

**BY-LAWS  
OF  
GRANITE STATE WOODTURNERS**

**ARTICLE ONE  
OFFICES AND PURPOSES**

**Section 1. Offices**

The principal office of the Granite State Woodturners (GSWT) shall be located at the address of its then President.

**Section 2. Organization**

The GSWT is organized exclusively for educational purposes and its mission is to educate woodturners, its members and the public, in and about the art and craft of woodturning. This purpose will be accomplished by encouraging, providing and facilitating the establishment of training programs for woodturners; by disseminating information about technique, safety, sources of material and equipment; by exposing the art of woodturning to the public; and by serving as a center of information about woodturning for members, schools, galleries, and other interested groups and the general public.

The GSWT is a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) and a subgroup of the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers ( The Guild).

**ARTICLE TWO  
MEMBERSHIP, DUES AND VOTING RIGHTS**

**Section 1. Membership and Voting Rights:** A member is any person, business, or corporation who is interested in woodturning, and pays dues annually at the rate established for membership of The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers, OR to the American Association of Woodturners. A member shall have the right to one (1) vote on any issue that may come before the membership pursuant to these Bylaws.

**Section 2. Dues and Fees:** A member must pay the annual dues as determined by the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers OR to the American Association of Woodturners.

**Section 3. Default and Termination of Membership:** When any member shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of two months from the date on which such dues become due and payable, his or her voting rights will thereupon be suspended until such dues are paid.

## **ARTICLE THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

**Section 1. General Powers:** The affairs of the GSWT shall be managed by its Board of Directors, consisting of GSWT officers and appointed members.

**Section 2. Election, Appointment, Tenure and Removal:** The Officers of the GSWT shall be not fewer than four (4) individuals elected by the voting members. The Officers shall be elected by an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership present at the annual membership meeting in September and shall take office following the vote. Additional directors will be appointed by the elected Officers to make the Board of Directors consist of not less than seven (7) members. All officers (4) shall be members of both the GNHW and the AAW. The remaining directors shall be members of GSWT.

The term of office for a director shall be one year or until the election or appointment of his successor. Directors may be removed from office, with or without cause, by an affirmative vote of the majority of the membership present at a special membership meeting called for that purpose, whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the GSWT would be served thereby. Any member appointed to any position by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the GSWT would be served thereby.

**Section 3. Meetings:** The Board of Directors shall meet at least once annually at such time, place and location as the chairman of the Board of Directors may designate.

**Section 4. Quorum:** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

**Section 5. Vacancies.** Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

**Section 6. Compensation:** The members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services, but the GSWT may, by resolution, authorize the reimbursement of directors for actual sums expended on behalf of the organization; such sums to be paid by the Guild providing it is pre-authorized or a customarily authorized expenditure of its sub-groups.

### **Section 7. Officers**

**President** - The President shall be the principal executive officer of the GSWT and shall serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President shall supervise and control the day to day business and affairs of the GSWT and shall conduct the membership meetings.

**Vice President** - The Vice President shall conduct membership meetings in the absence of the President and in the event of the President's death, inability, resignation or removal shall accede to the office of President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

**Secretary** – The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, officers and membership. The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

**Finance Director** – The Finance Director shall collect all fees and other moneys associated with the operations of the GSWT. The Finance Director shall keep current and accurate books of account and records of all moneys that flow through the GSWT. All funds, except for petty cash, will be transferred to the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers (the Guild), where it will be held in the GSWT account. Board authorized expenditures on behalf of the GSWT will be made by the Guild from that account. The Finance Director shall make a verbal report of the status of this account at each membership meeting. The Finance Director shall perform all duties incident to the office of Finance Director and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR CONTRACTS, GIFTS AND GRANTS**

**Section 1. Contracts:** All GSWT contracts will be in the name of and executed by The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers.

**Section 2. Gifts and Grants:** The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the GSWT any contribution, grant, gift, bequest, or device for any purpose of the GSWT.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Annual Membership Meeting:** The annual membership meeting shall be in September on such date as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The election of officers shall occur at the annual membership meeting .

**Section 2. Voting.** Members in good standing are entitled to vote as provided in these Bylaws. Election shall be by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

**Section 3. Membership Meetings:** The Board of Directors shall endeavor to conduct meetings for the membership at such time and location as they may determine to assist the GSWT in its purpose of educating woodturners, members and the public, in and

about the art and craft of woodturning. Meetings shall be open to members and non-members alike.

## **ARTICLE SIX AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, and subject to the approval of the Steering Committee of the Guild, may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any membership meeting if at least fourteen (14) days notice is given by email or other method of the intention to alter, amend, repeal or adopt new bylaws at such meeting.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GUILD OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WOODWORKERS**

As a **sub-group** of the Guild of NH Woodworkers (the Guild), GSWT may avail itself of the benefits of being part of the Guild, including:

1. Utilization of the Guild Web Site ([www.gnhw.org](http://www.gnhw.org)) to disseminate information about its activities both past and future by posting in the Calendar; write-ups of past meetings (in the *Old Saw* or the *Journal*); discussions on-line; registration for meetings; inclusion in the weekly Guild e-mail network (Touch-Ups) to announce meetings or other activities.
2. Receiving grants from the Guild to support its activities as may be approved by the Guild.
3. All GSWT members who pay dues to the Guild receive all the benefits of Guild membership such as receipt of the *Journal* and discounts from participating retailers.
4. Insurance coverage of GSWT activities under the policy of the Guild.

The GSWT is one of the many **sub-groups** operating within the Guild of NH Woodworkers, which is designated by the IRS as a 501-c-3 non-profit organization, and registered with the State of NH. Federal laws governing such non-profits require the Guild to assume, through its governing body, the Steering Committee, control of all expenditures and contracts made by the GSWT, and aside from petty cash, must, through the Guild Treasurer, hold and account for all funds of the GSWT.

While the GSWT has its own Board and Bylaws described herein, these Bylaws may not in any way conflict with the Bylaws of the Guild, and these Bylaws must be approved by the governing body (the Steering Committee) of the Guild before being adopted or amended by the GSWT.

There is nothing in the Bylaws of the Guild that prohibits one of its sub-groups from also being a part (or chapter) of another organization, such as the AAW.

**ARTICLE EIGHT  
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
WOODTURNERS**

The GSWT is a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc. (AAW). The AAW specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the GSWT. The Corporate Board of Directors of AAW is not responsible for the debts, nor 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 GSWT specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the AAW. The Board of Directors of the GSWT is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the AAW. The GSWT does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by the AAW.

Adopted (date): 05-25-2013

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Secretary