

Constitution of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild

Article I: Name

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Colorado Woodworkers Guild, hereafter referred to as the Guild.

Article II: Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of this organization is to encourage all interested people to develop their knowledge, to improve their craftsmanship, and to enhance their creative expression in all aspects of woodworking.

Section 2: The Guild will accomplish its purpose through the sharing of information; creating educational opportunities such as workshops, seminars, lectures and exhibits; and by enabling social networking.

Article III: Affiliations

Section 1: The Guild is not a part of any other organization--local, regional, national, or international.

Section 2: The Guild is registered with the Secretary of State for the State of Colorado as a Nonprofit Corporation under the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act as indicated in the Bylaws.

Article IV: Membership

Section 1: Membership is open to individuals or organizations interested in the purposes of the Guild.

Section 2: Individuals or organizations may become members as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 3: No person shall be denied membership because of age, race, creed, sex, national origin, sexual preference, or level of woodworking knowledge or skill.

Article V: Sponsorships

Section 1: As provided by the Bylaws, individuals, businesses, or other organizations may apply to become sponsors of the Guild.

Article VI: Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1: The officers of the Guild are to be elected by the members in accordance with the Bylaws. The officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Director at Large.

Section 2: The management of the Guild shall be supervised by the Board of Directors, which consists of the elected officers, including the Immediate Past President. The President shall be the Chair of the Board.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1: Meetings of the members shall be called and held as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2: A quorum for member meetings shall be as provided by the Bylaws.

Article VIII: Committees

Section 1: Various standing committees shall be established to conduct Guild activities as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2: Committees chairs shall be recommended by the Nominating Committee and the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: The Board of Directors may appoint such special committees as required by the Guild.

Article IX: Amendments

Section 1: Any member may propose an amendment to this Constitution or to the Bylaws, in writing, to the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The proposed amendment to this Constitution must be presented to the membership for discussion and review not less than 30 days before a vote at the next regular membership meeting.

Section 3: With a quorum present, a proposed amendment to the Constitution will pass with a two-thirds vote.

Section 4: Following approval by the membership, the Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws.

Article X: Dissolution

Section 1: A Guild member may propose the dissolution of the Guild.

Section 2: Having brought the proposal for dissolution to the membership for a vote at the next meeting of the membership, and with a quorum present, the proposal shall be accepted with a two-thirds vote.

Section 3: Upon dissolution of the Guild, the Board of Directors shall apply and distribute the assets of the Guild pursuant to Colorado law.

Section 4: Any disposition of such assets shall be confined to organizations organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes and shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article XI: Approval of Constitution and Bylaws

Section 1: The Guild Constitution and Bylaws shall be distributed to the membership for review not less than 30 days before a vote.

Section 2: Changes resulting from reviews by the members shall be incorporated and the documents re-distributed not less than 30 days before a vote.

Section 3: Members shall vote on the Constitution and Bylaws at the membership meeting called for such purposes.

Section 4: Upon approval by a majority vote of the voting members, the Constitution and Bylaws will be deemed effective.