

# **WEST GEORGIA WOODTURNERS LLC,**

A chapter of:

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS, INC.**

## **BY-LAWS**

This document is intended to serve as a guideline for the formation and organization of local chapters of the American Association of Woodturners, hereinafter known as AAW..

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **ORGANIZERS**

The chapter organizers/founders and charter members of the West Georgia Woodturners LLC are: Stacy Williams, Bob Jenkins.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **OFFICES**

The principle office and mailing address or meeting place of this chapter will be the address of the current president.

The meeting location shall be determined by the board of directors.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION**

All Officers and Directors of the West Georgia Woodturners LLC 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 AAW strongly recommends placing some sort of sign or notice on or around any lathe used for demonstration; that safety eye protection must be worn and a full face shield when needed when a lathe is in use. Use a dust mask and wear hearing protection. The lathe is a potentially dangerous instrument only to be used with chapter approved supervision.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **PURPOSES**

The chapter's purposes, in addition to supporting the general purposes of the parent organization, are:

1. To provide a meeting place for local wood turners
2. To share ideas and techniques regarding this craft
3. To trade woods and tools
4. To exchange ideas about methods and tools
5. To promote and educate to those individuals newly exposed to the woodturning craft

## **ARTICLE V**

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Annual membership fees for this chapter shall be set by the board of directors.

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, honorary memberships of up to one (1) year may be granted to individuals when such memberships are deemed to be in the best interest of the chapter in the pursuit of its stated goals.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **MEETINGS**

#### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

This Chapter will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. The meetings will be held at a location determined by the board of directors. A notice of each meeting will be sent to each member seven (7) days before the scheduled meeting clearly stating the time and location.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual meeting shall be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of December and may be combined with the monthly meeting at the board's discretion. A notice of the annual meeting will be sent to each member seven (7) business days prior to the scheduled meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **OFFICERS**

#### **Number**

The Board of directors shall be comprised of no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) members. Director positions may be combined at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

#### **Election**

Starting with the Board Election at the annual meeting in 2022, the members shall elect five (5) members to serve as chapter Board members. Two (2) members shall serve for a two (2) year term and three (3) members shall serve for a one (1) year term. The two members receiving the most votes shall serve for two (2) years. The Board election at the annual meetings in 2023 and subsequent years shall have three (3) board positions open for election. Two members elected shall serve for a two (2) year term and one (1) member shall serve for a one (1) year term. The two members receiving the most votes shall serve two (2) years. If the vote count cannot determine which elected board member shall serve which term the board, at its next regular board meeting shall determine which elected members shall serve which term.

The Officers of this chapter shall be as follows:

1. President,
2. Vice President,
3. Secretary,
4. Treasurer,
5. Past President

These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by a simple majority vote of the chapter's members in good standing present at the annual meeting. Officers and board positions shall be determined by the elected Officers. Officer's positions may be combined at the discretion of the board.

### **OFFICERS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **President**

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the chapter. Their duties include:

1. Supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the chapter
2. Conduct chapter meetings
3. Conduct board meetings

#### **Vice President**

In the absence of the President or in the event of their 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 them by the President.

### **Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the chapter's meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose and see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws. 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 them by the President.

### **Treasurer**

The treasurer shall collect all membership fees and all other monies belonging to the chapter. They 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 current members of the national organization. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties, as from time to time, may be assigned to them by the President.

### **Past President**

The past president shall hold an honorary position on the board of directors until current president becomes past president.

### **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, so long as at least 50% of the members in good standing are present.

### **Vacancies**

A vacancy in any Office, for any reason, may be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may assess each member equally any additional fees to cover unexpected cost or fees for services deemed necessary for the betterment of the chapter in meeting its goals.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **INDEBTEDNESS**

AAW's national office MUST be notified in writing PRIOR to a local chapter incurring any indebtedness on behalf of the AAW.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **DISCLAIMERS: FISCAL AND LEGAL**

The corporation, American Association of Woodturners, Inc., 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, or shares in the profits of the local chapters. The AAW does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by a local chapter.

The West Georgia Woodturners LLC specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the American Association of Woodturners. The Board of Directors of the West Georgia Woodturners LLC is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the American Association of Woodturners. The West Georgia Woodturners LLC does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by the National Organization.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a vote of a simple majority of the members in good standing of the chapter and present at the time ballots are cast. Copies of all modifications to the By-Laws MUST be filed with the national office of AAW.in St. Paul, MN.