

# **GOLDEN HORSESHOE WOODTURNERS GUILD**

## **CONSTITUTION**

**April, 1996  
Amended January, 1999  
Amended April, 2000  
Amended January 16,2003**

### **ARTICLE I NAME**

**This Organization shall be called**

**GOLDEN HORSESHOE WOODTURNERS GUILD**

### **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

**Dedicated to providing practical facilities, education and information to those interested in advancing and promoting woodturning.**

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Type of Membership**
  - 1.a Regular**
  - 2.b Family**
  - 3.c Honourary**
  
- B. Conditions of Membership**
  - 1) Regular Member must:**
    - a) apply for membership in the Guild and pay the initiation fee as defined in the By-Laws;**
    - b) pay annual dues as defined in the By-Laws;**
    - c) be 16 years of age or older;**
    - d) be accepted by the executive;**
  - 2) A Family Membership shall consist of one Regular member along with his/her family members residing with the regular member. These family members must be at least 16 years of age and shall conform to Regular Member conditions with the exception of paying initiation fees.**
  - 3) Honourary Membership may be granted by the Executive for special or long service to the Guild. Honourary members will have fees and dues waived.**

**ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP (cont'd)**

**C. Prospective Members, Guests**

- 1) a) Any regular member may be accompanied by one guest per Regular meeting of the Guild.
- b) A guest may attend only one meeting without applying to be a Regular member.
- c) Non Member Vendors may attend Regular or other meetings only with Executive approval.

**D. Chapter membership of the GHWG in the American Association of Woodturners**

1. that the GHWG may apply for a Chapter membership on the AAW
2. that the GHWG agrees to the requirements of the AAW By-laws with respect to that membership

**ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATION**

- 1) An elected Executive shall include a President, Vice-President(s), Treasurer, Secretary and additional executive officers, as outlined in the By-Laws, shall operate the Guild in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.
- 2) The Elected Officers in the Executive shall be Regular members of good standing who are residents of the Golden Horseshoe and adjacent areas.
- 3) The Executive shall set Annual dues and Initiation fees.
- 4) To assist the Executive in administering or operating the Guild, the Executive may establish such Committees as are necessary. A Chairperson or Co-ordinator may be appointed by the Executive from the membership to chair or co-ordinate the committees activities. To assist the Executive Officers of G.H.W.G. in carrying out their duties, the Executive Committee may appoint Executive Assistants to work closely with particular Executive Officers, as the need arises.

**ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

All meetings of the Golden Horseshoe Woodturners' Guild shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

**1. Regular Meetings**

- a) Shall be regularly scheduled by the Executive in accordance with the By-Laws.
- b) Will consist of a brief business meeting including a financial report, and may consist of a demonstration or presentation, (teaching and/or learning periods), limited hands on time and some social activities.
- c) The Executive may establish other meetings as the need arises.

**2. Executive Meetings**

Scheduled by the Executive as required in accordance with the By-Laws.

**3. Annual Meeting**

Scheduled by the Executive as outlined in the By-Laws.

**4. Special Meetings**

Scheduled by the executive or by the Regular members as provided for in the By-Laws. Special meetings may be called to deal with proposed changes to the Constitution and/or By-Laws, or other important business to be considered by the membership.

**5. Quorum**

a) In the case of the Executive, a Quorum shall consist of 4 members.

b) In the case of Special Meetings, and the Annual Meeting, a Quorum shall consist of 30% of the Regular members of record on the date of the previous Regular meeting.

c) For the Regular Meeting, a Quorum shall consist of 30% of the members of record on the date of the previous Regular meeting.

**6. Voting**

Regular members in good standing only shall have voting privileges.

**ARTICLE VI**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

1. Any regular member, in good standing, may submit a written motion to the Secretary, not less than 30 days prior to the Annual or Special Meeting.
2. Said amendment will be presented to the Annual or Special Meeting and handled in the normal way and shall only be effected with the support of 2/3 (two-thirds) of the Regular members present at the meeting during which it is presented.

**ARTICLE VII**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

1. Any regular member may submit a written motion to the Secretary, to amend the By-Laws prior to or at any Regular meeting.
2. Said amendment, to be effected must have approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Regular members present at the next (regular, annual or special meeting).

**ARTICLE VIII      GUILD NAME OR LOGO**

**No one shall use the name Golden Horseshoe Woodturners Guild or its Logo or any combination thereof, without the written authority of the Guild President and the prior approval of the Executive.**

**ARTICLE IX      DISSOLUTION OF THE GUILD**

If, for any reason, it becomes apparent that the Guild is no longer viable, the Executive may propose at any Guild meeting, that proceedings, as outlined in the By-Laws, be instituted to dissolve the Guild.

Amendments approved April 20 ,2000 in open meeting.  
Special meeting at General Brock H.S.

Amended Jan 16, 2003 at the annual meeting held at Knights of Columbus  
Hall in Burlington

Secretary  
George Jacquemain

President  
Michael Brazeau