

The Worshipful Company of St. Catherine

By-laws

The Worshipful Company of St. Catherine shall advance the art and practice of spinning and dyeing various fibers and/or the use of such fibers in the weaving and knitting of textiles within the Kingdom of Meridies. The Company and its membership exist to teach this craft, to spread camaraderie, inspiration, and information, and to aid in the judging and acknowledgement of those in these crafts. The Company will:

Strive for the advancement of our craft as a science and as an art;

Make available information on period fiber arts and encourage its use;

Provide a supportive and enjoyable atmosphere where all are welcome in the love of the craft;

Aid our members by every honorable means in the attainment of their ambitions in our craft throughout their mortal lives; and

Serve the Kingdom and its members as it can in competitions and education.

Article I - Membership

A Guild Member is a person who is interested in the fiber arts and sciences. One becomes a Guild member by sending his/her SCA and mundane names and address to the Guild Steward, expressing interest.

Article II - Meetings

The Guild shall meet annually at Midwinter Arts and Sciences to discuss, plan, and conduct Guild activities, elect a new Guild Steward as needed, and approve changes to the policies and procedures of the Guild. Members may submit verifiable proxies if unable to attend.

The Guild may also meet at other official events within the Kingdom of Meridies to discuss, plan, and conduct Guild activities, but shall not elect a Steward or vote on changes to the policies and procedures of the Guild at these additional meetings. Notifications of additional Guild meetings and events shall be posted on the calendar, and sent as email notices to Guild members, at least 28 days prior to the meeting or event.

Article III - Administration

The Guild Steward is primarily responsible for organizing Guild activities and coordinating classes within the Guild. Specific duties include:

1. Maintaining a database of the guild membership;
2. Notifying membership of guild activities through a newsletter or mailings;
3. Administering, or appointing a member of the Guild to administer, the election of the Steward;

4. Coordinating and administering the Guild's presence in social media;
5. Acting for the Guild as owner of any website, blog, or chat group used by and for the Guild;
6. Maintaining all meeting minutes, membership rosters, records, and reports of the Guild in accordance with Kingdom law and policy;
7. Selecting a deputy to assist the guild Steward in the fulfillment of his/her duties, and to fulfill the duties of the Guild Steward in the Guild Steward's absence.

The Guild Steward will be elected by a simple majority of Guild members present at the official Guild meeting at Midwinter Arts and Sciences. Term of office will be a minimum of 2 years, which may be extended case by case by a simple majority vote of Guild members present at the official Guild meeting at Midwinter Arts and Sciences.

The Guild Steward may name deputies to assist in Steward duties as needed.

Article IV - Amendments to the By-laws

Any member of the Guild who would like to propose an amendment to these by-laws should submit a written proposal to all members of the Guild at least 2 weeks prior to presentation at an official Guild meeting where they will be discussed and voted on. Acceptance of any amendment requires approval of a simple majority of Guild members present at the official meeting.

In the event a decision on charter or by-laws is required for the continued operation of the Guild, the Guild Steward may make the amendment on behalf of all Guild members without a vote. All members shall be informed of such changes and provided an explanation of the reason for said changes.