

## 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 fiber arts; to stimulate public appreciation for the value of the fiber arts; to provide instruction for members in the methods and techniques of fiber arts.

### Article III: Membership

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in fiber arts, 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 Vice-Coordinator shall become Coordinator and then appoint a new Vice-Coordinator as indicated above.

### Article V: Guild Board of Directors

The Guild Board of Directors shall consist of the four elected officers plus three at-large members elected from the general membership, whose term of office shall be for one year. Each may be reelected for as long as the membership considers the arrangement valuable to the organization. In the event of the resignation of any at-large member, the Coordinator, with the consent of the Guild Board of Directors, shall appoint a replacement for the remaining term of office. Any Committee Chairperson involved in the business outlined on the agenda may also be invited to attend Guild Board meetings.

### Article VI: Elections

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Coordinator. Nominations for each office shall be presented to the membership at the April meeting. Nominations from the floor shall also be accepted for any position on the Board of Directors. Election shall be by a majority of members responding by vote electronically from the April meeting until the May meeting and members present at the May meeting. The Board of Directors will assume duties of the organization on June 1st following the election. For the year 2023 only, the at-large members shall be appointed by the officers to serve from June until the September guild meeting, at which time the general membership shall elect the at-large members, who shall serve until elections in May 2024; this provision expires automatically upon the September election of the at-large members.

### 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 and announced by the Guild Board.

Article IX: Publication

A monthly newsletter announcing current group events and related activities shall be emailed to each member. Where email is not available, a member may request the newsletter be mailed by providing the secretary with pre-addressed stamped envelopes with first class postage as needed.

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 responding membership. The amendment will be read at the prior monthly meeting and presented in writing in the next newsletter for electronic voting by any interested member until the next monthly meeting. The revision becomes effective immediately.

Article XII: Dissolution

In the event the group should disband, the library, equipment 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.

*Adopted May 15, 2023*