

**BY-LAWS FOR BAY LAKE WOODTURNERS
A LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS, INC.,
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION

The Chapter organizer or contact is:
Contact Person's Title:
His/Her address is:
Daytime Telephone:
E-mail:

Cities or locations from which you expect to draw members: Northeast Wisconsin
Number of Members at this time: 56

ARTICLE II - OFFICES

The principle meeting place of this chapter will be located at NWTC Artisan and Business Center, 1417 Cedar Street, Green Bay, WI 54302. Mailing address shall be: Bay Lake Woodturners,

ARTICLE III - RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

All Officers and Directors of this Bay Lake Woodturners 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 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 ppr.ni organization, are: 1. To provide a meeting place for local woodturners; 2. To share ideas and techniques regarding this craft, 3. To trade woods, and 4. To exchange ideas about tools.

Bay Lake Woodturners is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located,

exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for, such purposes.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP FEES

Initiation fee and first year dues shall be \$25.00. Annual membership fees for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) will be \$20.00 Per Year.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

This Chapter will meet at 9:30 a.m., on the 3rd Sat. of the month, August through May. The meetings will be held at: NWTC Artisan and Business Center, 1417 Cedar St. Green Bay, WI. 54302 A notice of each meeting will be sent to each member five (5) days before it is scheduled.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

A. Number and Election. The Officers of this Chapter shall be a President, a President-elect, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a 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.

B. Term of Office. Each Officer shall hold office for one (1) 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 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.

F. President-elect. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her death, inability, or refusal to act, the President-elect 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 President-elect shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President. Upon the expiration of the term of the President, the President-elect shall assume the office of President.

G. Vice President. In the absence of the President and President-elect or in the event of their 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. Upon the expiration of the term of the President-elect, the Vice President shall assume the office of President-elect.

H. 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.

I. 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 of 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.

ARTICTE VIII - INDEBTEDNESS

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

ARTICTE IX - AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNER'S DISCTAIMERS: 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 Bay Lake Woodturners specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the American Association of Woodturners. The Board of Directors of the Bay Lake Woodturners is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the American Association of Woodturners. The Bay Lake 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 AAW.

ACCEPTANCE OF THESE BY-LAWS:

These By-Laws have been drawn up, agreed upon, and adopted by majority vote of members of the Local Chapter Bay Lake Woodturners at the regular chapter meeting of September 16, 2023.