

BY-LAWS
of
Brazos Valley Woodturners

ARTICLE 1 – ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION

The Chapter Organizer is: Bill Meador
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Cities/Locations served for membership: Waco, Belton, Temple, Crawford, McGregor,
Gatesville, Killeen, Lorena, China Spring, Valley Mills, Bruceville-Eddy

ARTICLE II – OFFICES

The principle office of this Chapter will be located at: 1610 S. Old Temple Road
Lorena, TX 76655

ARTICLE III – RELATION OF CHAPTER
TO THE
CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

All officers of this the Brazos Valley Woodturners Chapter agree to be members in good standing of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc. All members of the chapter shall be encouraged to be AAW members.

While it is understood that the parent organization will provide advice and counsel, as requested, the nature and extent of activities are left to the discretion of the Brazos Valley Woodturners. Demonstrations 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.

During Chapter sponsored demonstrations, a sign or notice will be placed on or around any lathe used for such demonstrations; safety eye protection must be worn and a full face shield when needed. Use 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 the craft.
3. To trade woods.
4. To exchange ideas about tools.
5. To promote the craft of woodturning within the local community.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be \$20.00 per year, pro-rated per quarterly.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

This Chapter will meet every 2nd Saturday of the Month. The meetings will be held at 1610 S. Old Temple Road, Lorena, TX. A notice of each meeting will be sent to each member 5-10 days before it is scheduled by the chapter newsletter editor.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

A. Number and Election: The Officers of this Chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and Editor/Webmaster. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the Chapter's paid-up members. Such 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, with a maximum of two consecutive terms.

C. Removal: Any Officer elected or appointed may be removed when it is deemed that the best interest 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 present.

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; 2. Conduct Chapter meetings; 3. Approve expenditures in conjunction with the other Officers; 4. Represent the Chapter at business meetings of the Southwest Association of Turners (SWAT).

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 by the President.

G. Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the Chapter's meeting in one or more books provide for that purpose and see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws. The Secretary/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. In general, the Secretary/Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to the Office of Secretary/Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time as assigned by the President.

H. Events Coordinator: The Events Coordinator shall schedule the demonstrations and classes for the chapter, arrange chapter promotional and public service events, and serve as a representative to the Southwest Association of Woodturners, SWAT, for coordinating chapter contributions to the annual SWAT Symposium.

I. Editor/Webmaster: The Editor/Webmaster shall publish the chapter newsletter and maintain the chapter web site. Extended duties will include responsibility for notification to all chapter members of meeting date, times, and locations, coordination with the Southwest Association of

Woodturners and the AAW for updates to chapter membership and contact information, and other duties as directed by the chapter officers.

ARTICLE VIII – INDEPTEDNESS

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 dissociates 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 an legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by a Local Chapter. The Brazos Valley Woodturners specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations, or encumbrances of the American Association of Woodturners. The Board of Directors of the Brazos Valley Woodturners is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the American Association of Woodturners. The Brazos Valley 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 these By-Laws MUST be filed with the national office of the AAW.