

Paradise Community Guilds
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Executive Committee Draft v1.0



ARTICLE I
Name

SECTION 1. This Guild shall be known and designated as Paradise Community Guilds, an affiliate member of the California Guild.

ARTICLE II
Meetings

SECTION 1. This Guild shall meet at least six (6) times per year; however, the members may vote to hold additional meetings. All intermediate meetings, unless called as a special meeting (in accordance with the Bylaws of the **California Guild**), shall be deemed regular meetings of this Guild.

SECTION 2. Regular meetings of this Guild are 2nd Mondays, 7:30 pm.

SECTION 3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE III
Membership

SECTION 1. The qualifications for membership, procedure for attaining membership, membership dues, and the right to vote are provided for in the Bylaws of the California Guild. Upon attending a second regular meeting of this Guild at which a quorum is present, applicants for Membership are elected by simple majority, either by a show of hands vote or by paper ballot if requested by any member.

SECTION 2. A new or reinstated member of this Guild shall not be entitled to vote or receive any benefits of membership until they attest to the Guild Pledge that states at all times they will comply with the Constitution, Bylaws and rulings of the California Guild, as from time to time amended and as in compliance with the laws of our State and Nation, and that they will never knowingly harm or defraud another member of the Guild, or the Guild itself, or allow such harm or fraud to be done by another if within their ability to prevent it. The Guild Pledge shall be administered and witnessed by an officer of this Guild, or an officer or Ambassador of the California Guild. If a new or reinstated member fails to attest to the Guild Pledge within sixty (60) days of their election to membership, their membership is void.

SECTION 3. If an applicant for membership has been rejected, no circumstances in the matter shall be disclosed, except that the vote was unfavorable. No member shall disclose outside of this Guild the results of an unfavorable ballot. The applicant may reapply for membership after

six (6) months.

ARTICLE IV Officers

SECTION 1. The designation, rank, election or appointment, authority and duty of executive officers of this Guild shall correspond with those of the California Guild. This Guild shall elect a President, Vice President, Executive Committee (consisting of a minimum of three members), Secretary and Treasurer. One person may be elected to serve as both the Secretary and Treasurer. Other officers may be elected, as determined by the members.

SECTION 2. A new or reinstated officer of this Guild shall not undertake the authority or duties of their office until they have been duly installed by an officer of this Guild at a regular membership meeting, or an officer or Ambassador of the California Guild, at which time they must reaffirm the Guild Pledge, as prescribed in Article III, Section 2 of these By-laws, and attest to the Guild Oath of Office that states at all times they will faithfully perform the duties of their office, to the best of their ability, without prejudice, and in keeping with our mission statement: “We foster community by nurturing creativity, practicing stewardship of Nature, and promoting values of sustainability.” If a new or reinstated officer fails to be duly installed within sixty (60) days of their election to office, their election is void.

ARTICLE V Election of Officers

SECTION 1. Nominations and Election of Officers will be held at the first regular meeting of this Guild after November 1 with a quorum present. Nominees must be members in good standing and must accept their nomination. Officers are elected for a two-year term. Proxy votes are not allowed.

SECTION 2. Paper ballots shall be used for election of officers and on other occasions as deemed necessary. Tellers shall be appointed by the President or the presiding Chairperson to count the ballots. Blank ballots are not counted. Election to office is determined when one nominee receives a simple majority of votes (50% + 1).

SECTION 3. If there is only one nominee for an office, the President or presiding Chairperson may call for a show of hands vote, provided that no member objects or requests a paper ballot.

ARTICLE VI Duties of Officers

SECTION 1. The duties of the officers of this Guild shall be such as prescribed in the California Guild Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII Guilds and Committees

SECTION 1. The Guilds and committees of Paradise Community Guilds will be identified

and established in a Policy and Procedures manual.

ARTICLE VIII Fees and Dues

SECTION 1. The membership dues of this Guild shall be \$35 or more per member, per annum.

ARTICLE IX Property and Assets

SECTION 1. The real property, personal property and assets are owned by Paradise Community Guilds.

SECTION 2. On the dissolution of this Guild, the members of the Executive Committee of this Guild shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of this Guild, remit to the California Guild all remaining assets, including funds, real property and personal property of this Guild, as well as all documents and records, charters and regalia.

Any title to any real property of this Guild shall be transferred to the California Guild. Said assets will be held in trust in accordance with the Bylaws of the California Guild, for a period of five (5) years pending the re-organization of this Guild. Upon re-organization of this Guild, said assets held in trust will be conveyed to the re-organized Guild.

SECTION 3. If this Guild is unable to have meetings at which a quorum is present for the dissolution of this Guild, or if this Guild otherwise becomes inactive, the Executive Committee of the California Guild is hereby given the authority to act in the interests of the Guild as provided for in the California Guild Bylaws.

ARTICLE X Amendments

SECTION 1. All proposals for amending or repealing these Bylaws, or any part of them, shall be in conformity with the Bylaws of the California Guild. All proposals for amending or repealing these Bylaws, or any part of them, shall be presented in writing at a regular meeting of this Guild and shall lie over until the next regular meeting when they may be approved by a two-thirds vote of all members present. After being approved by this Guild, the proposals must be approved by the President of the California Guild before becoming effective.