



## **Bylaws of the Golden Triangle Woodturners Adopted October 6, 2003**

### **1. Name:**

The name of this organization shall be the Golden Triangle Woodturners (GOLDEN TRIANGLE WOODTURNERS).

### **2. Affiliation:**

The Golden Triangle Woodturners is a chapter of The American Association of Woodturners (AAW).

### **3. Purpose:**

A not-for-profit organization dedicated to provide education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning, promote community interest in woodturning and provide guidance and aid to woodturners through the combined resources, knowledge and experience of our members.

### **4. Membership:**

All criteria for membership shall be non-discriminatory. Anyone interested in woodturning, regardless of their level of skill or experience, shall be eligible to join.

Yearly dues shall be determined by the board of directors and will be due and payable during the month of January of each year. Dues for new members joining after January shall be prorated on the basis of 1/12 of the yearly dues for each month remaining in that calendar year.

Dues are not refundable, however special cases may be considered by the board of directors.

A current member is an individual who has paid their current dues. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Voting, the Library, and Bring Back Raffle are open to current members. Visitors and guests are not eligible.

### **5. Meetings:**

General meeting shall be open to all members and to the public.

Members shall be given advance notice of meetings by mail, e-mail or telephone.

The number of meetings per year and the meeting schedule are to be determined by the board of directors.

In addition to the general membership meetings, seminars, lectures or other teaching sessions may be scheduled and shall be available to current members and any others approved by the board of directors.

## **6. Governing Body:**

The governing body shall be a board of directors consisting of a president, vice president, past president secretary, treasurer. Additional board of directors' positions may include a librarian, newsletter editor and others as deemed necessary by the membership.

The board of directors shall be responsible for establishing policy consistent with the goals and aims of the Golden Triangle Woodturners.

Directors shall serve a term of one year with no limit on the number of terms. Nominations for directors shall be made at the October membership meeting and are to be published in the newsletter preceding the election.

Persons nominated must consent to being placed on the ballot and candidates for the board of directors must be current members and must be a member of the American Association of Woodturners.

Voting for the board of directors shall take place during the November membership meeting. There is no provision for absentee voting. Directors shall assume office on the following January 1st.

In the event of a vacancy on the board of directors, the remaining directors may appoint a member to fill the vacant office, subject to approval by a majority vote of the membership attending the next general meeting.

The board of directors may meet as needed but a quorum is required to conduct Golden Triangle Woodturners club business. A majority of the board of directors will constitute a quorum provided all board members were properly notified of the meeting. Each board member shall have one vote.

Any meeting of the board of directors shall be announced beforehand to the membership and shall be open to all members.

The board of directors may authorize non-budget expenditures of club funds up to \$350.00 for the good of the membership if approved by a majority of board members. Expenditures over this amount must be approved by a majority vote of attending members at a general membership meeting.

Election to the board of directors does not in itself create contract rights on behalf of the Golden Triangle Woodturners.

## **7. Bylaws:**

The Golden Triangle Woodturners bylaws may be changed or amended by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership in attendance at the general meeting scheduling the vote. All changes or amendments shall be presented to the membership for discussion at a regularly scheduled general meeting. The resolution shall then be sent to the entire membership by mail or e-mail and shall include the date of the general meeting when the voting will be conducted.

Copies of these bylaws shall be available to members upon request.

## **8. Duties of Directors:**

### **President:**

Shall preside at meetings and maintain ongoing public relations with the community.

### **Vice President:**

Shall perform the duties of the president in the president's absence. The board may delegate additional duties to the vice president as it deems necessary

### **Past President:**

Shall perform the duties of the president in the president's and vice president's absence. The board may delegate additional duties to the past president as it deems necessary.

### **Treasurer:**

Shall be responsible for collecting membership dues, managing bank accounts, maintaining financial records and disbursing money as required. The treasurer shall report the Golden Triangle Woodturners financial status to the membership at least every three months. The treasurer shall make a monthly report to the board of directors.

### **Secretary:**

Shall record and maintain minutes of all meetings and serve as the chapter correspondent. Shall publish the Golden Triangle Woodturners newsletter, advertise upcoming events and co-ordinate mailings to the membership