

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Western Ohio Woodworking Club (WOW).

ARTICLE II

Status

Section A. This organization shall be organized and operated on a non-profit basis. It may, however, at any time deemed desirable, beneficial, and in the best interest of the membership, issue stock as a non-profit corporation and incorporate itself under the laws governing such actions of the state in which it incorporates.

ARTICLE III

Objectives

Section A. The primary objectives of this club is to promote education and to foster craftsmanship in the art and technique of woodworking. To promote these objectives, the club will:

1. Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, project design and planning, the use of tools (both hand and power), procedures, materials, processes and techniques, finishing and refinishing, associated with woodworking.
2. Provide sources of information, material, equipment, supplies and facilities for area woodworkers. To provide a medium through which joint purchase arrangements may be made as desired.
3. Arrange field trips to woodworking suppliers and commercial and home workshops.
4. Have presentations at club meetings by club members, local woodworkers and occasionally, by professional speakers.

5. Provide information on specialized equipment available for use by the club members.
6. Keep club members informed of craft shows or other opportunities for selling projects.
7. Provide voluntary public services to the community in the area of woodworking.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section A. Club membership is open to all woodworkers irrespective of skill level, sex, age, or experience.

Section B. Guests are expected to join WOW after attending not more than one meeting.

ARTICLE V

Dues

Section A. There shall be an entrance fee for each new member of the club. The amount of said fee shall be designated by the steering committee.

Section B. The annual membership dues for each active member shall be as designated by the steering committee.

Section C. There shall be no refund of dues.

Section D. If, for any reason, the club may be disbanded, all cash assets at the time shall be donated to a charitable organization designated by the steering committee.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section A. The officers of WOW are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section B. The steering committee of the club shall be composed of the officers and committee chairpersons. In addition, the president, at his discretion, may request other members to serve. These additional members will serve at the request of the president only and have no specific tenure of membership. They may be removed from the steering committee at any time. These additional members may be heard during steering committee meetings and may, at the president's request, place business before the committee, but they shall be non-voting members and shall have no direct voice in executive sessions or steering committee decisions.

ARTICLE VII

Elections

Section A. The president, within 60 days prior to his leaving office, shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members which will submit a list of candidates for the several officers at the first regular meeting in February of the ensuing year.

Section B. The election of officers shall be at the April meeting. A term of office will be one year, however re-election to same office is permissible. A simple majority of votes is necessary for elections. All service to WOW will be on a strictly voluntary basis.

ARTICLE VIII

Duties of Officers

Section A. The President shall be the Chief Executive officer of the club. He shall preside at all general meetings and shall be chairperson of the Steering Committee. He shall appoint the respective committee members and the chairperson for each committee. The President may appoint additional ad hoc committees as needed. He shall

ensure that each of these committees function as intended. The President shall act as an ex-officio member of each committee.

Section B. If, for any reason, the President is unable to perform his duties the Vice-President shall occupy his position and perform his duties.

Section C. The Secretary shall keep a record of transactions of each meeting. He shall keep a list of all WOW members. All club records shall be kept in an organized manner to ensure ready transfer to persons succeeding to this office.

Section D. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and deposit same in a bank to be designated and approved by the Steering Committee. All checks and vouchers must be signed by the Treasurer. In the absence of the treasurer, checks may be signed by the President or the Secretary of the club. All financial records will be kept in an orderly method in accordance with normally accepted accounting procedures. All financial accounts shall be audited annually by an agency to be stipulated by the Steering Committee.

Section E. The duties of the Steering Committee shall be as follows:

1. This committee shall establish club policy as required.
2. They shall authorize all expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness beyond the income of the club.
3. They shall have the books and accounts audited annually.
4. They shall retain their active membership after the election of new officers and provide continuity to the club until such time or they singly or severally are asked to resign, or they choose to resign.
5. They shall designate a bank for the deposit of the club funds.
6. They shall continually focus on the objectives of the club and ensure that the membership will be motivated as a result of interesting programs.
7. They shall handle the business of the club in such a manner that a minimum

of time is devoted to such matters at the regular membership meetings.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Section A. Meeting places, dates, and times will be determined by the club Steering Committee.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section A. No amendment to this constitution shall be put to vote unless written notice shall have been available to the membership at least two weeks prior to the club meetings.

Section B. This constitution may be amended at any general club meeting subject to the above condition by two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XI

Indemnification

Section A. Each person who at any time is or shall have been a director, trustee, officer, employee or member of this club, and his or her heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified by this Club against all liability of every kind and nature, whether arising in contract, in tort, or otherwise, connected with or in any way related to such director's, trustee's, officer's, employee's or member's acting or having in good faith taken any action or omitted to take any action by, for, on behalf of or in the course of his or her activities for this Club. The Club may purchase and maintain insurance against liability on behalf of any such person to the full extent permitted by the law in effect at the time of the adoption of this Article of the Constitution.