

Southwest Idaho Woodturners Association Bylaws

ACCEPTANCE OF THESE BY-LAWS:

These Amendments to the By-Laws have been drawn up, agreed upon, and adopted by the Southwest Idaho Woodturners Association, Local Chapter Boise, Idaho on February 13, 2018.

By-Laws

Southwest Idaho Woodturners Association
A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc.
A Nonprofit Corporation

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION

Southwest Idaho Woodturners Association (here after named SWIWTA) is organized as a forum for individuals interested in woodturning and was formed on March 14, 1995. The primary purposes of SWIWTA are consistent with the fundamental purposes of the American Association of Woodturners (hereinafter referred to as the AAW), "to provide Information, Education and Organization to those interested in turning wood." The membership is drawn from the greater Boise, Idaho area.

The Chapter organizer or contact is: President of the Chapter
The home address, phone number and email address for the club will be that of the active president.

ARTICLE II -OFFICES

The principle meeting place of this Chapter is located at: Woodcraft, 7005 West Overland Road, Boise ID 83709

ARTICLE III -RELATION OF THE CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

All officers and directors of SWIWTA agree to be members in good standing of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc. (AAW)

While it is understood that AAW will provide advice and counsel as requested, our local chapter is responsible for the nature and extent of our activities and acts at its own discretion. Demonstrations and normal activities of the local chapter are to be conducted solely at the discretion of this chapter, and all safety and instruction is to be under the chapter's explicit direction and control.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSES

The Chapters purposes, in addition to supporting the general purposes of the parent organization, are to:

- I. Promote woodturning as an art form and craft.
2. Share ideas about woodturning including lathes, tools, turning materials, techniques, and design of turned objects.
3. Provide a meeting location for woodtumers.
4. Inform members about activities of interest regarding woodturning.
5. Exchange wood and other woodturning materials.
6. Educate and promote safety of the craft.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be a monetary sum proposed by the Board and approved by the membership. Dues must be paid to be considered a member in good standing.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

A. This Chapter will meet at a time and date as designated by the board. A notice will be sent electronically to each member 7 days before a meeting date is rescheduled to a different date.

B. Parliamentary Authority - The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Chapter may adopt.

C. Quorum – For the purpose of voting a quorum shall consist of all members present at a regular or special meeting of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

A. Number and Election. The officers of this Chapter shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of these four officers except in the case when a Secretary –Treasurer is elected in which case the number shall be three. Any assistant officers, positions or support committees as deemed necessary shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the board.

A call for nominations for each of the Office positions shall be made at the October meeting each year. Nominations shall remain open until the vote for officers at the November meeting. Nominations may be made by any member in good standing by submitting such name to any of the Officers of the Club during such time that nominations are open.

The membership shall vote for each of the officers from the list of persons nominated for each of these positions at the November meeting.

B. Term of Office An individual may be elected President for a one year term and may be re-elected to serve a total of three consecutive terms. After a one year break the individual may be re-elected to serve as President and may be re-elected again for up to three consecutive terms.

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 Chapters members who are present at the time of the vote. A 30-day notification shall be made to all paid-up members prior to this action.

D. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or other cause may be filled by a majority vote of the members 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 business and affairs of the Chapter.
2. Conduct Chapter and Board meetings.
3. Approve disbursement of all funds.

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.

6. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings as well as the business portion of the General Membership meeting. Minutes shall be distributed to other board members and others as directed by the President. Monitor 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 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 current paid-up members of the national organization. The Treasurer shall produce and distribute a yearly list of members. List shall be arranged alphabetically. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned or directed to him/her by the President. A yearly budget for planned disbursement of funds for each fiscal year (January through December) will be prepared and approved by the president for presentation to the membership at the February meeting.

I. Secretary –Treasurer. The Chapter may choose to elect a person to fulfill the duties of both the

Secretary and the Treasurer.

Board of Directors Meetings:

The board of directors shall meet a minimum of four times per year and three board members shall be present to make a quorum.

Disbursement of Funds:

The Treasurer and Board of Directors are limited to disbursement of any Chapter funds exceeding 20% of chapter's total cash on hand without 51% approval of membership present at a regular monthly meeting or a special called membership meeting

**ARTICLE VIII
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNER'S DISCLAIMERS
FISCAL AND LEGAL**

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

ARTICLE IX -INSURANCE

As a chapter of AAW, SWIWTA will utilize insurance available through and required by AAW. Meetings and demonstrations will be conducted in a manner consistent with insurance requirements.

ARTICLE X— 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 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.