

# **BY-LAWS OF CUMBERLAND WOOD TURNERS**

## **ARTICLE I Name and Location**

**SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be Cumberland Wood Turners.**

**Members will be drawn primarily from Cumberland and surrounding counties.**

**The organization will meet at a time and location in Cumberland County agreed to by its members by popular vote.**

**Cumberland Wood Turners name and/or its logo cannot be used by any person or organization without written consent by the Executive Committee and with permission signed by its President.**

## **ARTICLE II Purpose, Type of Organization and Safety**

### **1. Purpose of the Association is to:**

- A. To recognize and preserve the skill of Wood Turning by encouraging meeting and learning.**
- B. To encourage and offer support to our members and their talents by promoting opportunities for meeting, sharing skills and techniques regarding this craft and providing a reference library.**
- C. To learn about and trade wood.**
- D. To learn about tools used in this craft.**
- E. To promote growth in the craft of Wood Turning by attracting new participants and membership and promoting Wood Turning in the local Communities.**
- F. Participate in charitable activities.**

### **2. Type of Organization: Not- for- profit status**

- A. This Association shall be tax exempt 501 (e) (3) organization operated exclusively for the purpose specified in article II.1 above.**
- B. The Association is organized exclusively for service and philanthropic purpose within the meaning of section 510 (c) (3) of the INTERNAL REVENUE CODE 1966, or the corresponding provision of any future UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW. Notwithstanding any other provision of the articles, this Association shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carry on by an Organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the INTERNAL REVENUE CODE of 1966, or the corresponding provision of any future UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW.**

- C. **In the event of the dissolution of the Association, an after the discharge of all its liabilities, the remaining assets shall be given to a not- for- profit organization whose purpose and objectives are similar to this Association. Such an organization shall be designated by the majority vote of the membership.**

### **3. Relation of Chapter to the American Association of Wood Turners (AAW) and Safety**

- A. **All officers of the Cumberland Wood Turners Chapter agree to be members in good standing of the American Association of Wood turners, INC.**
- B. **While it is understood that the parent organization will provide advice and council, as requested, Local Chapters are advised that the nature and extent of their activities be left to their discretion. Demonstrations, while a probable 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.**
- C. **The national office strongly recommends placing some sort of sign or notice on or around any lathe used for demonstration: Requiring that safety eye protection must be worn and a full face shield utilized when needed." Additionally the sign should stress use of a "Dust Mask and Wearing Hearing Protection when operating and that the lathe is a potentially a dangerous instrument only to be used with Chapter approved supervision."**

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Officers and Membership**

**1. Officers. The officers of this Chapter shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Past President. The offices of the Secretary and Publicist can be combined under the Secretary as desired by the membership. Additional Officers as deemed necessary shall be elected by the members when required.**

- A. **The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President shall comprise the Executive Counsel. Elections for officers shall be held in November with officers serving terms from January to December of a calendar year. . The Executive Committee will seek nominees for the election in November and propose a slate of candidates for the general election in November. Additional nominations from the floor will be taken prior to the November election.**
- B. **Removal: Any officer elected may be removed when it is deemed to be in the best interests of the Chapter by means of a majority vote of the Chapter's members present at the time of the vote, providing at least 50% of the members in good standing vote.**

- C. **Vacancy:** any vacancy of an office will be filled by a majority vote of the Chapter's members who are present at the time of the election.
- D. **President:** The president shall be the principal executive officer of this Chapter. He shall supervise and control all business and affairs of the Chapter and conduct chapter meetings.
- E. **Vice President:** In the absence of the President the Vice President shall act in his stead. The Vice President shall perform all other duties assigned to him by the President.
- F. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep and publish minutes of all Chapter Meetings and Executive Council Meetings. Within 15 days of the meeting. A copy of the Minutes and any Club Notices shall be sent to the AAW. The secretary will keep and publish a current list of members. The Secretary shall additionally, perform all other duties assigned to him by the President.
- G. The Secretary shall send meeting notices, publicity or newspaper articles, a monthly newsletter and other information to members, the public and the AAW as assigned by the President. The Secretary shall also update, maintain and keep current the Chapter's Web site.
- H. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall collect all membership fees and all other monies belonging to the Chapter. He shall be responsible for keeping current and accurate auditable records of all monies that flow through the Chapter. He will deposit all monies in a Bank Checking Account in the Clubs name. The Treasurer will keep a Petty Cash fund of less then \$50 fop sundry expenses. He shall be responsible for writing and keeping accurate records of all checks or disbursements from the Chapter's treasury. The Treasurer should perform all other duties that may be assigned by the President.

## **2. Members:**

- A. Anyone over age 16 is eligible to be a member of the Chapter.
- B. A member in good standing is one who has paid his dues for the year.
- C. Dues shall be due in January of each year and may be pro-rated for members who join after June. The amount of the yearly dues shall be decided in the general meeting in November of each year.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **American Association of Wood Turners Disclaimers**

- A. The corporation, the American Association of Wood Turners, INC. specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrance 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.
- B. The corporate organization does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or unsponsored by a local chapter.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Amendments**

- A. These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by the vote of a simple majority of members in good standing.**
- B. Copies of all modifications to these By-laws must be filed with the national office of AAW.**

## **Article VI**

### **Acceptance of By-Laws.**

**These by-laws have been drawn up, agreed to by vote and adopted by the local Chapter of the AAW, to wit the Cumberland Wood Turners on May 28, 2008.**