

Welcome everyone to the first edition of our club newsletter! As you may have noticed on our masthead, we have not decided on a name for our club. Several options have been proposed but not decided upon. These have been listed in the masthead and will be discussed at our next meeting on February 12th.

Also being discussed at our next meeting will be our By-Laws and Operating Procedures. These items are included in this newsletter for review prior to the meeting. If you have any questions after reading these documents, please feel free to bring them up at the meeting.

As our club is brand new, you are going to be seeing a lot of changes in the newsletter until things settle

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THE CALL OF THE LATHE

by
Tom Boley

It is clear that the Call of the Lathe is sounding pretty darn loud out here in Loudoun County and the surrounding territory. What a great success that first meeting was! Thanks to all of you, all 41, for coming and signing up for the new club, whatever the name turns out to be. Yes, we had several suggestions and decided to table it until the Feb meeting (12th) so everyone can give it some thought. But in Feb we will need to decide so we can get on with everything we need to do. You know, they won't let you out of the hospital until you name the baby!

The name which seemed to get the most traction was Goose Creek Woodturners. Most of you have probably been around here longer than I so better understand the history of Goose Creek, which is apparently significant to many of you. The next name which was considered viable was Potomac Appalachian Woodturners. Three others suggested later were Bull Run Woodturners, Battlefield Woodturners, and Revolutionary Woodturners. And a late entry in the club-naming sweepstakes is Catoctin Area Turners. We'll talk on the 12th.

I want to especially thank those who were willing to stand for office. I think we only had one draftee among those who are on the list. But if any of you are interested in being an officer, be sure to let us know at the next meeting so you may be considered along with the rest. Since the last meeting, I have asked Dale Bright, one of our "founders" if he would run for an additional officer position of Operations Director. We'll again have the opportunity at the Feb meeting to nominate others for positions if anyone is interested.

We did decide on \$30/year as our initial annual dues with \$45/year for a family membership. I think we can start collecting next month so bring your checkbooks. We'll have to have a name, of course, so we know to whom to make out the checks!

We have found an alternate location, one which will meet all of our needs. The next meeting, though, WILL be at the Woodcraft store. Dave Martin, our Program Director, has more information later in this newsletter.

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(The Call of the Lathe continued)

That was an amazing piece of well-trained and well-executed action which the pilot of that airplane which landed in the Hudson River made. All of us who heard about it or saw it on TV had to have been not only impressed with his skill but amazed that it worked out so well. One of the questions which pops up is “How in the world did he do it?” The answer, of course, is training, training, training. And that is true in any task. Doing it successfully is in the training, in the practice, in the experience.

How do you become a good woodturner? By turning wood. How do you become a safe woodturner? By practicing safe woodturning practices as a matter of standard operating procedure. But do you think about emergencies when you are turning? Do you think about what you would do if you have a genuine emergency such as a significant injury? You can practice emergency procedures in your mind as well as in actual practice, you know, even when you are alone in your shop, and thereby train yourself to think in terms of correct reactions when injured. What if a large piece of wood comes off the lathe and just brushes your arm but tears away skin causing abundant bleeding? What do you do if you happen to get your fingers caught between the spinning wood and the tool rest? What do you do if you cut yourself badly on the sharp end of a gouge? Do you have first aid gear in the shop which you can go to immediately? Do you have a phone in the shop so you can call for help if needed? You may not need to call 911 – maybe you only need to call a neighbor to help get you unstuck from a piece of wood which is now CA-glued to your hand. But these are all situations which are much more easily resolved if you have thought through your emergency action list before hand. Be safe.

Think about your emergency procedures and what you would do the next time the Call of the Lathe beckons you into the shop.

As we begin our journey of starting a new woodturning club, let us do so with safety as our Number 1 Priority. And then we can focus on having a great time, learning new techniques or about new tools, and sharing our knowledge and skills with others. You will be amazed at how much fun this will be. Thanks to all of you for joining us. I’ll see you on the 12th.

down. With this in mind, we will be looking for graphic artists for our club logo, authors for articles, and general editorial assistance. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

Once a name is decided upon, we will be creating a web presence for our club to use. On it expect to find current and past newsletters as well as information too new to have made it into the previous newsletter. We hope you will be visiting it often!

Remember, if you have any ideas for what should be included in the newsletter, please let me know.

Robert Peesel - Editor

PROPOSED OFFICER LIST

At the initial club meeting a list of required officer and support positions was proposed. The following positions were identified. The names listed have been nominated to fill the positions.

President	Tom Boley 540-338-1718 tboley@erols.com
Vice President	Joe Flanigan
Secretary	Bob Parson
Treasurer	Mark Kaplan
Operations Director	Dale Bright
Program Director	David Martin
Newsletter Editor	Robert Peesel

CLUB NEWS

We've got exciting news about a meeting place for our turning club. On January 24, several members of the Board Of Directors braved the cold weather to take a look at a meeting room in the Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve (BRNP). The facility has a large classroom, able to seat 60 people, along with a large garage that could easily accommodate our demonstration requirements. The classroom is located in the middle of the 725 acre preserve. We'll also be able to store equipment and supplies at the Preserve as well as have access to a shop to make setup for meetings easy!

Ron Circe, an avid woodturner and the manager of the Preserve, will be at our February meeting to tell us about the facility, its history, and how this property became part of the Loudoun County Parks and Recreation system. We'll also discuss some opportunities to work with the team to reclaim some wood from the Preserve and create items to exhibit at upcoming Preserve events to showcase our efforts.

The Preserve is located just south of Leesburg off of Evergreen Mills Rd. Directions will be provided at the February meeting and we hope to be settled in time for the March meeting. For those of you that are wondering, the word "banshee" is a Gaelic term for a female spirit and the word "reeks" is a Gaelic term for hills and dales. According to legend from the 1840s, the owner of the farm that is now BRNP was of Irish or Scottish decent and after a night of partying, he came back to the farm and heard strange cries and sounds in the woods. He thought they may have come from banshees. Since the farm is very hilly, he said that he heard, "banshees in the reeks."

You can find out more information about the Preserve at the following links:

<http://www.loudoun.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=884>

<http://www.bansheereeks.org/>

You can see the photos from our trip below.

The February meeting will be held at the Leesburg WoodCraft store. The store is located at:

512 E Market St
Leesburg, VA 20176
(703) 737-7880



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Each month in our newsletter we plan on highlighting one of our members. At first, we will be sharing information concerning the club officers but will be including information for anyone who would like be in our spotlight! Don't be surprised if I tap you on the shoulder and ask if you would share your information for the next newsletter. You don't have to be an expert to be included here, in fact, consider this an opportunity to point out what you would like to learn!

This month we present Dave Martin:

Hi, my name is Dave Martin and I wanted to introduce myself and more importantly, ask for some help. I'm relatively new to turning and find I'm most interested in bowls or boxes as opposed to spindle work. I've done a few pens as well and I'm sure these treasured gifts are hiding in drawers as we speak. I especially enjoy looking through a wood pile to see if something catches my eye but not always sure what I'm looking for! Although, it's not fully clear to me why I did it, I volunteered at the first club meeting to be the Program Director, responsible for ensuring that presentations and programs are scheduled for our monthly meetings. We're in good shape for the February meeting, Tom Boley will give us a demonstration about tool sharpening which should be very informative and useful! Thanks to Tom for getting us started with a couple of demonstrations but it is time to call on others for some help too.

For future meetings, I'm looking for ideas and thoughts about what the membership would like to learn about. Do you have a technique you've been wondering about, a particular style of turning you'd like to know more about, etc.? If you do, please feel free to talk to me at meetings, email me with ideas at davemartin88@gmail.com, or even call me at 703-727-7917 if you prefer talking over writing!

Here are a couple of ideas that I've heard so far, feel free to add on to these, tell me which ones look interesting or suggest others:

Finishing Techniques- lacquer/friction/dyes/adding details like carving?

Turning a Natural Edge bowl, too hard for a beginner, how do you keep that bark on there?

Wood selection, what makes a piece interesting or stand out?

Chucks- a hundred choices, which chuck for which task?

These are just a few ideas to stimulate the thinking, I can really use some help. If you're in a position to offer to make a presentation or demonstration, please tell me what you would like to cover, I'd love to hear from you. Along with the show and tell sessions where we'll have a chance to show what we're working on, these programs will be key to a successful and interesting club meeting so thanks in advance for help and input. See you at the meetings.

Bylaws of the

ARTICLE ONE NAME, OFFICES, AND PURPOSES

Section 1. Name and Offices The name of this organization shall be the _____, as specified in the Articles of Incorporation and the principal office of the corporation shall be located at the address of its then current Chairman of the Board of Directors/President. The corporation may have other offices and may conduct its business at such other locations as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time. In the event the chairman of the Board of Directors is not a resident of Virginia, a Virginia resident will be appointed from among the Directors as the agent.

Section 2. Purposes

(A) The corporation is organized exclusively for education purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and its mission is to educate woodturners, its members, and the public in and about the art and craft of woodturning. This purpose will be accomplished by encouraging, providing, and facilitating the establishment of training programs for woodturners; by disseminating information about technique, safety, sources of material and equipment; by exposing the art of woodturning to the public; and by serving as a center of information about woodturning for members, schools, galleries, and other interested groups and the general public.

(B) The corporation is organized exclusively for the purposes set forth above, including for such purposes the making of distributions of funds or educational materials to similar organizations to the extent permitted b Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

(C) To further the purposes set forth herein, the corporation may engage in any lawful act or activity for which nonprofit, nonstock corporations may be organized under the laws of Virginia. The corporation shall have all of the powers granted to corporations under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

(D) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, the corporation shall not carry on any activity nor exercise any power that is (1) not permitted or in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organization as set forth in the subsection of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or any amendment or recodification thereof, under which the corporation may choose to qualify for exemption of (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code or any amendment or recodification thereof.

(E) No part of the activities of the corporation shall be devoted to the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in, including the publishing or distribution of statements, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE TWO
MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Membership and Voting Rights The corporation shall have the classes of membership with the voting rights and privileges as specified herein. Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in woodturning, or interested therein, may become a member of the corporation as set forth in these Bylaws. Any regular, family, lifetime, or honorary member shall be entitled to attend and participate in all membership meetings, skill enhancement sessions, demonstrations, symposia, or other events sponsored by the corporation on such terms and in accordance with such rules as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Regular Membership A regular member is any one person, business, or corporation who practices woodturning as a profession or avocation or is interested in woodturning. A regular member shall pay dues annually at the rate established for regular membership, from time to time, by the membership. A regular member shall have the right to one (1) vote on any issue that may come before the membership pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Family Membership A family membership is available to all people living together in a household who practice woodturning as a profession or avocation or are interested in woodturning. A family membership shall pay dues annually at the rate established for family membership, from time to time, by the membership. A family membership shall have the right to no more than two (2) votes on any issue that may come before the membership pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws regardless of the number of members in the family but to exercise the two votes, two family members must be present at the vote.

Lifetime Membership A lifetime membership may be bestowed by the Board of Directors on any individual who is a regular or family member in recognition for long and exemplary services rendered to the corporation or to the craft of woodturning. Lifetime members shall pay no dues and shall not have the right to vote on any issue but shall be entitled to all other privileges of membership on the same basis as regular members.

Honorary Membership An honorary membership may be bestowed by the Board of Directors on any individual who is not a regular or family member in recognition for long and exemplary service rendered to the corporation or to the craft of woodturning. Honorary members shall pay no dues and shall not have the right to vote on any issue but shall be entitled to all other privileges of membership on the same basis as regular members.

Section 2. Dues and Fees The Board of Directors shall annually propose the rate of dues to be charged to regular and family members, which rate shall be approved by the membership. Dues shall be due on such date as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Board of Directors may also establish fees to be charged to members for video or equipment rentals or attending or participating in special events and demonstrations, including demonstrations that may occur at regular membership meetings.

Section 3. Default and Termination of Membership When any regular or family member shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of two months from the date on which such dues become due and payable, his or her membership will thereupon be terminated.

ARTICLE THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General Powers The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall be the officers of the corporation as provided in these bylaws. The president of the corporation shall serve as the chairman of the Board of Directors and the vice president of the corporation shall serve as vice chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Number, Appointment, Tenure, and Removal The directors of the corporation shall not number fewer than five (5) individuals elected by the membership of the corporation having voting rights. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) individuals as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation. The Board of Directors shall be elected by an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership at the annual membership meeting and shall take office on January 1 of the following calendar year. The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors may be increased or decreased within the limits set forth above by an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership. All directors shall be regular or family members of the corporation.

The term of office for a director shall be one year or until the election and qualification of his successor. Directors of the corporation may be removed from office, with or without cause, by an affirmative vote of the membership at a special membership meeting called for that purpose.

Section 3. Meetings The Board of Directors shall meet at least once annually at such time and place as the chairman of the Board of Directors may designate. The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place for holding additional regular meetings without other notice than such resolution.

Section 4. Special Meetings Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by, or at the request of, the chairman or any two directors, and shall be held at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place as the directors may determine. Notice of any special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given at least five days previously thereto by written notice, delivered personally, or sent by mail, telegram, facsimile transmission, or e-mail to each director at his address as shown by the records of the corporation. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States Mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. Any director may waive notice of any special meeting.

Section 5. Waiver of Notice A director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express and sole purpose of objection to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. The business to be transacted at the meeting need not be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting unless specifically required by law or by these Bylaws.

Section 6. Quorum A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if fewer than a majority of the directors are present at any meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 7. Board Decisions The act of a majority of the directors present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these Bylaws.

Section 8. Vacancies Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors of the corporation shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Compensation The members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services, but the corporation may, by resolution, authorize the reimbursement of directors for actual sums expended on behalf of the corporation.

ARTICLE FOUR OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Operations Director, a Program Director, and a Newsletter Editor. The officers of the corporation shall be directors of the corporation and shall have the authority and duties as prescribed herein. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers, who shall not be directors, as it shall deem desirable. These officers shall be elected annually by the membership at the annual meeting and shall have the authority and perform the duties as prescribed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Term of Office The officers of the corporation shall be elected by an affirmative vote of the majority of the membership present at the annual membership meeting and shall take office on January 1 of the following calendar year. The term of office shall be one year. If the election of officers is not held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as is convenient. Each officer shall hold office until his successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

Section 3. Removal Any officer elected by the membership may be removed from office by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at a special membership meeting called for that purpose, whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby. Any officer appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of the corporation would be served thereby.

Section 4. Vacancies A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. Powers and Duties The several officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such specifications, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporation having the same or similar general purpose and objectives as this corporation.

President – The President shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and shall serve as the chairman of the Board of Directors. The President shall supervise and control the day to day business and affairs of the corporation and shall conduct the corporation’s membership meetings.

Vice President – The Vice President shall conduct membership meetings in the absence of the President and in the event of the President’s death, inability to serve, resignation, or removal, shall accede to the office of the President. The Vice President shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President. The Vice President shall ensure that the business of the corporation is conducted in accordance with these Bylaws.

Secretary – The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, officers, and membership and see that all notices required by law or these Bylaws are duly provided. The Secretary shall maintain a set of Standard Operational Policies that may from time to time be approved by the membership.

The set shall be keyed to the minutes of the meeting at which the policy was adopted or modified. The Standard Operational Policies shall be available to any member in good standing. The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues and fees and all other moneys belonging to the corporation. The Treasurer shall keep current and accurate books of account and records of all moneys that flow through the corporation and disburse corporate funds only in accordance with duly authorized expenditures. The Treasurer shall maintain a list of all members and their current status. The Treasurer shall make a verbal report of the status of the treasury at each membership meeting and shall provide the Secretary and the Newsletter Editor with the balance of the treasury and a list of the receipts and expenditures since the last newsletter summary. The Treasurer shall provide the President, and any other member the President shall designate, a copy of all expenditures and receipts made or received and an annotated copy of the most recent bank statement. This report shall also be available to any member in good standing. The Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Program Director – The Program Director shall plan and organize programs for each membership meeting and shall be the official contact for all demonstrators presenting at the monthly membership meetings or at special events sponsored by the corporation.

Operations Director – The Operations Director shall plan and organize the corporation’s participation in shows and other events that promote the corporation’s purposes and objectives and the craft of woodturning. The Operations Director shall be responsible for the set up of all equipment for regularly scheduled membership meetings.

Newsletter Editor – The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for coordinating, composing, editing, producing, and distributing the newsletter to the membership and other selected recipients. The newsletter shall assist the corporation in its purpose of educating members, other woodturners, and the public in and about the art and craft of woodturning.

Section 6. Compensation The officers of the corporation shall not receive any compensation for their services, but the corporation may, by resolution, authorize the reimbursement of officers for actual sums expended on behalf of the corporation.

ARTICLE FIVE COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees of Directors The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate one or more committees, each of which shall consist of two or more directors, which committees, to the extent provided in such resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the corporation; but the designation of such committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors or any individual director, of any responsibility imposed in it of him by law.

Section 2. Other Committees Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the corporation may be designated by the President.

ARTICLE SIX
CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, AND GIFTS

Section 1. Contracts The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers or agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or may be confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Checks, Drafts, or Orders All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers or agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President of the corporation.

Section 3. Deposits All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time by the Treasurer to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories insured by the FDIC or other federally insured corporation as the Board of Directors may select.

Section 4. Gifts and Grants The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, grant, gift, bequest, or device for any purpose of the corporation.

ARTICLE SEVEN
BUDGET AND FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. Budget The Board of Directors of the corporation shall annually prepare a proposed budget for the next fiscal year which shall be submitted to the membership for approval.

Section 2. Fiscal Year The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of January of each year and end at midnight on the 31st day of December of that year. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, elect to change the fiscal year to such other fiscal year if it determines that such change is in the best interest of the corporation.

ARTICLE EIGHT
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Membership Meeting The annual membership meeting shall be held in November of each year, or at such other time as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The election of officers and directors shall occur at the annual membership meeting and those elected shall take office the following January 1. The Board of Directors shall use its best efforts to give notice to the membership of a slate of candidates for office in the newsletter immediately preceding the annual membership meeting. No other notice shall be required, but additional notice may be provided at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Additional nominations of candidates for office may be received from the floor at the annual membership meeting.

Section 2. Quorum and Voting Requirements The presence in person or by proxy of 25% of members of the corporation entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the annual membership meeting. Regular and family members are entitled to vote as provided in

these Bylaws if their dues are current. Election shall be by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

Section 3. Proxies Every member of the corporation entitled to vote at any regular, annual, or special membership meeting may vote by proxy. A proxy shall be in writing and revocable at the pleasure of the member executing it. Unless the duration of the proxy is specified, it shall be invalid after eleven months from the date of its execution. The original proxy shall be provided to the President or other officer conducting the meeting at the time the votes are cast.

Section 4. Special Membership Meetings Special membership meetings may be called by the Board of Directors. In addition, upon written request of 20% of the corporation's membership, the Board of Directors shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. Notice of a special membership meeting shall be published in the corporation's newsletter at least 30 days prior to the date of the special membership meeting. The notice will show the time and place of the meeting and will include a proposed agenda. Quorum and voting requirements shall be the same as those for the annual membership meeting.

Section 5. Regular Membership Meetings The Board of Directors shall endeavor to conduct monthly meetings for the membership at such time and location as they may determine to assist the corporation in its purpose of educating woodturners, members, and the public in and about the art and craft of woodturning.

ARTICLE NINE SEAL

The Board of Directors may provide a corporate seal which may be circular in shape with the words _____ around the circumference and the word Seal in the center. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, designate such other form of seal as it may from time to time specify.

ARTICLE TEN WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of law of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Articles of Incorporation, or the bylaws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE ELEVEN INDEMNIFICATION

The Board of Directors may, by resolution duly adopted, indemnify and advance expenses to any director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation for any liability or expenses incurred by that individual in good faith and in his official capacity to the maximum extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE TWELVE
NET PROFITS

The corporation is not operated for profit. Any net profits earned by the corporation in excess of its costs and expenses incurred and in excess of the corporation's needs for both capital and non-capital items shall be used by the corporation to further its public educational purpose.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN
DISTRIBUTION IN THE EVENT OF TERMINATION

In the event of the dissolution or termination of the corporation, no member, director, officer, or employee shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property or proceeds, and any balance of the corporations' property, received from any source, shall, after payment of all debts and obligations of the corporation, be distributed exclusively to one or more exempt organizations with similar purposes, in accordance with the provisions of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as the same now exists or may from time to time be amended.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any regular membership meeting or at any annual or special membership meeting if at least thirty (30) days notice is given in the corporation's newsletter of intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new bylaws at such meeting.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

The _____ is an official chapter of the American Association of Woodturners, Inc. (AAW), a Section 501(c)3 nonprofit educational organization. The corporation will encourage its members to become members of AAW. The AAW does not own or control the corporation. The AAW and its directors and officers shall not be responsible for any debts, obligations, liabilities, or encumbrances of the corporation. The _____ shall not be responsible for any debts, obligations, liabilities, or encumbrances of the AAW. Neither the AAW nor the corporation shall have any legal liability or responsibility for accidents that occur during events of any kind sponsored by the other entity.

Adopted: _____

Robert Parson
Secretary

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
for the
“Whatever” Woodturners (____)

12 Jan 2009

AAW Membership

- The _____ strongly encourages, but does not require, members to join the American Association of Woodturners (AAW).
- AAW membership is required for any _____ member who wishes to do any woodturning at any _____ event as it provides liability coverage
- Members are encouraged to attend the annual AAW national symposium and to participate as volunteers to assist demonstrators whenever possible

Elections

- Election of officers will be in November and new officers take office on 1 January of the following year.
- A verbal announcement of the election will be made at the regular meeting the previous month and an announcement will be in the newsletter for the November meeting
- The president may appoint a nominating committee consisting of one or more members of his choosing.

Dues

- Annual membership dues will be \$30 for an individual membership and \$45 for a family membership, as defined in the Bylaws
- Dues are prorated for new members joining after the first of the year by a \$5 reduction for each calendar quarter which has elapsed at the time of joining – this applies to both individual and family memberships

Club Roster

- The Treasurer will maintain a roster of active members, to include addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses
- A printed list derived from this roster may be made available to members as needed

Meetings

- Normal monthly meetings will be held in the classroom at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve in Loudoun County, VA in the evening of the second Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 9:00pm
- Special events which are held instead of or in addition to a monthly meeting will be well advertised at regular meetings and in the newsletter in advance. Special meetings may include a summer picnic and a Christmas potluck.

Meeting Format

- The normal format for ____ meetings will be:
 - Gathering and Set-up
 - Show and Tell
 - Business meeting
 - Demonstration or presentation
- Members are encouraged to come early to help set up and to take advantage of discussions with fellow woodturners regarding the craft as well as to stay after the meeting to help clean up and put equipment away

Expenditures

- Actual expenditures from ____ funds may only be made by the President or Treasurer
- Individual officers may commit to expenditures up to \$150 but any amount in excess of that will need the concurrence of two additional officers
- Members may spend money on behalf of ____ but any expenditure must be approved in advance by the Treasurer

Videotape and DVD Library

- ____ will develop a video and DVD library for use by its members
- The rental fee will be \$ ____ per month with the same fee charged for each month the video or DVD is late being returned
- Original tapes and DVDs may be donated to the library but copies of such will not be accepted
- Income derived from videotape and DVD rental will go into the general fund but may also be used to purchase new material

Mentor Program

- ____ will develop a mentoring program, the goal of which is to put those requesting assistance in further developing woodturning skills with an experienced member who can provide assistance
- Scheduling will be between the mentor and the mentee

Silent Auction

- ____ will sponsor a silent auction of donated wood, tools, and other items at each club meeting
- Members are encouraged to donate items to the silent auction
- Income from the silent auction will go into the general fund

Raffle

- ____ will sponsor a raffle at each regular meeting with proceeds to go to the general fund
- Raffle items may be donated or purchased by the club
- If a demonstrator offers the piece he or she turned in the demonstration, it will be included in the raffle

Paid Demonstrators

- Any member of ____ who is willing to demonstrate for the club will be expected to do so at no charge unless other arrangements are made in advance
- If an outside demonstrator will be our featured demonstrator at a meeting, all present will be assessed a fee of \$5 to help cover the cost
- If a demonstrator is willing to hold a workshop, the workshop fee will be shared by those attending without additional cost to _____

Volunteer Activities

- Many activities of the ____ will have to be run by volunteers on a regular basis. The Secretary will maintain a list of current volunteers.
- Volunteers will be needed for each of the following activities of the _____:

Photos of Show and Tell items
Video/DVD Library
Mentor Program
Coffee Set-up