

**BY-LAWS
OF THE
EAST TEXAS WOODTURNERS' ASSOCIATION**

February 14, 2015

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZERS AND LOCATION

Mark Juach, P. O. Box 7695, Tyler, Texas 75711, organized the East Texas Woodturners as a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, November 19, 1991. Generally the membership of this organization is drawn from the East Texas area, especially those cities, towns and communities surrounding Tyler, Texas. Hereinafter East Texas Woodturners will be referred to as the “Chapter,” “**Club**”, or “ETW” and the American Association of Woodturners as “AAW and/or national organization and/or the corporation.” Members in good standing is defined as “those members who have the current year’s dues paid in full.”

ARTICLE II – OFFICES

The principle office of this Chapter will be located at the residence of the current president.

ARTICLE III – RELATION OF CHAPTER TO THE AAW

All *members of the Steering Committee* of this Chapter agree to be members in good standing of the AAW, Inc.

Members of ETW understand that the parent organization (AAW) will provide advice and counsel, as requested, while the nature and extent of the Chapter’s activities are left to its discretion. Woodturning demonstrations, a normal part of the activities of the Chapter, will be conducted solely at the discretion of *the* Officers, and all direction relative to time, duration, nature, safety, etc. will be under their explicit direction and control.

ARTICLE IV – PURPOSE

ETW is committed to serving woodturners in the East Texas area, providing a meeting place, sharing woodturning ideas and techniques, exchanging wood and sharing ideas about tools. The club offers various services to current members, such as, but not limited to, a mentor program to further their woodturning knowledge and an extensive library. ETW performs community services, woodturning demonstrations, and other acts to further the purpose of the club. Regular meetings are open to everyone, however, only members in good standing may take part in, or otherwise utilize, any of the club’s privileges. The Chapter joins with AAW in its dedication to providing education, information and organization to those interested in woodturning

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual membership fees will be established by a two-thirds vote of members in good standing present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Notice of the vote will be announced in the monthly newsletter. Membership fees are due in January of each year. Fees for new members will be prorated (Fee / 12 x number of months remaining in year).

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

- A. This Chapter will meet the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the location shown on the Chapter website, easttexaswoodturners.org, unless otherwise specified.
- B. *Steering Committee: The Steering Committee's (S/C) purpose is to conduct the majority of the business of the club outside of the monthly club meetings. The S/C shall be composed of all of the officers of the club. All regularly scheduled meetings shall be pre-announced, shall have a majority of officers present, and shall be conducted by the President on a predetermined or as-needed basis. Any club member in good standing may attend. Voting shall be by the Officers with input from the attending club members. Results may be reported to the club members at the next scheduled meeting.***

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

- A. Number and Election. The Officers of this Chapter shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Program Chairman, and a Librarian. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the Chapter's members in good standing.
- B. Term of Office. Each officer shall hold office for one calendar year.
- C. Removal. Any elected or appointed officer may be removed when it is deemed to be in the best interests of the Chapter. Removal is accomplished by a majority vote of the Chapter's members *in good standing* present *at a regularly scheduled club meeting. Notice of the vote will be presented in the Club's newsletter prior to the vote.*
- D. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by a majority vote of the Officers.
- E. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Chapter. The President shall conduct meetings, supervise all the business and affairs of the Chapter, *and appoint positions as needed such as Chairman of the Clean Up Committee, etc.*
- F. Vice President. In the absence of the President, or in the event of his/her death, inability, or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of President, and when so

acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

- G. Secretary. The Secretary shall make a record of all meetings and other Chapter activities, keep them on file, and provide a copy to the *members in good standing as requested*. The Secretary shall be responsible for the *membership rolls and collecting dues*. The Secretary shall keep all non-fiscal Chapter records, such as, but not limited to, By-Laws and current Membership List. The Secretary will perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- H. Treasurer. The treasurer will be responsible for collecting and disbursing of funds and for keeping accurate records. The Treasurer will perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- I. Program Chairman. The Program Chairman will ensure that a program is presented at each meeting. The Program Chairman shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- J. Librarian. The Librarian is responsible for making the library available at each meeting. The Librarian will establish a system to ensure the security of the library resources, checkout and return procedures, and notification of over-due materials. The Librarian will recommend purchase of new materials and will perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

ARTICLE VIII – INDEBTEDNESS

This Chapter must notify AAW’s national office prior to incurring any indebtedness for AAW.

ARTICLE IX – AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS’ DISCLAIMERS: FISCAL AND LEGAL

The American Association of Woodturners, Inc., specifically disassociates itself from any debts, obligations or encumbrances of the Local Chapter. The Corporate Board of Directors of AAW is not responsible for the debts nor shares in the profits of the Local Chapters. The AAW does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by a Local Chapter.

ARTICLE X – EAST TEXAS WOODTURNERS’ DISCLAIMERS: FISCAL AND LEGAL

The East Texas Woodturner Chapter and its Officers specifically disassociate from and are not responsible for any debts, obligations, profits, or encumbrances of the American Association of Woodturners. The East Texas Woodturners does not shoulder any legal liability for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored or not sponsored by the AAW.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a vote of a simple majority of the members in good standing at a regularly scheduled meeting. Copies of all modifications to these By Laws must be filed with the National office of AAW.

ACCEPTANCE OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws written, agreed upon, and adopted by the East Texas Woodturners Association, Tyler, Texas, a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc., were originally composed November 19, 1991; amended August 15, 1994; January 1, 2002; August 14, 2004; January 1, 2005; November 11, 2006, *and currently amended with an effective dated February 14, 2015.*

Signed:	President: _____ <i>Dennis Lorenz</i>	Date: _____
	Vice President: _____ <i>Worth Holmes</i>	Date: _____
	Secretary: _____ <i>Jack Day</i>	Date: _____
	Treasurer: _____ <i>Walter Tate</i>	Date: _____
	Program Chairman: _____ Ken Terrell	Date: _____
	Librarian: _____ Tom Crosby	Date: _____

***NOTE: The latest changes and/or modifications to these by-laws and/or amendments are in bold italics print .**