

Bylaws

of the

Northern Rockies Woodworkers Guild

Article 1

The principle office of this Organization/Chapter will be located in Bozeman, MT 59715

Article 2

All officers of this Northern Rockies Woodworkers Guild agree to be members in good standing of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc.

Article 3 - Purposes

The chapter's purposes are: 1. To provide a forum for local woodworkers/woodturners; 2. To share ideas and techniques regarding woodwork and woodturning; 3. To trade wood samples; 4. To exchange ideas about tools, and 5. To bring demonstrators of woodworking/woodturning skills to Bozeman for workshops whenever in our best judgement we can afford it.

Article 4 - Membership Dues

Membership Dues for this chapter will be \$20.00, paid annually. Dues may be reconsidered annually, at the September meeting, if at least 50% of the paid members are present and wish to consider a change for any reason.

Article 5 - Meetings

The chapter will meet every month except in summer, when meetings may be scheduled less regularly. Meetings will be held in members shops, and whenever possible the host member will demonstrate a technique or skill with which she/he is familiar to the other members of the group. Members are encouraged to bring new pieces, or photographs of recent work, to each meeting for "show and tell".

Expenditures of funds may be authorized by majority vote of paid members attending at any meeting. A quorum will normally be considered to be 50% of the paid membership, but the presiding officer (see below) may declare a quorum if any unusual action needs to be taken.

Article 6 - Officers

A. Number and Election. The officers of this chapter shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the chapter's paid-up members. Such other officers as may be deemed necessary from time to time to carry out chapter activities may be appointed by the elected officers.

B. Term of office. The President and Vice-President shall each serve a term of one year, and the vice-president will usually succeed to the presidency in the succeeding year. The secretary and the treasurer will each serve for two years, and may be elected to a second consecutive term.

Article 6 (continued)

C. Removal. Any elected officer may be removed by the chapter membership if it is deemed that removal is in the best interests of the chapter. Such removal may be accomplished by a majority vote, provided that a quorum of 50% of the paid up members is present at the time of the vote.

D. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, or disqualification may be filled by a majority vote of the members, or by a vote of the officers to fill an unexpired portion of the term.

E. President. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the chapter. His/her duties include: supervise and control all the business and affairs of the chapter; conduct chapter meetings; any other actions which may be necessary to carry out the preceding duties effectively.

F. Vice-President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her death, inability, or refusal to act, the vice-president shall perform the duties of president, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president. The vice-president shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president.

G. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the chapter meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose, and see that all notices are duly given as provided for in these bylaws. In general, the secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of secretary, and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president.

H. Treasurer. The treasurer shall collect all membership fees, and all other monies belonging to the chapter. He/She will be responsible for keeping current and accurate records of all monies that flow through the chapter, and also for ensuring that all local chapter officers are paid-up members of the national organization. In general the treasurer shall perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer, and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president.

I. Executive Board. The president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer together constitute an executive board, which can call special meetings, spend small amounts of funds for publicity, postage, printing, or other minor activities. Such expenditures by the executive board may not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in a calendar year, without a further authorization from the membership.

Article 7 - Indebtedness

AAW's national office must be notified in writing PRIOR to a local chapter incurring any indebtedness for AAW.

Article 8 - American Association of Woodturners Disclaimers: Fiscal and Legal

The corporation, the American Association of Woodturners, Inc. (hereafter AAW), specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the local chapter. The corporate board of directors of AAW is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the local chapters. The Corporate Organization does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by a local chapter. The Northern Rockies Woodworkers Guild (NRWG) specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the AAW. The officers of the NRWG, and the Guild itself, are not responsible for the debts of AAW, nor do they share in its profits. The NRWG does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by the AAW.

Article 9 - Amendments

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a vote of a simple majority of the qualified voting members of the chapter then casting ballots. Copies of all modifications to these by-laws MUST be filed with the national office of AAW.