

## **BYLAWS OF THE UPPER VALLEY WOODTURNERS**

### **1. Offices**

The address of the Upper Valley Woodturners (UVWT) shall be that of the President. The principal meeting place of the organization shall be the Thetford Academy located in Thetford, Vermont

### **2. Governance**

A. The UVWT shall be governed by its Steering Committee who shall set policy and be responsible for conducting the affairs of the organization. Only club officers must be a member of the American Association of Woodturners in accordance with AAW guidelines. This will insure our liability insurance is in effect.

B. The officers of the UVWT shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members of the UVWT.

C. There shall be one at-large member of the Steering Committee elected for every 10 members of the UVWT.

D. The term of office of each officer shall be for one year.

E. Vacancies created by any cause may be filled by either a majority vote of the membership or the Steering Committee for the remainder of the unexpired term.

F. Any member of the Steering Committee may be removed by a majority vote of the Steering Committee when the best interests of the UVWT would be best served by such removal.

### **3. Duties of Officers**

A. The President shall be the principal officer with duties to include the supervision and control of all of the business and affairs of the UVWT.

B. The Vice President shall serve as the President in any absence of the President.

C. The Secretary shall keep the records of the UVWT and provide a record of meetings to the President prior to publishing.

D. The Treasurer shall conduct the financial affairs and membership of the UVWT in accordance with sound management principles.

#### **4. Relationship with the American Association of Woodturners**

A. Club officers agree to be members in good standing of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) and will make members aware of the benefits of participation in the AAW.

B. The UVWT recognizes, that as a local chapter of the AAW, it has no authority to incur any indebtedness for the AAW without the prior written approval of the AAW.

C. The UVWT acknowledges the AAW is not responsible, in any manner, for any debts, obligations, or encumbrances of the UVWT. Nor does the AAW shoulder any legal liability for any accidents that may occur during events of any kind, sponsored, or not sponsored, by the UVWT. The UVWT specifically dissociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the AAW. The UVWT shall not be responsible for any debts nor share any profits of the AAW. The UVWT shall not have any responsibility for any accidents that may occur during any events sponsored, or not sponsored, by the AAW.

#### **5. Organization Purpose**

The UVWT shall provide educational and motivational opportunity for its members. In addition the UVWT supports the general purposes of the AAW. The UVWT will provide a meeting place for area woodturners and a forum for exchange of ideas and techniques related to the craft.

#### **6. Membership Fees**

The Steering Committee shall determine membership fees and solicit funds from the members when necessary to prevent any indebtedness of the UVWT.

#### **7. Meetings**

The UVWT will endeavor to conduct up to six meetings per year for the benefit of the general membership. These meetings shall be scheduled for January, March, May, July, September and November. The annual meeting will be held on November. Other meetings may be scheduled whenever deemed appropriate by the Steering Committee. Meetings may be held at other locations outside the Thetford Academy.

#### **8. Membership**

Membership in the UVWT shall be open to anyone with an interest in woodturning. Annual dues are collected at the January meeting. Members must sign a liability waiver at each meeting to hold harmless both the UVWT and Thetford Academy. Only club officers and additional Steering Committee members are required to be AAW members. However, only AAW members are covered as individuals under the current AAW Chapter Liability Insurance Program. All members are encouraged to become AAW members.

## Acceptance of Bylaws

These by laws have been drafted and adopted by the Upper Valley Woodturners of Vermont on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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