

ACCEPTANCE OF THESE BY-LAWS:

These By-Laws have been drawn up, agreed upon, and adopted by the Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners.

Local Chapter: **Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners**

Location: **Franklin County, Va.**

Date: **March 11, 2004**

Signed: President : Bill Monsma

Date: 3-11-04

Vice President : Johnny Weaver

Date: 3-11-04

Secretary: Jim Cameron

Date: 3-11-04

Treasurer: Tom McDermet

Date: 3-11-04

Program Chair: Ed Moore

Date: 3-11-04

Signed: President: _____ Vice President: _____

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE WOODTURNERS

STANDARD BY-LAWS FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS OF THE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS, INC. A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLE I ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION

The Chapter organizers are: Bill Monsma, Jim Cameron, Ed Moore, Johnny Weaver, Tom Mc Dermet

Contact Person is: Johnny Weaver, P.O. Box 39, Hardy, Va. 24101

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Locations from which we will draw members: Franklin & Bedford Counties and surrounding areas.

ARTICLE II – OFFICES

The principle office of this Chapter will be located in: Franklin County, Va.

Presidents Address: Bill Monsma, 264 Moonlight Cove, Union Hall, Va. 24176

ARTICLE III – RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

All officers of the Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners 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 the local chapter, 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; the 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; 5. To encourage all members to be a part of the AAW; and 6. To create a learning atmosphere that will further the interest and growth in woodturning by all members.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees for the Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners will be \$25.00 per year. All members holding office must also be a member in good standing of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc. All special programs may carry an additional fee which would apply to all members and non-members. Visitors may attend three meetings before they must be paid up members in good standing with the Smith Mountain Woodturners. After three meetings if visitors don't become paid up members they will be dropped from the role and receive no mailings or be allowed to attend regular meetings. The fee may be waived by a unanimous vote of the Officers. All parties who join the Smith Mountain Woodturners in November or December will have their dues credited to the following year.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

The Smith Mountain Woodturners will meet the second Thursday of each month. Meetings will be held in the shops of Ed Moore, Jim Cameron, and Bill Monsma or other designated locations until a permanent meeting site can be found. A notice will be sent to each member at least one week ahead of each meeting, along with directions.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

- A. The Officers of the Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. 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. A Program Chairperson will also be elected and serve on the board as an officer.
- B. Term of Office. Each Officer shall hold office for a period of one year. Officers may be re-elected by a unanimous vote of paid up members.
- 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; 2. Conduct Chapter meetings; 3. Call for special meetings of all officers and/or boards.
- 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 will also act as the liaison between the Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners and the American Association of Woodturners, Inc.

- 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.
- 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 officers are current paid-up members of the national organization. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties that may be assigned to him/her by the President.

ARTICLE VIII - INDEBTEDNESS

AAW's national office MUST be notified in writing PRIOR to a Local Chapter incurring any indebtedness for AAW.

ARTICLE IX - AAW'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 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 not sponsored by a Local Chapter. The Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the American Association of Woodturners. The Board of Directors of the Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the American Association of Woodturners. The Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners, its Officers, or members, do 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 from paid up members of the Smith Mountain Lake Woodturners. Copies of all modifications to these By-Laws MUST be filed with the national office of the AAW.

ARTICLE XI - OFFICES

The principal office of this Chapter will be located in Front Royal, Va.

Provisional address: 204 Mountain View, Front Royal, Va. 22635

ARTICLE XII - RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

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The national office strongly encourages sharing space and/or office on or around any table used for demonstration. The table area should be 12' x 24' or 12' x 36' and a 1' high guard when needed. Use a dust mask and