

BY-LAWS
FOR THE PIEDMONT TRIAD WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION
A LOCAL CHAPTER
OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS, INC.
A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
(Revised September 8, 2009)

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION

The Chapter organizer is Otto Gotzsche*

*When the Chapter was formed in 1999 his address was 1506 Fox Hollow Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410. He has since moved from the state.

Location from which members will be drawn: The Piedmont Triad Region centered upon Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point, North Carolina

ARTICLE II - OFFICES

There is no permanent location of the principal office of this Chapter. The principle office of this Chapter will be located at the home of the current president. The Chapter will notify the AAW when the location of the office changes.

ARTICLE III - RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

All officers of this Piedmont Triad Woodturners Association 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, this Local Chapter has been advised that the nature and extent of its activities are left to its 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 demonstration: that safety eye protection must be worn and a full face shield when needed. 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 woodturners. **2.** To share ideas and techniques regarding this craft. **3.** To trade woods, **4.** To exchange ideas about tools and other equipment, and **5.** To promote the craft of woodturning to the general public.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees(dues)for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be determined by the Board and voted on by the membership of the Club with a simple majority approving. When it is determined that membership fees (dues) need to be adjusted, the Board will recommend such revision to the membership. Any increase/decrease in membership fees must be approved by a majority of the club membership. Local club membership fees will be prorated semi-annually for new members.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

This Chapter will meet every month on a date and time designated by the Board and approved by the general membership.

A notice of each meeting will be sent to each member by posting the time and place of the meeting on the Club's website.

In order to protect the best interest of the club, it shall be the policy of the club that all demonstrators be members or AAW and consequently be covered by the AAW Liability Insurance.

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. General Powers. The business and affairs of the Chapter shall be managed by its Board of Directors (hereinafter called the Board). The Board's members may adopt such rules, policies, and regulations for the conduct of (their meetings and the management of the Chapter as they may deem proper, not inconsistent with these By-Laws and the local civil laws.

B. Number. There shall be a minimum of six Directors on the Board consisting of the elected officers and two at-large members elected from the membership of the Chapter as deemed appropriate to serve the best interest of the club.

C. Tenure. Each member shall serve for one year and may be re-elected.

D. Unexpected Board Vacancies. Vacancies occurring in the Board for any reason may be filled by a vote of a majority of the Board members then in office. A Board member appointed or elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the predecessor.

E. Removal of Board Members. Any Board member 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 paid-up members are present.

F. Manner of Acting. The act of the majority of the Board shall be the act of the Board.

C. Compensation. No compensation shall be paid to members of the Board.

H. Proposals from the General Membership. Any general member of the Chapter may offer a proposal for consideration by the Board. Proposals shall be submitted in writing to the President. The President shall either refer the proposal to the appropriate committee for consideration and recommendation, or place it on the agenda of the next scheduled meeting of the board.

I. Board Meetings. The Board shall meet at least once per year to receive annual reports from the Officers, on-going committees, and to approve the Budget for the next year. Additional meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board members.

ARTICLE VIII • OFFICERS

A. Number and Election The Officers of this Chapter shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the Chapter's paid-up members. Such additional Officers and Assistant Officers as deemed necessary may be elected by the Chapter members or appointed by the elected Officers.

B. Term of Office. Each Officer shall hold office for one year and may be re-elected.

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, so 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 a majority vote of the members or of the Officers for the unexpired 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 of the business and affairs of the Chapter in accordance with the rules, policies, regulations, and recommendations of the Board. **2.** Conduct Chapter meetings, and **3.** Serve as Chairman of the Board.

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. The Vice President shall serve on the Board.

G. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Chapter's meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required, be responsible for sending a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the administrative office AAW, 3200 Lexington Ave., Shoreview, MN 55126 (Note the administrative office may use excerpts or summaries of the meeting minutes in the Journal to let everyone know what's going on nationally). 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. The Secretary shall serve on the Board.

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. 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 him/her by the President. The Treasurer shall serve on the Board.

ARTICLE IX - INDEBTEDNESS

AAW's national office must be notified in writing prior to this Local Chapter incurring any indebtedness for AAW.

ARTICLE X . AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS' DISCLAIMERS FISCAL AND LEGAL

The corporation, the American Association of Woodturners, Inc., is specifically disassociated from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of this Local Chapter. The Corporate Board of Directors of AAW is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of this Local Chapter.

The Corporate Organization does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or unsponsored by this Local Chapter

ARTICLE XT - 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 shall be filed with the national office of the AAW.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER

A. The Chapter may be dissolved by a vote of a simple majority of the qualified voting members of the Chapter then casting ballots.

B. In the event the Chapter is dissolved, all property and assets will be offered for donation to the John C Campbell Folk School of Brasstown, NC. The administrators of the John C. Campbell Folk School may use or dispose of such property and assets as they see fit.