

**MARIN GOLDEN THREADS CHAPTER
THE EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA, INC.
GREATER PACIFIC REGION
Chapter Bylaws: 2008**

ARTICLE I-NAME: USE OF EGA'S TRADEMARKS

The name of this organization shall be MARIN GOLDEN THREADS Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. (EGA). While this chapter is recognized as a chapter by EGA, the chapter and its members use EGA'S registered trademarks, the name "THE EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA, INC.", the stylized needle and thimble logo and design, and the letters "EGA", under standards approved by EGA. All use of such registered trademarks shall be discontinued upon the suspension, withdrawal of recognition, resignation or dissolution of this chapter.

ARTICLE II-OBJECT

Section 1. The purpose of this chapter shall be to foster the highest standards of excellence in the practice of the art of embroidery through an active program of education and study, and to preserve the heritage of the art of embroidery. This chapter will encourage interest, enjoyment, and creativity in doing all forms of fancywork or handwork and promote cooperation and interchange of ideas among those who are engaged in or interested in needlework in all parts of the world.

Section 2. No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate nor intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 3. The property of this nonprofit organization is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private persons. No discrimination shall be made with regard to race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation or national origin.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person regardless of race, gender, religion national or ethnic origin may become a member of this chapter upon application and payment of dues.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be payable upon notification by the chapter membership chairperson. The amount of the chapter dues shall be established by the general membership.

Section 3. Those whose dues are not paid within the quarter of notification shall be automatically dropped from membership.

Section 4. Transfer and plural members shall be accepted by this chapter upon notification and payment of chapter dues and appropriate region dues, provided the members' current national dues have been paid through the primary chapter. The current status of the applicant's national and regional membership must be confirmed.

Section 5. Honorary membership may be conferred upon any active member for a three (3) year period for outstanding services to the local chapter by vote of the members present at any regular meeting. Chapter, region, and national dues shall be paid by the chapter.

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of this chapter shall be president, first vice-president (workshops), second vice-president (programs), secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. The president, and 2nd Vice President shall be elected in odd years. The 1st vice president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected in even years. Officers shall serve a term of two years or until their successors are elected, and term of office shall begin January 1 through December 31.

Section 3. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two terms consecutively in the same office, and no member shall hold more than one elected office at a time.

Section 4. If a vacancy in the office of president occurs, the first vice-president shall automatically become president; all other vacancies in office shall be filled by the Board of directors.

Section 5. Nominations and Elections:

- a. A nominating committee of three (3) shall be **elected** at the September meeting by the general membership.
- b. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee to nominate at least one candidate for each of the offices to be filled and to report at the October meeting, having obtained consent from each. Members of the nominating committee are not barred from becoming candidates for office.
- c. The election of officers shall be at the November meeting. Additional nominations from the floor may be made providing consent to serve has been obtained from the nominees prior to the meeting. If there is more than one candidate for an office, the vote shall be taken by ballot.

ARTICLE V-MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the fourth (4th) Saturday of each month, except the months of July and December unless otherwise ordered by the membership or board of directors. Due to holidays, the May and November meetings are held the third (3rd) Saturday of those months.

Section 2. The annual meeting shall be held in November for the purpose of electing officers, receiving annual reports from the officers and standing committees, adopting a budget, and transacting any other business that may arise.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the president, by the board of directors, or by any three (3) members, one of whom shall be an elected officer. A seven (7) day notice stating the business of the special meeting is required and no business other than that stated in the notice may be transacted.

Section 4. The quorum for all chapter meetings shall be twenty (20) percent of the membership.

ARTICLE VI-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The board of directors shall be composed of the elected officers (executive committee), standing committee chairmen, and the immediate past president.

Section 2. The president may appoint a region representative and a parliamentarian, with the approval of the executive committee. The appointments shall be announced at the first chapter meeting after the election or as appropriate. The parliamentarian shall serve without a vote.

Section 3. Unless otherwise stated, the term for the appointed members of the board of directors shall be concurrent with the term of the president who appointed them.

Section 4. The board of directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings; fix the day, hour, and place of meetings; make other recommendations to the chapter; and perform other duties specified in these bylaws. The board shall be subject to the orders of the chapter and its acts shall in no way conflict with actions taken by the general membership.

Section 5. Meetings of the board shall be held each month, prior to the general meeting. The time, day and place of meeting will be set by the president.

Section 6. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president, or may be called by any three (3) members of the board, one of whom shall be an elected officer. A seven (7) day notice stating the

business of the special meeting is required, and no other business other than that stated in the notice may be transacted.

Section 7. The quorum for all board of directors meetings shall be a majority of its members.

ARTICLE VII-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The executive committee shall be composed of the elected officers of the chapter.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have general authority over the chapter between meetings of the board of directors and it shall perform other duties specified in these bylaws. Any action taken by the committee shall be reported at the next board meeting.

Section 3. Meetings of the executive committee shall be held between meetings of the board of directors, if necessary.

ARTICLE VIII-COMMITTEES

Section 1. The standing committees shall be bylaws, community outreach, education, hospitality, library, membership, newsletter editor, public relations, and sunshine. Bylaws, public relations, and sunshine are appointed as necessary but all other posts must be filled.

Section 2. The president shall appoint all standing committee chairmen. Committee appointments shall be approved by the executive committee. The president shall announce said appointments at the first chapter meeting following the election or as appropriate.

Section 3. Special committees or additional standing committees shall be appointed by the president as the chapter or the board of directors deems necessary.

Section 4. The president shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. It is the right of the president – but not the duty – to participate in the work of all chapter committees except the nominating committee. This provision gives the president a right to vote within the committees.

ARTICLE IX-FISCAL POLICIES

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

Section 2. The books and accounts of the chapter shall be kept in accordance with sound accounting practices. Chapter financial records shall be audited each year, either professionally or by an audit committee appointed by the chapter president. The treasurer shall furnish EGA with a report of the finances of the chapter by February 15 of each year and shall send proportionate amounts of each member's dues to both EGA and the Region on a regular basis.

Section 3. No one may profit from membership in the chapter by sales, or solicitation of sales, at EGA meetings or workshops; however, the chapter may contract with members in their professional capacities. EGA prohibits the use of membership lists other than for EGA purposes.

Section 4. Annual Budget

- a. The chapter shall prepare and present a budget to the membership for approval no later than the meeting prior to the effective date of the budget.
- b. The board of directors and/or the executive committee shall not spend any non-budgeted funds in excess of \$100.00 during the fiscal year. The chapter may approve an expenditure in excess of this amount provided:
 - 1) The membership is notified in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken.
 - 2) The written notice shall include the amount and purpose of the expenditure and
 - 3) The approval is a by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the chapter meeting.

Section 5. Donations of monies by the chapter may be made to any organization which is in compliance with the section 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue code and which the chapter by a two-thirds (2/3) vote has designated as the recipient. Notice of such a proposed donation shall be submitted to the members in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which such vote is to be taken.

Section 6. In the event of dissolution of the chapter, all its assets and funds remaining after payment or provisions for payment of all debts and liabilities of the chapter shall be distributed to one or more organizations which have been in existence for a period of two years, which are in compliance with section 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue code, and which the chapter has designated as a recipient by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Notification to the membership shall be provided in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which a vote is to be taken.

Section 7. Indemnification of Directors or Officers. See attached sheet.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the chapter in all cases which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the chapter bylaws, Greater Pacific Region bylaws, the bylaws of The Embroiderers’ Guild of America, Inc., any special rules of order the chapter may adopt, or any statutes applicable to this organization.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section 1. Any bylaw amendments effected by EGA that necessitates amendment(s) to the chapter bylaws shall be incorporated automatically in the chapter bylaws and that the membership shall be informed of such changes at the next regular meeting; and

Section 2. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regular meeting of the chapter provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the membership at least thirty (30) days before the meeting and that the proposed amendment has received the approval of The Embroiderers’ Guild of America, Inc. prior to the meeting.

Membership Approval _____
Date Chapter President (Signature)
Original bylaws: June 23, 1990 revised 5/23/91, 6/22/91, 1/27/96, and 2003 4/26/2008,
9/24/2011

EGA, Inc. Approval _____
Date Chairman, Chapter Bylaws Review Committee (signature)

Date Director of Bylaws(Signature)