

ACCEPTANCE OF THESE BY-LAWS: (First reading)

These by-laws have been, agreed upon and adopted by

Local Chapter: ROCKY MOUNTAIN WOODTURNERS
in: Fort Collins, Colorado
on: June 8, 2000

Signed: President: _____ Date: _____
Vice President: _____ Date: _____
Secretary: _____ Date: _____
Treasurer: _____ Date: _____

BY-LAWS FOR ROCKY MOUNTAIN WOODTURNERS A LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS, INC. (A NONPROFIT CORPORATION)

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION

- A. The Chapter organizer is: Dr. Lee Carter
His address is: 4625 Kiva Drive, LaPorte, Colorado 80535
Date time/Home Phone: 970-221-4382
- B. Cities or locations from which you expect to draw members: Northeast Colorado, Southeast Wyoming, the western border areas of Northwest Kansas and Southwest Nebraska.

ARTICLE II - OFFICES

- A. The principal office of this chapter will be located at: The residence of the current President, Jonathan Fosse, 1217 Buttonwood Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

ARTICLE III - RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

- A. All officers of this ROCKY MOUNTAIN WOODTURNERS Chapter agree to be members in good standing of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc.
- B. While it is understood that the parent organization will provide advice and counsel, as requested, Local Chapters are advised that the nature and extent of their activities are left to their discretion. Demonstrations, while part of the normal activities of Local Chapters, are to be conducted solely at the discretion of Local Officers, and all safety and instruction is to be under their explicit direction and control.
- C. The national office strongly recommends placing some sort of sign or notice on or around any lathe used for demonstrations. Safety eye protection must be worn and a full-face shield when needed. The use of dust masks and hearing protection is recommended. The Lathe is a potentially dangerous instrument only to be used with Chapter approved supervision.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSES

- A. The Chapter's purposes, in addition to supporting the general purposes of the parent organization are:
1. To provide a meeting place for local woodturners;
 2. To share ideas and techniques regarding this craft;
 3. To share resources or trade for wood, tools and other materials;
 4. To exchange ideas about tools and techniques;
 5. To arrange for demonstrations of woodturning techniques and related skills.;
 6. To educate the public about the craft and art of woodturning;
 7. To introduce and educate new devotees to the craft of woodturning with a focus on the youth of the region.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP FEES

- A. Annual membership fees for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be ³⁵~~\$20.00~~ for full active membership; ~~\$12.00~~ for students. After July first, fees for new members will be reduced to \$10.00 for the remainder of the year, \$6.00 for students. New members may be assessed an initiation fee to cover administrative costs. *50.00 couples*

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

- A. This Chapter will meet monthly.
- B. The meetings normally will be held at Colorado State University, Room 105, Industrial Science Building, Fort Collins, Colorado. A quorum for conducting the business of a regular or special meeting of the membership shall not be less than 25% of the active membership.
- C. An officers business meeting will be held prior to the regular meeting at a location selected by agreement of the Officers. A quorum for conducting business must be 75% of the Chapter Officers.
- D. Notice of up-coming meetings and other activities will be published in the monthly newsletter.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- A. Number and Election. The Officers of this chapter shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the Chapter's paid-up members. At the same time a slate of officers-elect will be elected that will take office the following year or are able to fill unexpected vacancies. Such Officers and Assistant Officers deemed necessary may be elected by Chapter members or appointed by the elected Officers. Committee Chairpersons and Directors for Programs, Media, Symposium and Library and others as needed by the Chapter shall be selected by the Officers.
- B. Term of office. Each Officer shall hold office for 1 year, but no more than two full consecutive terms in one position. Committee chairpersons may serve as long as needed or until terminated by the elected Officers.
- C. Removal. Any Officer elected or appointed may be removed when it is deemed that the best interests of the Chapter would be served by such removal. This would be accomplished by a majority vote of the Chapter's members who are present at the time of the vote, as long as at least 50% of the paid-up members are present.
- D. Vacancies. A vacancy in any Office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled by the Officer-elect or otherwise be filled by a majority vote of the paid-up members, or of the Officers for the un-expired portion of the term.
- E. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Chapter. His/Her duties include:
1. Supervise and control all the business and affairs of the chapter;
 2. Conduct Chapter meetings;
 3. Conduct business meetings with the Chapter Officers and as needed the Committee Chairpersons. Annually, normally in December, appoint a finance committee to review the financial records of the past

year

- F. Vice President. The 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 the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to, all restrictions placed upon the President.
- G. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Chapter's meeting in one or more books provided for that purpose, maintain a membership book containing necessary information and status of each member, see that notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required, serve as editor of the Monthly Newsletter and ensure it is distributed in a timely manner to provide notice of meetings and other upcoming events, at least annually publish a membership list be responsible for sending a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the: AAW, 3499 Lexington Ave. N, Suite 103, Shoreview, MN 55126 or by e-mail to aaw@citilink.com. In general, the Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and other such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President.
- H. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect all membership fees, demonstration 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, ensure that all Chapter members are current paid-up members of the organization, provide a monthly financial statement to the President and Secretary at the monthly officers meeting, also in December, provide a summary of the past year for planning and review. In general the Treasurer shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and other such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President.
- I. Programs Chairperson. The Programs Chairperson will be responsible for arranging a suitable program or demonstration for the monthly meeting. A mix of unpaid local talent and paid demonstrators should be used. He/She must provide the details of the up-coming program to the Secretary in a timely manner so they can be included in the Monthly Newsletter.
- J. Media Chairperson. The Media Chairperson shall develop and maintain the Chapter's web page on the internet.
- K. Library Chairperson. The Library Chairperson (Librarian) will be responsible for making the Chapter library available at the monthly meeting, use checkout procedures to maintain control of Chapter books and videos, purchase new books and videos when monies are provided by the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII - INDEBTEDNESS

- A. AAW's national office must be notified in writing prior to a Local Chapter incurring any indebtedness for AAW. Any proposal to assume debt that cannot be paid off with funds already in the treasury must be passed by a vote of the membership.

ARTICLE IX - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Types of membership shall consist of active, student, life and honorary memberships.
1. Active membership requires that the member be in good standing (dues paid to date) and is eligible to vote for Chapter Officers and Committee Chairpersons and other Chapter business.
 2. Student membership shall be restricted to high school and pre-high school students. Student members shall have the same requirements and privileges as active members.
 3. Honorary membership may be conferred upon an individual who has been chosen by the Chapter officers and voted by the membership. Such a member is entitled to the same privileges as an active member.
- B. Qualifications. Anyone with a interest in: woodturning as a craft or art, collecting woodturnings, general woodworking or tool making, and pays the annual fees can be a member. A membership information sheet must be completed along with payment of annual dues.
- C. Fees and Dues
1. Annual dues (Article V) for the next year shall be payable to the treasurer after December 1st.
 2. Fees for special (paid) demonstrators will be collected at the door. Non-members attending the demonstration

shall also pay a \$2.00 surcharge. The basic fee is determined by dividing the cost of the demonstration by a number that has been determined as the average attendance at regular meetings. Fees may be waived by a vote of the Officers and if the treasury has adequate funds.

3. Fees for the purchase of special items as shirts, wood and other materials shall be paid when placing the order.

A. Resignation and Renewal of Membership.

1. A member who resigns in good standing may reapply for membership at any time.
2. No addition fee is required.

B. Dropped from Membership for Nonpayment of Dues.

1. A member who has not paid the current dues by the March meeting will be dropped from membership
2. A member who does not pay any other fees as outlined in the by-laws, for items ordered through the Chapter or fees accessed members by a vote of the membership shall be dropped from membership.
3. A member who has been dropped may reinstate by payment of all dues or fees in arrears.

ARTICLE X - DISCIPLINE

- A. Charges of improper conduct at Chapter meetings or at an AAW/Chapter sponsored event, professional dishonesty, working against the principles, and purposes of the Chapter, and the AAW, and or injuring the professional standing of a member, may be filed in a written statement signed by 5 members in good standing and sent to one of the elected officers.
- B. The accused shall be notified in writing and have the privilege of being present at a special or regular meeting of the Officers when the charges will be considered.
- C. The member may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the membership or a three-fourths vote of all the elected Officers.

ARTICLE X1 - AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS DISCLAIMERS: FISCAL AND LEGAL

- A. The corporation, the American Association of Woodturners, Inc., specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations, and 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 Chapter.
- B. The Corporate Organization does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or unsponsored by a Local Chapter.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

- A. These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed by new By-Laws that 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 the AAW. Standing rules may be attached to these By-Laws to address variables and other local procedures.