

Whidbey Weavers Guild
A community of Fiber Artists

WHIDBEY WEAVERS GUILD BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be known as the Whidbey Weavers Guild.

ARTICLE II OBJECT

The purpose of this organization is to provide for and promote exchange of ideas for education in the fiber arts.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person with an active interest in fiber arts is eligible for membership.
2. Classification of membership:
 - a. An active member shall pay full dues and have the privileges of voting and holding office.
 - b. The executive board with the approval of the membership shall select honorary members who will have all the privileges of active membership without paying dues.
 - c. An associate shall pay a fee to cover the cost of the newsletter. This designation is available only to those who been members in good standing.
3. Dues are payable in full by the beginning of the guild annual calendar year.
4. A family membership shall include all members or a family living at the same address and receiving one newsletter.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

1. Elected officers shall be president, vice president, secretary, newsletter editor, treasurer and program chair.
2. Method of election: Election of the officers by a majority of members present shall be at the May meeting in odd numbered years following a report of the nominating committee at which time there may be additional nominations from the floor. Officers elected shall serve for a period of two years, taking office at the beginning of a new year.
3. Vacancies: If an elected member of the board cannot fulfill the term, a nominating committee, appointed by the president, shall propose a replacement to present to the membership for approval.
4. Duties of the Officers:
 - a. President shall preside at all meetings, keep all official records of the Guild, appoint non elected standing committee chairmen and appoint nominating committees.
 - b. Vice President shall perform duties of the president when president is unable to perform the duties of the office and assist the president.

- c. Secretary shall record all votes, keep an account of the meetings of the Guild and the executive board and handle the general correspondence of the Guild.
- d. Newsletter editor shall chair the Newsletter Committee, publish and distribute the newsletter and publish and distribute the handbook.
- e. Treasurer shall collect all dues, keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, keep an up-to-date roster of all members, have the books reviewed and file annual nonprofit form.
- f. Program chairman shall chair the Program Committee and arrange programs.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The executive board shall consist of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and the chairman of the standing committees.
2. The executive board shall be empowered to act for the Guild when necessary between regular meetings, shall recommend Guild direction and goals to the membership and shall report any action to the Guild.
3. The board shall meet as needed during the year.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

1. The meeting schedule shall be announced at the first meeting of the Guild year.
2. The president may call special meetings.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

1. Standing committees, which serve for a two year period, are: program, newsletter, library, workshop and membership.
2. The incoming president shall appoint committee chairmen with the exception of program and newsletter, which are elected. The committee chairman may choose the other members of the committee.
3. Nominating committee shall be appointed by the president at the March meeting of odd numbered years, shall consist of three members who shall select their chairman. This committee shall select a slate of nominees to be presented at the May meeting.
4. President is ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
5. The president may appoint special committees as needed.

ARTICLE VIII PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Guild may adopt.

ARICLE IX AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended, altered, added to, changed or repealed in whole or in part and new bylaws adopted in lieu of all or any part thereof by two thirds of the active members present at any regular meeting after having been presented in writing sixty days prior to voting.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this organization the treasurer funds will be donated to the Association of Northwest Weavers Guilds. Current members will have an opportunity to purchase library materials and equipment; proceeds from that sale and any remaining assets will be donated to area non profit organizations selected by the board.

ARTICLE XI AUTHORITY

The within and foregoing bylaws were adopted by a majority of the members present at the meeting of the Whidbey Weavers Guild held on April 2, 1987 and revised on April 4, 2002 and May 4, 2006.