

ACCEPTANCE OF THESE AMMENDED BY-LAWS:

These amended By-Laws have been drawn up, agreed upon, and adopted by Local Chapter: Montgomery County Woodturners in Rockville, MD on February 12, 2009

Signed: President: _____ Date: _____

Vice President: _____ Date: _____

Secretary: _____ Date: _____

Treasurer: _____ Date: _____

**STANDARD BY-LAWS,
WITH ADDITIONS FOR Montgomery County Woodturners (MCW),
FOR LOCAL CHAPTERS
OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS, INC.
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION

The Chapter organizer or contact is: Phil Brown
Contact person’s title: President
His/Her address is: 7807 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, MD 20817-4547
Daytime Telephone: (301) 767-9863 Home Telephone: (301) 767-9863
E-mail: philfbrown@comcast.net
Cities or locations from which you expect to draw members: Montgomery County Maryland and nearby adjoining areas.
Number of members at this time: 50
Chapter Web site: <http://montgomerycountywoodturners.org/>

ARTICLE II – OFFICES

The principle office of this Chapter will be located at:
7807 Hamilton Spring Road, Bethesda, MD 20817-4547

ARTICLE III – RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

All officers and Directors of this Montgomery County 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 parent organization, are: 1. To provide a meeting place for local woodturners; 2. To share ideas and techniques regarding this craft; 3. To trade wood for turning; 4. To exchange ideas about tools; 5. Encourage networking among members, and 6. Encourage exhibiting of member's work through educational and community outreach programs.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees for this Chapter (over and above fees paid to the national organization) shall begin at \$20 per year for one person, and at \$30 for a family. For a new member joining after the first quarter, the amount will be prorated based on the quarter of the year in which the new member joins. After advance notice in the newsletter, these annual fees may be changed by agreement of a majority of members at a regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

This Chapter will meet monthly on the Thursday evening before the second Saturday from 7 to 9 PM. This meeting date may be changed by a majority vote of members. Initial meetings will be held at The Woodworkers Club, 4950 Wyaconda Road, Rockville, MD 20852. This meeting location may be changed by mutual agreement of Officers.

A notice of each meeting will be sent to each member approximately 10 days or more before it is scheduled.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

- A. General Powers. Officers shall constitute a Board of Directors for management of Chapter activities. The President shall serve as chairman of the Board. All Officers serve voluntarily and do not receive compensation for their time, but may request reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.
- B. Number and Election. The Officers of this Chapter shall be President, Vice President, Program Chair, Secretary, Membership Chair, Treasurer, Newsletter

Editor, and Web Master. These officers shall be elected in December each year 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.

- C. Term of Office. Each Officer shall hold office for one year.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. 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. Contribute to the Newsletter, and 4. Encourage officers, committees and volunteers in carrying out their duties and achieving their goals in facilitating growth of MCW and service to members.
- G. 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 or may voluntarily choose to carry out.
- H. Program Chair. The Program Chair shall plan and organize programs for each membership meeting and shall be the official contact for all demonstrators presenting at the monthly membership meetings or at special events sponsored by the Chapter.
- I. 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.
- J. Membership Chair. The Membership Chair shall maintain current records of member contact information, receive annual membership fees and forward these funds to the Treasurer, and provide email and/or postal addresses for distribution of the newsletter and other notices to members, and periodically provide a current membership list for members.
- K. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and deposit all monies belonging to the Chapter and pay bills incurred by the Chapter. The Treasurer shall provide guidance to officers for setting fees for educational and other programs, as required to achieve sound financial management of the Chapter. An Officer approved budget shall constitute approval for payment of expenses occurring within the parameters of the budget. 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 and Directors are current paid-up members of the national organization. By February 15th of each year, the Treasurer shall provide a December 31 balance sheet

and an operating statement covering income and expenses of the previous calendar year for publication in the MCW Newsletter. In general, the Treasurer shall perform all 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.

- L. Editor. The Newsletter Editor shall solicit material and coordinate with officers and other volunteers to obtain and compile news and information for members into a newsletter and provide it for posting on the MCW web site and provide or arrange for hard copy to be sent to any members unable to receive a digital copy. The Newsletter shall assist the Chapter in its purpose of educating its members about the art and craft of woodturning, and in Chapter community outreach activities.
- M. Web Master. The Web Master shall develop and maintain a MCW web site to inform members and the interested public about meetings, newsletters, programs, and information related to and in support of the MCW educational purposes. The Web Master will work in coordination with and seek the cooperation of officers and contributing members, and train and coordinate with any assistants in developing and maintaining the web site.

ARTICLE VIII – INDEBTEDNESS

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

ARTICLE IX – AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNER'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 or 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 Montgomery County Woodturners specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the American Association of Woodturners. The Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Woodturners is not responsible for the debts or shares in the profits of the American Association of Woodturners. The Montgomery County 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.**