the existing 1 full term limit exception for the President's office,.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the term limit for the President's office be set to no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, consistent with all other officer positions.

Current:

5. A member shall hold no more than one elected Board of Directors position at a time. The offices of Board of Directors President and Treasurer shall not be held jointly with any Chapter office. An officer shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, except for the President who shall serve no more than one full term.

Proposed Amendment:

5. A member shall hold no more than one elected Board of Directors position at a time. The offices of Board of Directors President and Treasurer shall not be held jointly with any Chapter office. An officer shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Remove this exception for the President's term “, except for the President who shall serve no more than one full term.”

Kath Heslep discussed the motion with the membership. A vote was called the membership approved and the motion was adopted.

Motion to the Membership (2) -

WHEREAS the current slate of elected officers for the Quilters Unlimited [hereinafter 'QU'] Executive Board numbers seven (7) persons [President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Nominating Chair, Newsletter, and Quilt Show Chair], and

WHEREAS the duties of the Quilt Show Chair and the Newsletter have little day-to-day involvement of the general membership, and require little to no input from the general membership to perform their duties, except as approved through the Executive Board, and

WHEREAS the inability to find candidates to fill these elected positions in any year would disable the membership from seating a board, and

WHEREAS the consequence of being unable to seat a Board would cause Quilters Unlimited to abandon its 501c3 tax status and dissolve the QU organization,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the elected officers be reduced in number to five (5) essential officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Nominating Chair, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the positions of Newsletter and Quilt Show Chair become Ad Hoc appointments of the incoming president, with non-binding recommendations by the Nominating Committee for said positions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ad Hoc positions retain the right to one vote each, in all business that comes before the Executive Board, during their appointment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT there shall be no term limit on said positions, though each shall require re-appointment by the incoming President, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments shall be made, by the President, within 3 days of taking office, so that no time is lost in continuing the duties of these positions.

Kath Heslep discussed the motion with the membership. Several members voiced their concerns and a vote was called. 5 opposed, the remaining membership approved. The motion was adopted.

Vice President Pat Price presented the outgoing President Denise Racz with a quilt top from the membership in recognition of her service to Quilters Unlimited this past year. The blue and yellow blocks were made by QU members from each of the 11 chapters.

Business Meeting was adjourned at 5:50.

Guest Speaker

Susan Carlson, a nationally and internationally known quilt artist who gave a presentation on the fabric collage technique.