

MASON DIXON WOODWORKERS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section A: The name of this organization shall be the Mason Dixon Woodworkers (MDW).

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

Section A: The said organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

To promote these objectives, the club will:

1. Provide a charitable outreach to the communities in which we live, by assisting other organizations through the use of our skills and resources, and through toy making and providing them to other organizations for distribution to children at Christmas time.
2. 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.
3. Provide sources of information, material, equipment, supplies and facilities for area woodworkers.
4. Arrange field trips to woodworking suppliers and commercial and home workshops.
5. Have presentations at club meetings by club members, local woodworkers, and occasionally, by professional speakers.

6. Keep club members informed of craft shows or other opportunities for selling projects.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section A: MDW membership is open to all woodworkers irrespective of skill, sex, or experience. Members must be at least 18 years of age.

Section B: Interested persons are encouraged to become members, but will not be allowed to attend more than two meetings as guests.

ARTICLE IV

FUNDS

Section A: Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Section B: No funds will be used to contribute to or support political candidates, or engage in lobbying activities.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section A: The officers shall be President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section B: The Executive Committee of the club shall be composed of the officers and the standing committee chairpersons and the immediate past president. 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. They may be removed from the committee at anytime. These additional members may be heard during committee meetings and may at the President's request, place business before the committees, but they shall be nonvoting members and shall have no direct voice in executive decisions.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTIONS

Section A: Nomination committee - The President, at least 60 days prior to the September general meeting, on even numbered years, shall appoint a nomination committee, with a minimum of 3 members, which shall submit a list of candidates for the several officers at the general meeting in September.

Section B: The election of officers shall be held at the November general meeting. The length of term shall be two (2) years. A simple majority of members present is necessary for election. The club President may serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms. All officers to assume their duties January 1 and are encouraged to attend the December Executive Committee planning meeting.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the club.

1. He/she shall preside at all general meetings and shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
2. He/she shall appoint the necessary committees and its Chairpersons.
3. He/she shall ensure that each of these committees function as intended.
4. 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 each meeting. 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:

- 1: Receive all moneys and deposit the same in a bank designated and approved by the Executive Committee.
2. He/she shall pay out money only upon the authority of the Executive Committee.
3. All checks and vouchers must be signed by the Treasurer.
4. He/she shall be responsible to see the President has signed a bank card authorizing him to sign the checks in the absence of the Treasurer.
5. All financial records shall be kept in an orderly manner, in accordance with normally accepted bookkeeping procedures.
6. The fiscal year for the cub shall be from January 1 to and thru December 31.

Section E: The duties of the Executive 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 audit the books annually or have it done by their designee. Such auditing to be done prior to the December Executive Committee Planning meeting, with a report to be given at that meeting.
- 4, They shall retain their active membership after the election of new officers and provide continuity to the club.
5. They shall designate a bank for the deposit of the club funds.

6. They shall continually focus on activities to meet the objectives of the club.
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.

Section F: No officer shall receive any salary or fee for serving. However, officers shall be entitled to reimbursement for approved expenses incurred in carrying out the duties of their office.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS

Section A: Meeting places, dates and times will be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section B: Special meeting may be called by the Executive Committee, the President, or at the request of a majority of the active membership.

ARTICLE IX

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 one (1) weeks prior to the club meeting.

Section B: This constitution may be amended at any regular membership meeting, subject to the above condition, by a two thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE X

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Section A: No Member of the Executive Committee may vote upon a matter in which he or she has a direct financial interest. No member of the Executive Committee may vote upon a matter in which he or she has a

business or family relationship with anyone who has a financial interest.

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BY-LAWS

Section A: The annual dues shall be payable each January. All dues must be paid to the treasurer by the last day in January,

Section B: The following standing committee shall be appointed by the President:

1. Program
2. Membership
3. Newsletter/Publicity
4. Workshops
5. Charitable Outreach

Section C: The Program committee will schedule interesting programs relating to woodworking and enhancing the woodworking proficiency of the members.

Section D: The Membership chairman shall keep a list of all members; encourage the enrollment of new members, and retention of active members. The membership committee will assist the Treasurer in the duty of dues collections.

Section E: The Newsletter/Publicity committee will give information to the news media on scheduled club activities, its ideals and objectives, for the furtherance of the club goals.

Section F: All active members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the Association and all members share in its responsibilities. These responsibilities include support of its purpose and constructive contribution to its program and activities. Any conduct not consistent with these standards may be reason for nonrenewable of membership in the Association.

Section G: These By-Laws may be amended at any regular membership meeting of this club by a simple majority of the members present. A notice of such proposed amendment shall be mailed to all active members at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.

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