

THAMES VALLEY WOODTURNERS GUILD CONSTITUTION



ARTICLE I NAME

This Organization shall be called: **THAMES VALLEY WOODTURNERS GUILD**

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Dedicated to providing practical facilities, education and information to those interested in advancing and promoting woodturning.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

A. Types of Membership

- 1) Regular
- 2) Family
- 3) Honorary
- 4) Student

B. Conditions of Membership

1) Regular Member shall:

- a) pay annual dues as defined in the By-Laws;
- b) be 16 years of age or older;
- c) be accepted by the executive;

2) Family Membership shall consist of one Regular member along with his/her family members residing with the regular member. Family members must be at least 16 years of age and shall conform to Regular Member conditions.

3) Honorary Membership may be granted by the Executive for special or long term service to the Guild. Honorary members will have fees waived.

4) Student Membership shall be at least 16 years of age and currently attending secondary, college or university, at the discretion of the executive. Annual dues shall be paid as per the Guild Bylaws.

C. Prospective Members, Guests

- 1) A guest may attend only one meeting without applying to be a Regular member.

- 3) Non-member vendors may attend regular or other meetings only with Executive approval.

D. Chapter membership of the TVWG in the American Association of Woodturners

- 1) The TVWG may apply for a chapter membership with the AAW.
- 2) The TVWG agrees to the requirements of the AAW Bylaws with respect to that membership.

ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATION

- 1) An elected Executive shall include a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and additional executive officers, as outlined in the By-Laws. The Executive shall operate the Guild in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.
- 2) The Elected Officers in the Executive shall be Regular members of good standing who are residents of the Thames Valley and adjacent areas.
- 3) The Executive shall set Annual fees.
- 4) To assist the Executive in administering or operating the Guild, the Executive may establish such Committees as are necessary.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

All meetings of the Thames Valley Woodturners Guild shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

- 1) Regular Meetings
 - a) Shall be regularly scheduled by the Executive in accordance with the By-Laws.
 - b) Will consist of a brief business meeting which may include a financial report, consist of a demonstration or presentation, (teaching and/or learning periods), limited hands-on time and some social activities.
 - c) The Executive may establish other meetings as the need arises.
- 2) Executive Meetings

Scheduled by the Executive as required in accordance with the By-Laws.
- 3) Annual Meeting

Scheduled by the Executive as outlined in the By-Laws.

4) Special Meetings

Scheduled by the executive or by the Regular members as provided for in the By-Laws. Special meetings may be called to deal with proposed changes to the Constitution and/or By-Laws, or other important business to be considered by the membership.

5) Quorum

- a. In the case of the Executive meetings, a Quorum shall consist of at least the President or Vice President and 3 other Executive members.
- b. In the case of Special Meetings, and the Annual Meeting, a Quorum shall consist of 30% of the Regular members of record on the date of the previous regular meeting.
- c. For the Regular Meeting, a Quorum shall consist of 30% of the members of record on the date of the previous Regular meeting.

6) Voting

Regular members in good standing only shall have voting privileges.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 1) Any regular member, in good standing, may submit a written motion to the Secretary, not less than 30 days prior to the Annual or Special Meeting.
- 2) Said amendment will be presented to the Annual or Special Meeting and handled in the normal way and shall only be effected with the support of 2/3 (two-thirds) of the Regular members present at the meeting during which it is presented.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

- 1) Any regular member may submit a written motion to the Secretary, to amend the By-Laws prior to or at any Regular meeting.
- 2) Said amendment, to be effected must have approval by two thirds (2/3) majority of the Regular members present at the next regular, annual or special meeting.
- 3) Executive committee members may make revisions to the by-laws at executive meetings. Amendments must be passed by a 2/3 majority of the executive members present at that meeting.

ARTICLE VIII GUILD NAME, LOGO, MAILING LIST

No one shall use the name Thames Valley Woodturners Guild or its Logo or mailing list or any combination thereof, without the written authority of the Guild President and the prior approval of the Executive.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION OF THE GUILD

If, for any reason, it becomes apparent that the Guild is no longer viable, the Executive may propose at any Guild meeting, that proceedings, as outlined in the By-Laws, be instituted to dissolve the Guild. At such time as the guild is dissolved the Executive shall dispose of the guilds assets by an agreed upon method of sale. The proceeds of this sale shall be redistributed 50% to the AAW education fund, and 50% to various woodturning guilds in Ontario. No members of the guild shall profit from the dissolution of the guild.

Amendments approved September 13, 2018 December 14, 2018 in open membership meeting.

Secretary

Bob Hewson

President

John Scott