

Desert Sage Spinners and Weavers Guild

CONSTITUTION

(Revised March 2012)

Article I Name

The organization shall be known and designated as Desert Sage Spinners and Weavers Guild and shall be a non-profit organization.

Article II Object

The object of the Guild shall be:

1. To foster the art and craft of weaving and spinning in the South Okanagan area of British Columbia.
2. To help and stimulate each other, and to encourage beginners.
3. To keep improving our work in order to achieve the highest possible standards.
4. To collect current literature and any other matter relative to the craft for use of members.

BY-LAWS

Article I Membership

1. Those eligible for membership shall be those having an interest in weaving, spinning or knitting.
2. Active members shall have all rights and privileges; library; participation in intra-Guild exhibitions, competition, and/or sales; use of looms and equipment.
3. The membership fees may be changed only when fees become due and payable in September of each year.

Article II Dues

1. Membership fees shall be determined from time to time by the executive and presented to the membership for approval.
2. Dues shall be payable each year and become delinquent after the October meeting
3. A member whose dues have not been paid by the October meeting shall be deemed inactive members and privileges will be cancelled. (See Article I.3)
4. Annual membership is effective September 1st to August 31st of the following year. No prorating shall occur.

Officers

1. The administration of the Guild shall consist of the following Presiding Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate Past President
2. ~~Further offices or committees may be created as may be deemed advisable. Convenors and members of such additional committees shall be appointed by the executive.~~
3. a. The officers of the Guild shall be elected from the members of the Guild in May of each year, shall take office the following September and shall hold office for a two year term
- b. President and Vice President shall be elected one year, with the Treasurer and Secretary elected in the alternate year.
4. Officers may be re-elected for a 2nd term. In unusual circumstances, the executive may invite a sitting member to continue for a third term.
5. The first executive meeting after the Annual meeting will be called prior to September 1st of each year.
6. ~~The executive shall be empowered to transact financial matters as are necessary to the continuance and maintenance of the Guild.~~
7. The treasurer shall be responsible for all collection and distribution of funds through a financial institution. The financial records shall be subject to peer review at the end of each 2 year term.
8. ~~An Executive meeting may be called at any time at the discretion of the President~~

Meetings

1. A general meeting shall be held on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of July and August where no meetings are held and September where the first meeting fluctuates due to Labour Day.
2. A quorum of all general meetings is twenty-five per cent of active members.

Amendments to By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended, altered, added to, changed, or repealed in whole or in part and new by-laws adopted in lieu of all or any thereof by a majority vote of the active members present at any regular meeting after having been presented in writing and read one meeting prior to voting.