

Bloomington Spinners and Weavers Guild, Inc.: BY-LAWS

Article I: Name

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

Article II: Purpose

The mission of the guild is to educate all persons who are interested in the rich and diverse fields of fiber arts. We strive to encourage creativity and excellence, as well as ensure the preservation of our fiber arts heritage.

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for artistic and educational purposes, as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

Article III: Membership

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in fiber arts, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation and gender identity. We are committed to creating a community that is diverse, equal, and inclusive. Membership shall consist of dues-paying members as well as life members (80+ years of age).

Article IV: Officers

Elected Officers shall be: Coordinator, Vice-Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each term of office shall be for two years. Coordinator and Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years. Vice-Coordinator and Treasurer shall be elected in odd numbered years. 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 vacancy of the Coordinator position, the Vice Coordinator shall become Coordinator. In the event of a vacancy of any other board member position, an announcement shall be made to the membership that there is a vacancy for which a member may volunteer. If several members volunteer for a position, the membership shall vote by election to choose one to fill the vacancy. If one member volunteers, the member shall be ratified by acclamation. If no one volunteers, the board shall continue to recruit volunteers until it is filled. The board has the discretion to appoint a member to fill the vacant position on a temporary basis until the position is filled by the election process.

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 two years. Two of the members shall be elected in even numbered years, and one member shall be elected in an odd numbered year. Each may be reelected for as long as the membership considers the arrangement valuable to the organization. In the event of the vacancy of any member at large position, an announcement shall be made to the membership that there is a vacancy for which a member may volunteer. If several members volunteer for a position, the membership shall vote by election to choose one to fill the vacancy. If one member volunteers, the member shall be ratified by acclamation. If no one volunteers, the board shall continue to recruit volunteers until it is filled. The board has the discretion to appoint a member to fill the vacant position on a temporary basis until the position is filled by the election process. 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 Guild Board of Directors. Election shall be by a majority of members. Members may vote by one of two options: either electronically from the

April meeting until the May meeting or in person at the May meeting. The Guild Board of Directors 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 January 1 to December 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. Ten percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at membership meetings.

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 presented in the first available newsletter, then read and discussed at the next monthly meeting. Members may vote by one of two options: either electronically from the date of this monthly meeting to the following monthly meeting or in person at the following 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.

As amended May 20, 2024