



The Standards and Rules of the Quality Guild

(Pre-Livery Status)

Preamble

In the spirit of fellowship, craftsmanship, and the pursuit of excellence, we, the Founders and Members of the Quality Guild, do hereby establish these Standards and Rules. The Guild exists to unite those devoted to the highest principles of professional competence, integrity, and continuous improvement in all matters of quality.

Until such time as the Guild attains the honour of Livery status, these Rules shall guide our conduct, our fellowship, and our service to the profession.

Article I: Of Membership

Section 1.1 – Categories of Membership

- **Founding Members:** Those whose vision and dedication have brought the Guild into existence.
- **Guild Members:** Practitioners distinguished by skill, knowledge, and adherence to the Guild's values.
- **Senior Members (pre-Livery):** Esteemed members who have demonstrated exemplary commitment, and who shall guide the Guild toward its Livery.

Section 1.2 – Eligibility

Admission to the Guild is granted to those who:

- Exhibit competence and professionalism in the practice of quality.
- Uphold integrity and ethical conduct in all endeavours.
- Pledge support to the advancement and reputation of the Guild.

Section 1.3 – Duties of Members

All members shall:

- Conduct themselves with honour, reflecting the values of the Guild.
 - Promote knowledge, mentorship, and the continual betterment of their peers.
 - Refrain from any conduct that may tarnish the Guild’s reputation or the profession of quality.
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Article II: Of Governance

Section 2.1 – The Guild Council

The affairs of the Guild shall be managed by a Council consisting of:

- The Master, elected annually to preside with wisdom and dignity.
- Wardens, to assist the Master in the discharge of duties.
- Council Members, drawn from the membership, to uphold and advance the Guild’s purpose.

Section 2.2 – Duties of the Council

The Council shall:

- Maintain the standards and rules of the Guild.
 - Approve the admission of new members.
 - Supervise the Guild’s educational and professional initiatives.
 - Prepare the Guild for the honour and responsibility of attaining Livery status.
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Article III: Of Meetings and Ceremonies

- The Guild shall convene at regular intervals for instruction, discourse, and fellowship.
 - Ceremonial observances, including the initiation of new members, shall be conducted with solemnity and tradition.
 - Attendance and participation in the Guild’s assemblies are duties of all members, particularly Senior Members.
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Article IV: Of Standards of Practice

Members shall:

- Uphold integrity, impartiality, and excellence in all professional endeavours.
 - Pursue lifelong learning and advancement in the science and practice of quality.
 - Encourage and mentor those entering the profession, fostering a culture of knowledge and improvement.
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Article V: Of Recognition and Pre-Livery Distinction

- Members demonstrating sustained excellence may be accorded the title of Senior Member or Officer of the Guild.
 - Senior Members shall serve as exemplars, guiding their fellows and stewarding the Guild's progression toward Livery.
 - Recognition may include ceremonial insignia, reflecting the dignity and heritage of the Guild.
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Article VI: Of Ethics and Honour

- Members shall observe discretion, confidentiality, and propriety in all professional matters.
 - Conflicts of interest shall be disclosed and resolved according to the Guild's guidance.
 - Conduct unbecoming a member of the Guild shall be subject to review and, if necessary, sanction.
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Article VII: Of Compliance and Discipline

- Failure to adhere to these Standards and Rules shall be reviewed by the Guild Council.
 - Sanctions may include admonition, suspension of privileges, or revocation of membership.
 - Appeals may be submitted to the Council, which shall deliberate with fairness and justice.
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Conclusion

These Standards and Rules, solemnly adopted by the Founders and Members of the Quality Guild, shall guide our conduct, fellowship, and professional purpose until such time as the Guild is admitted to the honour of Livery. In all things, we pledge to uphold the dignity of our craft, the excellence of our profession, and the enduring legacy of the Quality Guild.