

# Barnesville Woodturners

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I - LOCATION

The Barnesville Woodturners mail location is considered to be that determined by the President. This location along with contact information can be obtained from the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) website: [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org).

### ARTICLE II - AFFILIATION

The Barnesville Woodturners is a Chapter affiliate of The Corporation, American Association of Woodturners (AAW), Inc. located in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Barnesville Woodturners members are encouraged to belong to the AAW and all officers and directors of Barnesville Woodturners must be members in good standing of AAW. Refer to Article XI for AAW DISCLAIMERS, FISCAL AND LEGAL.

### ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The Barnesville Woodturners supports the general purposes of the AAW parent organization. This Chapter will: 1. Provide a meeting place for local turners. 2. Share ideas regarding any form of arts and craft. 3. Exchange ideas about tools, woodturning techniques and design. 4. Support interested youths, providing them with encouragement and access to training.

### ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in woodturning/woodworking without regard to age, race, creed, color, gender or national origin. This interest may include hobbyists, students, amateur or part-time woodturners/woodworkers, professional woodturners/woodworkers, master craftsmen woodturners/woodworkers, collectors, galleries, dealers, and retail sales. Annual membership fees will be determined by the Board of Directors. These annual fees are required to initiate and maintain membership, with renewal fees due in January.

### ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

**A.** The Barnesville Woodturners will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The Barnesville Woodturners Board of Directors will determine a permanent monthly meeting location. The President may designate alternate sites within the area as conditions may require with a notice of such meeting change being sent to the membership via e-mail or other means as necessary.

**B.** Elected Officers and Board of Directors of the Barnesville Woodturners will hold a minimum of two meetings per year to discuss club business. These meetings are to be held in the first and third quarters of the year. The President and/or Board of Directors will call these and other meetings as deemed necessary. All Officer or otherwise business related meetings are open to general membership with locations and time provided by officers upon a member request.

## ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

### A. NUMBER AND ELECTION:

1. The elected officers of the Barnesville Woodturners: President, a Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members at the regularly scheduled meeting in November.

2. Board of Directors: Three Board members with a term of three years will be elected by a majority vote of the members at the regularly scheduled November meeting for staggered terms as indicated below.

1<sup>st</sup> year Election - President, Vice president, Secretary/ Treasurer, 1 Board member  
2<sup>nd</sup> year Election - President, Vice president, Secretary/ Treasurer, 1 Board member  
3<sup>rd</sup> year Election - President, Vice president, Secretary/ Treasurer, 1 Board member  
4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent years, repeat the three year rotation above.

**B. REMOVAL:** Any Officer elected or appointed may be removed when deemed in the best interest of Barnesville Woodturners. Article VI, paragraph "B" also applies to members. This would be accomplished by a majority vote of the members who are present at a regularly scheduled meeting. The removal vote meeting should not be held for a period of at least thirty-days starting with membership notification.

**C. VACANCIES:** If an elected office becomes vacant for any reason the Board of Directors may fill those vacancies by a majority vote.

**D. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Board of Directors will assist the Officers in conducting chapter affairs and shall head committees as appointed by the President. The Board will conduct a yearly audit of the financial records of the club. The Board will provide minutes of its meetings to the Secretary/Treasurer with said minutes becoming a part of the permanent record.

**E. PRESIDENT:** The President will be the principal executive officer of the Barnesville Woodturners, providing supervision and control of all business and affairs of the Barnesville Woodturners. The President will conduct monthly meetings. The President will from time to time check the status of the Secretary/Treasurer's funding accounts and the progress of official committee actions and report to the Board of Directors.

**F. VICE PRESIDENT** In the absence of the President or refusal to act, the Vice President will perform the duties of President, and when so acting, will have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President will perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President. The Vice President will publish a quarterly calendar of events that is updated monthly in the e-mail/newsletter.

**G. SECRETARY/TREASURER:** The Secretary/Treasurer will keep and maintain minutes of the Barnesville Woodturners' meetings to insure all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or otherwise required. The Secretary/Treasurer will notify the AAW, other chapters and appropriate parties of name and address of newly elected Presidents. When requested by the President, the Secretary/Treasurer will provide a summary of the minutes of selected meetings in the newsletter. The Secretary/Treasurer will collect all membership fees and all other funds generated by the Barnesville Woodturners and will be responsible for keeping current and accurate banking and financial records. The Secretary/Treasurer will provide monthly reports to the Board and Officers. Any member may request to audit any financial records and all minutes shall be available to any member.

**H. ADVISOR:** The Advisor shall be selected annually by the Board of Directors and Officers. A long-standing member should hold this position. When possible the advisor should have served as an Officer of the Barnesville Woodturners. The Advisor will not be an active Officer or Board member.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – Appointed Officers and Committees**

Appointed Officers are to work under the supervision and control of the President and/or Board of Directors.

**A. PROGRAM COORDINATOR:** The Program Coordinator is responsible for planning monthly programs and demonstrations for the chapter.

**B. CLUB LIBRARIAN:** The Club Librarian shall maintain and update video and print materials and make same available to the membership.

**C. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** A Nominating Committee consisting of three club members in good standing, will be appointed in September by the President. Said Committee will present candidates for election by the membership. Nominations may also be taken from the floor prior to elections.

#### **ARTICLE IX - FISCAL ASSETS**

Barnesville Woodturners's fiscal assets shall be the responsibility of the President and Treasurer. Both the President and Treasurer will assure that all expenditures will not exceed funds on hand. Barnesville Woodturners members requiring operating funds must receive approval from the President for expenses under \$100.00 before their expenditure and reimbursement. Any request exceeding \$100.00 must first be approved by the Board.

#### **ARTICLE X - CODE OF ETHICS**

Barnesville Woodturners members shall support the goals of this chapter without verbal or physical malice to any member, the chapter as a whole or to other associated organizations or individuals. Officers, Board of Directors and Advisor will hold themselves to the very highest standards, avoiding conflict of interest while giving their full support for the best interests of Barnesville Woodturners.

**ARTICLE XI – AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS (AAW)**

**A.** The Corporation, American Association of Woodturners, Inc., specifically disassociates itself from any debt obligations of the Barnesville Woodturners. The Corporate Board of Directors of AAW is not responsible for the debts or shares in the profits of the Barnesville Woodturners. AAW's national office must be notified in writing prior to and respond in writing before the Barnesville Woodturners incurs any indebtedness for AAW.

**B.** The Corporation, American Association of Woodturners, Inc., specifically disassociates itself from any other obligations or encumbrances of the Barnesville Woodturners. While the AAW parent organization will provide advice and counsel, as requested, Barnesville Woodturners is advised that the nature and extent of their activities are left to their discretion. Demonstrations are to be conducted solely at the discretion of the Barnesville Woodturners and all safety and instruction is to be under their explicit direction and control.

**ARTICLE XII - 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 at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Barnesville Woodturners Secretary MUST file copies of all modifications to these by-laws with the AAW.

**ACCEPTANCE OF BY-LAWS:**

The "Barnesville Woodturners" by-laws have been agreed upon and adopted by the following officers on \_\_\_\_\_:

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name:  
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Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name:  
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Secretary /Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name:  
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Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name:  
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Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name:  
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Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name:  
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**AMENDMENTS: (Approved by the membership)**