

BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild, hereafter referred to as the Guild. The Guild is a volunteer organization with members not receiving compensation for their time.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE/MISSION

To foster a spirit of creativity in the arts through our hands, hearts, as well as, our fascination with fiber. The Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild is committed to continuing the advancement and love of weaving and the fiber arts.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

A. Full membership requires payment of annual dues (\$25.00) before or at the Guild's October meeting. Those with Full membership:

1. Receive the Guild's monthly newsletter and membership roster and membership packet.
2. Have voting rights at meetings.
3. May participate in Guild Sales in compliance with the Standards of Acceptance.
4. May participate in Guild sponsored workshops at the member rate.
5. Annual dues expire each year on August 31.

B. New members who join throughout the year:

1. Have the same privileges as stated in Article III Section A, lines 1-4.
2. Dues (\$25.00) paid at any time during the member year are not prorated and expire each year on August 31.

C. Associate membership is available to former members who no longer live in the area. Associate membership requires payment of 50% (\$12.50) of full membership on or before the October meeting.

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D. Honorary membership provides full membership benefits for one year.

ARTICLE IV-MEETINGS

A. Regular meetings will be held each month from September 1 through June 30. Additional meetings may be held when called by the Board.

B. Voting on motions:

1. A simple majority of the members present is required to approve a motion.
2. If requested by a member and approved by a majority of the members present or where deemed necessary by the presiding Board officer, votes will be cast by secret ballot.
3. On issues of Bylaw revisions, or issues of major concern, a motion must be approved by a quorum of the membership. A quorum is no less than one third of the membership plus one

C. Order of Business- Roberts's Rules of Order, Revised, when not in conflict with these Bylaws, will govern the proceedings of the Guild.

ARTICLE V.-MANAGEMENT

A. The governing body of the Guild will be a Board of Officers (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), which will set policy, prepare, approve and monitor the budget, and direct the general business activities with approval of the general membership. Major decisions will be decided by a Guild vote.

B. The Board shall be comprised of eleven (11) persons elected as set forth in (Article VI).

C. The officers required are: President, First Vice President/Programs, Second Vice President/Workshops, Secretary, Treasurer/Membership, Librarian/Historian, Hospitality, Newsletter Editor, Web Site Coordinator, Publicity and the Michigan

League of Handweavers Representative (provided Guild elects to join for the current year).

D. All elected Board officers have equal voting rights, except the President, who has a casting vote in the event of a tie.

E. The President shall chair the Board.

F. The elected Board officers shall hold office for a period of one year and elections will be held each year in May.

ARTICLE VI-NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. A nominating committee shall be formed of at least three (3) members in February. The nominating committee will present a slate of officers at the March meeting. The slate will then be published in the April newsletter and voted on at the May meeting.

B. The positions will be elected by a simple majority vote of members in good standing present at the May meeting, and by secret ballot if there are two or more candidates for the same position.

C. A final Board meeting will be called at the end of the year to conclude the changeover of the offices. Both the present Board and the newly elected Board officers are to attend.

ARTICLE VII- DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

A. The Board as a Whole will hold a minimum of 3 meetings per year.

B. Specific Duties of each Officer of the Board are defined in the Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild “Operating Procedures and Guidelines”.

ARTICLE VIII- STANDING COMMITTEES

A. The Auditing Committee shall be made up of three (3) members, excluding the Treasurer, and appointed by the President. The audit of the concluding fiscal year shall be performed at or before the September meeting of the new fiscal year.

B. The Nominating Committee shall be formed of at least three (3 members) appointed by the President. They will follow the steps as defined in Article VI-A for elections.

C. A Sale Committee shall be formed for each sale conducted by the Guild. The committee will consist of a Chair and Co-Chair (optional) and, if possible, include one or more members from the previous year’s committee. The Sale Committee will follow the established Operating Procedures and Guidelines.

D. Additional committees will be appointed by the President as the need arises.

ARTICLE IX-WORKSHOPS

The Guild may, as a benefit to members and to further the purpose/mission of the Guild, periodically offer workshops. These workshops will follow the established Operating Procedures and Guidelines.

ARTICLE X- METHOD OF AMENDING/REVISING BY-LAWS

A. A review of the By-Laws will be held whenever deemed necessary.

B. Proposed amendments/revisions will be presented and discussed during Guild meetings. They will then be published in the next Guild newsletter and voted on at the following meeting.

C. New By-Laws or amendments to the By-Laws apply immediately following a favorable vote, providing a quorum of members voted favorably, as defined in Article IV Section B-3.

ARTICLE XI- DISSOLUTION

If for any reason the Guild is to be dissolved or otherwise terminated, no part of the property of the Guild or its monies shall be distributed to or for the benefit of any of the Board or members of the Guild. Upon dissolution, assets shall be distributed by the Board with approval of the members to one or more groups or organizations consistent with the purposes and objectives of the Guild.