

BYLAWS OF THE WICHITA WEAVERS, SPINNERS & DYERS GUILD

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ARTICLE I - Name

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

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote high standards in creative weaving, spinning, 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 Board of Directors 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. 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 once a month from September through May.

Section 4. All decisions put to a vote shall be decided by a simple majority, unless otherwise specified in these bylaws. A simple majority is defined as more than half of the votes cast by members who are present and entitled to vote at a meeting. In the event of a tie, the presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote.

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 the President, Vice President-Guild, Vice President-Fiber Arts Center (FAC), Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all regular meetings of the Guild and Board of Directors and shall approve chairpersons of all standing committees.

Section 3. The Vice President-Guild shall preside in the absence of the President and shall act as Program Chairperson for regular Guild meetings and special workshops. This position shall also oversee Guild library operations and will recommend a chairperson of the Library Committee, to be approved by the President.

Section 4. The Vice President-FAC shall oversee operations in the FAC, including arrangements for teachers and classes, class promotion, hours of operation, safety guidelines, equipment usage and maintenance, and room upkeep. The Vice-President-FAC shall provide regular reports to the Board of Directors and apprise the Board of any urgent matters that arise with operation of the FAC.

Section 5., The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings; maintain the Facebook page and other public facing online sites; create newsletters and other communication; maintain the calendar of events; and maintain the membership list.

Section 6. 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, disburse the funds of the organization as directed by the Board of Directors and provide regular financial reporting. The Treasurer shall also file timely reports with the State of Kansas and the IRS.

ARTICLE V – Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall comprise the officers, two at-large members and the past president.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be the administrative and executive body of the Guild and shall be empowered to conduct the business of the Guild.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at least on a quarterly basis at such a time and place agreed upon by its members.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be announced in the monthly newsletter or via email and shall be open to all members of the organization.

Section 5. Board members must be active members of the Guild. If a board member misses three meetings of the Board of Directors with no contact, they will be deemed to have resigned from the board, and a replacement will be appointed to complete the term.

ARTICLE VI - Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be presented at the March meeting, and the election will be held at the April meeting. The term of office shall be for one year and will begin at the conclusion of the May meeting

Section 2. A nominating committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the President in 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 any position on the Board of Directors becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII – Amendments

These bylaws 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

This organization is organized as a not-for-profit corporation exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific or other purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XI - Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Guild, all funds remaining after payment of all debts shall be given to fiber arts education organization(s), to be determined by member vote.

These amended and restated bylaws are adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2025, to be effective immediately.

President