

BY-LAWS OF THE
WICHITA ~~HAND~~WEAVERS, SPINNERS & DYERS' GUILD

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Wichita ~~Handweavers~~ **Weavers**, Spinners and Dyers Guild.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote high standards in creative ~~hand~~weaving, spinning, ~~and~~ dyeing and *other fiber arts* through active group participation. It is to be of an educational nature, and open to the public.

ARTICLE III - Membership - Dues - Meetings

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the objectives of the Guild and any applicant may become a member by payment of annual dues as set by the Executive Board and voted upon by the Guild as a whole.

Section 2. Membership shall be for the duration of one year, beginning in September and expiring the last day of August. Dues shall be payable at the first meeting of the year, in September. ~~Dues of a new member shall be pro-rated from the first day of the month in which such new member joins until the end of the year.~~ A new member joining after March 1 will have membership extended through the full following year. Lifetime memberships are available.

Section 3. The regular meeting of the Guild shall be held ~~on the first Tuesday of each~~ **once a** month from September through May ~~inclusive or at a time to be voted upon by the Guild as a whole.~~

Section 4. A majority of those members present at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Discussions and voting may be conducted by electronic or other means when members cannot be physically present but are in communication with each other.

ARTICLE IV - Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. The officers shall consist of ~~a duly elected the~~ President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Guild and shall appoint chairpersons of all standing committees.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall act as Program Chairperson. ~~The Vice-President shall become the President the following year.~~ (wording?)succeed to the office of the President upon expiration of the President's term of office.

Section 4, The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and the minutes in general; and perform all other duties incidental to the office.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the Guild, shall keep an accurate record of the same, and shall be recorded at the bank. The treasurer shall deposit all monies to the credit of the Guild, ~~and shall~~ disburse the funds of the organization as directed by the Executive Board of the Guild, and provide a monthly ~~report~~ regular financial reporting.

~~Section 6. The Directors shall ... assist and advise the officers? Represent the membership? ?~~

~~Section 6.7. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and two Directors.~~

ARTICLE V - Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall ~~be comprised of~~ the Executive Committee two at-large members and committee chairs. ~~Guild officers, committee chairs, the librarian and the historian of the Guild.~~

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be the Administrative and Executive Body of the Guild and shall be empowered to conduct the business of the Guild.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet at least on a quarterly basis, at such a time and place agreed upon by the Executive Board members.

Section 4. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be announced in the monthly newsletter, and shall be open to all members of the organization.

ARTICLE VI - Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations for the election of ~~officers and Executive Board members~~ Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two ~~Directors-Members-at-Large~~ shall be ~~held-presented~~ at the ~~April~~ March meeting and the election will be held at the ~~May~~ April meeting. The term of office shall be for ~~two years one year~~ and will begin immediately following election.

Section 2. A nomination committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the President in ~~March~~ February. The Vice President will chair this committee. There shall be one or more nominations for each office. Other nominations may be made from the floor provided permission of the candidate has been given.

Section 3. If the office of any officer shall become vacant for any reason the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee Board.

ARTICLE VII – Amendments *(Janet will verify appropriate terminology in this section.)*

These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the members 30 days in advance.

ARTICLE VIII - Non-profit Status *(Janet will check for updated terminology in this section.)*

This organization is organized as a not-for-profit corporation exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific ~~or other purposes within the meaning purposes, including for the purposes, the making and distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under of~~ Section 501(e)

~~501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law).~~ This corporation shall not have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this article. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate in public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by corporations exempt for federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code ~~or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law) or;~~ (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 ~~(or corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law) or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.~~

More specifically, the nature, purposes and objective of the business to be transacted, promoted, or carried on by the corporation are as follows: 1) The development of public awareness and appreciation for the art of handweaving, spinning and dyeing, and its place in our culture, and to provide education to all interested persons in these skills or the knowledge thereof.

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of this corporation, dispose of ~~ah~~ the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 591 (c) (3) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of Sedgwick County, Kansas, in which county the principal office of the corporation is now located, ~~exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations as the said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.~~

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