



# THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

*By-laws*

FROM:

DAVE HOUT, LOCAL CHAPTER COMMITTEE  
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It is with great pleasure that the Board of Directors of the American Association of Woodturners greets you as the newest chapter in their organization. We have read and considered your chapter by-laws and feel that your aims and purposes are in agreement with the national aims.

We know that much of the benefit to members in the AAW comes as a result of their activity in the local chapters. We encourage you to bring as many members into the activities as officers and committee persons as you can. Their participation in the planning and carrying out of the chapter events will make stronger members and better activities.

The participation of your members in the work of the national is also important. We need writers for the JOURNAL, committee members for national activities such as the scholarship committee, publicity committee, publications committee and others. Don't hesitate to recommend members of your chapter who have shown interest and ability to the national office to help with our work.

Please extend our congratulations and best wishes to all members of your chapter. Our wish is for your success and growth. Please contact me if you feel there is something I can help you with.

Sincerely,

*Dave Hout*

Dave Hout, Chairman  
Local Chapter Committee

on (date) January 24, 1993

Signed: President: Kenneth M. Schaefer

Date: February 7, 1993

Vice President: Paul W. Shinner

Date: February 9, 1993

Secretary: Virginia H. Boone

Date: February 12, 1993

Treasurer: Virginia H. Boone

Date: February 12, 1993

IMPORTANT: PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THE "MODIFIED" FINAL VERSION OF THESE BY-LAWS AND SEND THEM TO AAW, FOR PROCESSING AND APPROVAL. UPON APPROVAL WE WILL RETURN THIS ORIGINAL SIGNED AND DATED.

STANDARD BYLAWS  
FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS  
OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS, INC.  
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION

The Chapter organizer is: Kenneth M. Schaefer

430 Bryan Avenue Kirkwood, MO 63122

His/her address is:

aytime telephone: ( 314 ) 966 2268 FAX 966 3730

Home telephone: ( ) Same

Cities or locations from which you expect to draw members. 50 mile radius from St. Louis including Illinois cities such as Carbondale, Belleville, East St. Louis and Missouri cities such as Columbia, Springfield, Union, Holts Summit, Oakville and all St. L. metropolitan cities.

ARTICLE II - OFFICES

The principal office of this Chapter will be located at: the President's house. For 1993, this is Kenneth M. Schaefer, 430 Bryan Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122

ARTICLE III - RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

All members of this WOODTURNERS of St. Louis 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 demonstration that safety eye protection must be worn and that 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 5. to share educational resources.



#### ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be ~~\$ 5 per calendar year.~~

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#### ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

This Chapter will meet every (month, ~~month~~, etc.) at (time) 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The meetings will be held at Woodcraft Supply, 12511 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141  
(location)

A notice of each meeting will be sent to each member 15-20 7 days before it is scheduled.

#### ARTICLE VII - 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 (~~monthly~~ annually) by a majority vote of the Chapter's paid-up members. Such other Officers and Assistant Officers as may be 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 president for 2 yr.

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 duties include: 1. supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Chapter; 2. conduct Chapter meetings;

3. Conduct Board meetings

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F. **Vice President.** In the absence of the President or in the event of his 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 by the President.

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 Bylaws or as required, be responsible for sending a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the administrative office of AAW (P.O. Box 982, San Marcos, TX 78666). (Note: the administrative office will use excerpts or summaries of 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 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 members are current paid-up members of the National Organization. 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 to him by the President.

#### ARTICLE VII - 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 incumbrances 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 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 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.

*Feb. 23, 2001 Sent to Mary Tacer copy of all bylaws and modifications*

*newsletter*

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