

ACCEPTANCE OF THESE BY-LAWS:

These By-Laws have been drawn up, agreed upon, and adopted by Local
Chapter: WOODTURNERS OF NORTH TEXAS

in (city, state): Arlington, Texas

on (date): April 21, 1988

Signed: President:

Greg Stehle

Date: 2/23/23

Vice President:

David Cant

Date: 2/23/23

Secretary:

Robert P. Kregina

Date: 3/30/23

Treasurer:

James W. Haymen

Date: 2/23/23

Revised by-laws approved by the membership on August 18, 2022.

The Chapter Organizer is: Greg Stehle

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Cities of Locations from which we expect to draw members: Arlington, Fort Worth, Dallas, Grand Prairie, Mansfield, Kennedale, Hurst, Bedford, Euless, Irving, North Richland Hills, Keller, Aledo, Weatherford and, in general, North Central Texas.

ARTICLE II - OFFICES

The principal office of this chapter will be located at: 360 Chandler Drive, Aledo, TX 76008.

ARTICLE III - RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of this WOODTURNERS OF NORTH TEXAS Chapter agree to be members in good standing of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc.

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 probably 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.

The national office strongly recommends placing some sort of sign or notice on or around any lathe used for demonstrations; that safety eye protection must be worn and a full face shield when needed. Use a dust mask and wear hearing protection.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSES

The Chapter's purposes, in addition to supporting the general purposes of the parent organization, are: 1. To promote and perpetuate the art and craft of woodturning; 2. To provide a meeting place for local woodturners; 3. To share ideas and techniques regarding this craft; 4. To trade woods; 5. To exchange ideas about tools; and 6. Conduct educational seminars.

ARTICLE V -MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees for this chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be set for general members. Annual dues are due not later than January 1 of each year. Dues will be prorated for NEW members only. Dues are to be changed only by the voting of the general membership. An affiliate member is a non-dues paying person. These include spouses of general members, minor children of general members, minors currently enrolled in school or others whom the Board of Directors may vote to designate as an affiliate. Affiliate members DO NOT have voting privileges.

General members are those whose dues are paid at the time of participation in any voting or other club activities.

All general members are strongly urged to become members in the AAW.

On occasion, the Board may elect to bestow a lifetime membership on a general member for long term dedicated service. This member will not be required to pay annual membership fees. A nomination of lifetime membership requires approval by a simple majority of the voting membership attending the regular chapter meeting.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

This Chapter will meet monthly with the time, place and date set by a vote of the membership at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

A. Number and Election. The Officers of this Chapter shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, an Activities Director, an Audio-Visual Coordinator, a Logistics Coordinator, a Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and At Large member(s). The officers and At Large board member(s) shall be nominated at the September meeting and voted on at the October meeting. This would be accomplished by a majority vote of the Chapter's members who are present at the time of the vote. They shall assume office on January 1 of the next year.

B. Term of Office. Each Officer, and At Large board member, shall hold office for a term of one year.

C. Removal. Any elected Officer, or At Large board member, 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 at a regularly scheduled Chapter meeting.

D. Vacancies. A vacancy in any Office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by a simple majority vote of the members present.

E. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Chapter. The President's duties include: 1. Supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Chapter; 2. Conduct Chapter meetings; 3. Represent the Chapter at shows and outside meetings; 4. Organize programs and seminars. 5. Write a monthly message for the chapter newsletter.

F. Vice President. Assist the President in coordinating special events and assume the duties of the President if the President is absent or otherwise cannot serve. The Vice President shall perform all duties as may be assigned by the President.

G. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Board meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose. In general the Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and all duties as may be assigned by the President.

H. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect all membership fees and all other monies belonging to the Chapter. The Treasurer will be responsible for keeping current and accurate records of all monies that flow through the Chapter and also for ensuring that the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are current paid-up members of the National Organization. The Treasurer shall prepare a monthly report for the Board and present a quarterly report to the chapter membership. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer and all duties as may be assigned by the President.

I. Activities Director: The Activities Director shall be responsible for ensuring the Chapter has a place to meet and the necessary equipment is ready; coordinating Chapter programs and ensuring there is a woodturning demonstration or other education experience related to woodturning at each monthly Chapter meeting. In general, the Activities Director shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of the Activities Director and all duties as may be assigned by the President.

J. Librarian. The Librarian shall maintain control and inventory of all books, magazines, video tapes, and other audio-visual materials. The Librarian shall recommend purchases of new materials. The Librarian shall check out materials to members at each regular monthly meeting. In general, the Librarian shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of the Librarian and all duties as may be assigned by the President.

K. Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor shall produce a monthly Club Newsletter utilizing information provided by club board members and, where applicable, articles of interest obtained from other sources. The Newsletter Editor shall make the newsletter ready for distribution to club members several days prior to the scheduled monthly club meeting. In addition the editor shall perform all as the President shall assign.

L. Audio-Visual Coordinator. The Audio-Visual Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating the setup, operation and maintenance of the Chapter's audio-visual equipment. In addition the coordinator shall perform all duties as the President shall assign.

M. Logistics Coordinator. The Logistics Coordinator shall be responsible for maintenance, storage and distribution of the Chapter's physical assets. In addition, the coordinator shall perform all duties as the President shall assign.

N. WEBMASTER. The Webmaster shall manage and update web pages associated with WNTX.ORG <<http://wntx.org/>> including:

- dates, times, meeting locations - essentially news highlights

- current Newsletter link
- current library content
- maintain a current backup of the site
- manage email forwarding groups
- add new groups as directed by the board
- add/change individual email addresses as needed
- monitor licensing for the domains, Joomla tools, and email
- maintain and update functionality of the website as agreed upon by the Board of Directors

O. Immediate Past-President: The immediate past-president is not an elected position and shall a) provide continuity from prior Board of Directors with counsel for undocumented procedures and work to document this procedure, b) assist the president, and, c) chair the nominating committee reference bylaws article XI.

P. At Large Members. At large members shall be elected by a simple majority of the voting membership attending the regular chapter meeting. In addition, the At Large Member shall perform all as the President shall assign.

Q. Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of all elected officers, the immediate past president, and up to two at-large members. A quorum of the Board shall consist of 60% of the elected Board members.

R. Financial responsibilities of Board. Expenditures not in the annual approved budget may be authorized by the Board as long as one-time single expenditure in any month does not exceed \$350 or the aggregate total for any one item does not exceed \$350 for 12 months. Any excess of the above amount must be approved by a simple majority of the voting membership attending the regular meeting. The Board shall assume no responsibility for any indebtedness unless approved in writing prior to the incurrence of the debt.

S. Budget Preparation. The Board taking office on January 1 shall present the proposed budget for the year not later than the February meeting for vote of the voting membership.

T. Business Meetings. A Business Meeting shall be scheduled once a quarter during the regular Chapter meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - INDEBTEDNESS

AAW's National Office MUST be notified in writing PRIOR to a Local Chapter incurring any indebtedness for AAW.

ARTICLE IX - AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS' DISCLAIMERS; FISCAL AND LEGAL

The corporation, The American Association of Woodturners, Inc., specifically dissociates itself from any debts, obligations, or encumbrances of the Local Chapter. The Corporate Board of Directors of AAW are 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 during events of any kind sponsored or unsponsored by a Local Chapter.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a vote of a two-thirds 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.

ARTICLE XI - VOTING

A. Unless otherwise stated herein, all voting shall be by a simple majority of qualified voting members present at a scheduled meeting

B. Election process

1. Nomination. The nominating committee, chaired by the past-president with two additional ad-hoc members who are selected by the president with board approval, shall submit a slate of candidates for officers and present to the membership at the September general meeting.

2. Nomination from the Floor. Nominations for all positions will be accepted from the floor prior to the election at the October meeting.

3. Election. The election shall take place by secret ballot at the October meeting and winners determined by a simple majority.

4. Voice Vote. If only one candidate is nominated for an office, that candidate may be elected by a voice vote.

5. Assumption of Office. The new Board of Directors shall assume office on January 1 of the next year.

ARTICLE XII - CHAPTER DISCLAIMERS FISCAL AND LEGAL

Neither the chapter, the board, board members, nor general members accept any legal liability for any accidents, damages, or injury that occur to persons or property (specifically including but not limited to wood craft projects). One of the primary purposes of this chapter is to conduct demonstrations of wood turning projects and skills. Accidents will happen. Persons and property are subject to damage and injuries during the course of woodturning demonstrations.

ARTICLE XIII - CHAPTER DISSOLUTION

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Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.