

**BY-LAWS FOR THE COULEE REGION WOODTURNERS,
LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF WOODTURNERS, INC., A NONPROFIT
CORPORATION
NOV. 17, 2011**

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:

The Chapter President is:

Cities or locations from which you expect to draw members: Southwestern Wisconsin, Southeastern Minnesota, Northeastern Iowa.

ARTICLE II – OFFICES

The principle office of this Chapter will be located at: xxxxx xxxxxx, Onalaska, Wi. 54650

ARTICLE III – RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

All officers of this 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 a full face shield when needed. Use of a dust mask and wearing hearing protection is recommended. 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

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be **\$35.00** per person. Members older than 80 years old and Students pay a reduced fee of **\$25.00** per year. Family members of a fully paid member may join for an additional **\$15** per year. The membership fee covers a minimum of 10 meetings per year. When scheduling permits, professional demonstrations will be provided for 2 meetings per year at an additional cost. When funds are available and scheduling permits, the club will sponsor a professional demonstration at no extra cost to the members.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

This Chapter will meet the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise notified in writing. The meetings will be held at the Onalaska Community Center, 515 Quincy Street, Onalaska, WI 54650, unless otherwise notified.

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

Special Events:

A special Event is an event over and above a standard meeting event controlled by the Program Chairman. A special event must be approved by the Officers before the event is started. The special event will be considered a club project and is subject to all insurance privileges the club has. The event coordinator (Leader) must keep the officers apprised of all facets of the event with requested documentation and review.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

- A. Number and Election. The Officers of this Chapter shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer **and Program Director**. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the Chapter's paid up members. Such **Chairman and Assistant Chairman** 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 1 year. Election of Officers will occur during the **October meeting of each year and will not take office until January 1, of the following year.**
- 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 members in good standing 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 Officer Position because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled by a majority vote of the

- members in good standing at the chapter meeting for the unexpired portion of the term.
- E. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Chapter. His/Her duties include:
 - a. Supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Chapter with **the consent of the majority of the officers.**
 - b. Conduct at least 6 Chapter meetings per term.
 - 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 of 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.
 - G. 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 him/her by the President. **(See Duty Attachment)**
 - 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 the 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. **(See Duty Attachment)**
 - I. **Program Director. The program Director will establish a calendar of events for the year that provides demonstrations that will advance the clubs knowledge and skills. Find and contact guest demonstrators as the officers and or members direct. (See Duty Attachment)**

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 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 or 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 not sponsored by a Local Chapter.

The Coulee Region Woodturners specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the American Association of Woodturners. The Board of Directors of the Coulee Region Woodturners is not responsible for the debts or shares in

the profits of the American Association of Woodturners. The Coulee Region Woodturners does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by the National Organization.

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 this By-Law **MUST** be filed with the national office of AAW.

ARTICLE XI:

I. CAPITAL PURCHASES:

The Officers may at their discretion make purchases on behalf of CRW provided said purchases do not exceed \$500 for any one item **IF THE BUDGET ALLOWS**. Any purchase under consideration whose amount exceeds \$500 must be put before the membership for a vote. The vote must be made by a majority of current members in good standing.

ADDENDUM TO BY-LAWS

Disposition of Coulee Region Woodturners' assets

Definitions:

CRW – Coulee Region Woodturners

Assets – any and all property owned by CRW including but not limited to video equipment, lathes, turning tools and accessories, website, library materials, balance in club checking account, etc.

Process:

In the event of the dissolution, division or cessation of the operation of CRW, assets shall be disposed of as follows:

- 1) Schools in the La Crosse area (including Onalaska, Holmen and surrounding towns) shall be given the opportunity to receive lathes, turning tools and accessories, library materials and video equipment free of charge

- 2) In the event area schools are unable or unwilling to accept said materials, surrounding woodturning clubs (located in WI, MN and IA) shall be given the opportunity to acquire same in exchange for reasonable donations. What constitutes “reasonable donations” will be established by the officers of CRW at the time of the dissolution, division or cessation of CRW
- 3) In the event that area woodturning clubs are unable or unwilling to purchase said materials, remaining items shall be raffled to paid members of CRW
- 4) Any balance in the CRW checking account and any cash received from the sale of the above materials shall be donated to the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) to be split evenly between the EOG fund and the Disaster Fund
- 5) In the event the AAW is unable or unwilling to accept these funds, they shall be donated in their entirety to the local chapter of a national charity. Said charity to be decided by the officers at the time of dissolution, division or cessation of CRW
- 6) DVDs of archived materials located on the club website shall be made available to paid members of CRW at the time of dissolution, division or cessation of CRW

2012 Officers and Chairman/Support Staff:

Officers:

President:

Vice-President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Program Chairman:

Chairman and Support Staff:

Tool Chairman:

Librarian:

Assistant Librarian:

Photographer:

Newsletter Editor:

Web Site Chairman:

Refreshments:

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