

Southern Maine Woodturners

ARTICLE I - Southern Maine Woodturners (SOMEWT) is the name of this organization.

ARTICLE II - OFFICES

The principal office of this organization will be located with the current President of the SOMEWT. The official point of contact listed with the AAW will be the current Secretary of the SOMEWT.

The principal meeting place of this Chapter will be located at:

Rockier Woodworking and Hardware 200

Gorham Road

S. Portland, ME 04106

Phone (207) 761-4402

Manager Molly Petit

ARTICLE III - RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE CORPORATE ORGANIZATION

The officers of the SOMEWT are to be members in good standing of the AAW. While it is understood that the AAW will provide advice and counsel as requested, the nature and extent of the activities of SOMEWT are determined by SOMEWT. As recommended by the AAW, notice will be given to participants during any demonstration where woodturning equipment is used, that safety eye protection should be worn and that woodturning equipment is potentially dangerous.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSES

SOMEWT is organized as a forum for individuals interested in woodturning. The membership is drawn primarily from, but not limited to Southern Maine. SOMEWT was chartered as a local chapter of the AAW on March, 2010. The primary purposes of SOMEWT are consistent with the fundamental purposes of the AAW, to provide Information, Education and Organization to those interested in turning wood.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP FEES

Members in good standing of the SOMEWT will be those individuals who seek to become a part of SOMEWT and have paid their membership dues. Membership must be renewed annually. Annual dues are waived for any member who, in the prior calendar year, does a SOMEWT demonstration for the benefit of the club.

To encourage family membership, an individual member will be permitted to include one additional significant other person in his or her life as a member through payment of a reduced supplemental membership fee. Membership will result in the privilege to participate in all activities of the SOMEWT including voting in elections, holding office, receiving newsletters and other notices, accessing library resources and enjoying discounts arranged by the SOMEWT. The fees for membership in SOMEWT will be reviewed annually by the officers and any proposed changes voted on by the members. The fee structure will be set to meet annual SOMEWT operating expenses and to encourage membership. Fees will be reported to the membership in the January edition of the newsletter. Fees will be payable at the beginning of each calendar year. Fees for new members are payable upon joining. Members joining after July 1 but before December 1 will be charged one half the established annual fee. Fractional membership fees will not be collected during December. Annual membership fees for this Chapter will be currently \$20.00

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

This Chapter will meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM

The meetings will be held at: Rockier Woodworking and Hardware 200 Gorham Road South Portland. A notice of each meeting will be sent to each member via e-mail 7 days before it is scheduled. SOMEWT will meet twelve times per year. The regular meeting date will be the first Wednesday of every month unless this day coincides with a holiday in which case an alternate date will be selected. Any permanent change in the regular meeting date will be proposed by the officers for endorsement by the members.

Minutes will be transcribed and reported for only the business portion of each regular meeting. This portion will normally consist of the first segment of the meeting and will typically involve introductions, announcements, officer and committee reports and member voting actions.

A quorum for the business portion of a scheduled meeting shall consist of twenty-five members in good standing. Meetings shall be conducted following the usual rules of parliamentary procedure, the use of which is to facilitate proceedings. The principals are: the majority rules, the minority has the right to be heard, and courtesy shall be extended to all. In the event of a dispute, Roberts Rules of Order shall be consulted.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

A. Officers of the SOMEWT shall consist of elected and appointed positions. The elected positions will be for two (2) year terms, and will consist of the President, Vice President and Program chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The appointed positions will include, but not be limited to, Librarian, Newsletter Editor and Web Master. Appointment to these

positions will be in accordance with the procedures described in section D of this Article below.

Collectively these individuals, plus the immediate past President, will comprise the Executive Committee of the SOMEWT, which will be chaired by the President in regularly scheduled meetings and in called special meetings of the group. Only the elected officers will be permitted to vote on motions raised during Executive Committee meetings. For a motion to prevail, it must receive a majority vote. A quorum for voting purposes in Executive Committee meetings will consist of three or more of the elected officers being present.

B. Nomination of Officers: Prior to the holding of elections for the elected officers, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee from the membership which shall select a slate of candidates for each vacancy to be filled and present the slate of candidates to the members. Any currently serving officers who offer themselves for re-election will not be eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will assure, to the extent possible, the qualifications of each candidate and the willingness of the candidate to serve if elected. Members in good standing may propose members for consideration by the Nominating Committee except that members of the same immediate family may not be nominated to serve concurrently as officers.

C. Election of Officers: The officers will be elected by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting no later than the November meeting in a calendar year. The slate of candidates standing for election identified by the Nominating Committee will be communicated to the membership at least one month in advance of the election. At the time of the election, nominations from the floor can be entertained if the member making the nomination has determined the willingness of the nominee to serve, as witnessed by at least one other member if the nominee is absent, and his/her qualifications for the position. Unless elected to fill a vacancy as described below, their term of office shall be for one year coinciding with the calendar year. Officers may serve multiple terms in the same or different positions if elected to do so by the members. A secret ballot will used for elections in the case of opposed races.

D. Appointed Positions: The President, with the advice and consent of the other members of the Executive Committee, may appoint members to temporary positions for a term mutually agreeable to the President and the appointee. Appointees will serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. The President shall also establish the duties and responsibilities for each Appointed position.

E. Vacancies: The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint a qualified member to a vacant elective office, or may call for an election. In the case this vacancy is the Presidency, the Vice President will serve in this capacity until the next election. An election will be decided by a majority vote of the members casting ballots at a regularly scheduled meeting.

F. Expenditures: Any expenditure in excess of \$300.00 requires approval of a majority of members at a regularly scheduled meeting.

G. Officer Duties: The following list of responsibilities for SOMEWT elected officers is not intended to be exhaustive but illustrative of the principal duties for each position listed.

1. President: Supervise and control the business and other affairs of SOMEWT. Call or cause to be scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee and general membership meetings. Preside at all general membership meetings. Appoint ad hoc committees with the approval of the Executive Committee. Serve as the principle spokesperson to the community at large concerning SOMEWT activities and interests.

2. Vice President: His duties are to perform the duties of President in the absence of the President. Perform other duties that may be assigned by the President. The Vice President is also the program chair for regularly scheduling meetings.

3. Secretary: Record and distribute minutes of meetings of the membership and of the Executive Committee as stipulated by these bylaws. Insure that official SOMEWT notices are duly distributed to members in a timely manner. Maintain official SOMEWT records including, but not limited to, a current copy of the bylaws, official SOMEWT membership roster, and other correspondence and SOMEWT business forms. Serve as the point of contact for the SOMEWT in correspondence with the AAW relating to local chapter matters.

Assist in the preparation of the monthly SOMEWT newsletter as appropriate. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

4. Treasurer: Collect all SOMEWT membership fees and other monies such as ticket sales income and benefactor donations.

Maintain and report accurate records of all SOMEWT monies, assets and expenditures as required by these bylaws.

Issue checks or other disbursements against SOMEWT accounts for duly authorized expenditures.

Inform the Secretary of new or dropped members for the purpose of updating the official membership roster and the mailing list. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES

(Specific Committees and their duties to be decided at a future date)

Standing committees of SOMEWT members shall be appointed by the President to assist in the operation of the club. The Executive Committee shall review the term of service for members on these committees annually in January for renewal. A member may resign his or her duties by notifying the President. Each committee will consist of at least two members who will be responsible for selecting their own chair or spokesperson.

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 WOODTURNERS' 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 Executive Committee 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 Southern Maine Woodturners specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the American Association of Woodturners. The Executive Committee of the Southern Maine Woodturners is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the American Association of Woodturners. The Southern Maine 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.

ARTICLE XI - ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION

The current Chapter contact is: Bob Dawson

Contact Person's Title: Secretary

His address is: 240 Metcalf Rd., Winthrop Maine 04364

Daytime Tel: (Cell_ 207-754-0078)

Home Telephone: (207-377-2210)

E-mail: ski_patroller2004@yahoo.com

WebSite: None

We expect to draw members from southern Maine 70 mile radius Number of Members at this time: 87

These By-Laws have been drawn up, agreed upon, and adopted by Southern Maine Woodturners in South Portland Maine on _____, 2011.

Dated: _____

**Signed: _____
Dick Shryock, President**

Dated: _____

**Signed: _____
E. J. Lilley, Vice-President**

Dated: _____

**Signed: _____
Bob Dawson, Secretary**

Dated: _____

**Signed: _____
Mark Irving, Treasurer**