

# Bloomington Spinners and Weavers Guild: BY-LAWS

## **Article I: Name**

The name of this organization shall be: The Bloomington Spinners and Weavers Guild.

## **Article II: Purpose**

The purpose is to promote cooperation and interchange of ideas among those interested in the arts of spinning and weaving; to stimulate public appreciation for the value of spinning and weaving; to provide instruction for members in the methods and techniques of spinning, weaving and related fiber arts.

## **Article III: Membership**

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in spinning and weaving, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin.

## **Article IV: Officers**

Elected Officers shall be: Coordinator, Vice-Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each term of office shall be one year. Each of the officers may be renominated and reelected for each office for as long as the membership considers the arrangement valuable to the organization. In the event of the resignation of any officer, the Coordinator, with the consent of the Guild Board, shall appoint a replacement for the remaining term of office. Should the Coordinator resign, the Co-Coordinator shall become Coordinator and then appoint a new Vice-Coordinator as indicated above.

## **Article V: Guild Board**

The Guild Board shall consist of the four elected officers plus any Committee Chairperson involved in the business outlined on the agenda.

## **Article VI: Elections**

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Coordinator. For the year 2002 only, nominations for office shall be presented to the membership at the September meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted. Election of officers shall be by a quorum (one third membership) at the May meeting. Officers will assume duties following the election. For each succeeding year, nominations for office shall be presented to the membership at the April meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted. Election of officers shall be by a majority of members present at the May meeting. Officers will assume duties of the organization on June 1st following the election.

## **Article VII: Dues and Fiscal Year**

Dues are to be paid annually and shall be set as stated in the Standing Rules. The fiscal year shall be June 1 to May 31.

## **Article VIII: Meetings**

Meetings are to be held on the third Monday of each month, September through May, unless another date is designated by the Guild Board. The dates and times of the June through August meetings will be determined at the organizational Board Meeting.

## **Article IX: Publication**

A monthly newsletter announcing current group events and related activities shall be emailed to each member. Where email is not available the newsletter will be mailed to each member.

## **Article X: Parliamentary Procedure**

Any point not covered in these By-Laws shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised."

## **Article XI: Amendments**

These By-Laws may be revised at any regular meeting by a majority of the membership present provided the revision was submitted in writing and read at the previous meeting. The revision becomes effective immediately.

## **Article XII: Dissolution**

In the event the group should disband, the library and any other properties owned by the organization shall be sold at auction among the group. The proceeds of such auction and any funds from the Guild's bank account shall be used to pay any and all debts against the Guild. Proceeds left over shall be donated to an organization which encourages education through the fiber arts. The decision about the donation will be made by members of the disbanding Guild.

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