

GUILD NEWS

Alabama Woodworkers Guild

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President's Message

Dear Members,

Our first ever virtual General Meeting using Zoom was a success!

Many thanks to Bill Newman for his great presentation on making and using "Story Sticks".

During the New Business segment of the meeting, a proposal to change two of our by-laws was presented for your consideration and to be voted on in the August general meeting which will again be a Zoom virtual meeting.

Since many of you were not present I am including the proposed changes along with the current wording.

A brief overview of the changes:

By-law 4 addresses dues and in its current wording all members pay the same amount. The proposed wording makes it clear that both spouses are covered by one membership due. In addition, the proposal adds a clause that students enrolled full time in a college or vocational school can join for 50% of regular membership dues. The proposal was presented as one way to encourage participation by the next generation of woodworkers.

By-law 6 addresses officers & directors and in its current wording specifically states that the board will have a minimum of 6 directors with two being elected each year. The proposed change provides more flexibility in the size of our Board of Directors by stating that 1/3 of the directors will be elected each year. Our Board of Directors currently has 10 directors, each serving a 3 year term. This change will allow the board to have a staggered change of members and not get to a point where we have a complete replacement at one time.

The actual wording of the bylaws with highlighted changes can be found on page 2. These will be voted on in the August meeting so your consideration and vote is important.

Thanks,

Van Phillips

"A man who works with his hands is a laborer; A man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist."~Louis Nizer (1902–1994)

August General Membership Meeting via ZOOM is Saturday, August 15.

Check your email for your invitation and instructions to join this online meeting.

Proposed By-law Changes

By-law Four

CURRENT WORDING:

AMOUNT: The annual dues required for membership will be determined by the Board and approved by vote of the active members. Dues may vary from year to year, but will be the same for all active members. Annual dues are due in January each year. If dues are not paid by March 1st, the member shall lose all Guild privileges including use of the WEC.

PROPOSED WORDING:

AMOUNT: The annual dues required for membership will be determined by the Board and approved by vote of the active members. **INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DUES WILL INCLUDE BOTH SPOUSES OF A HOUSEHOLD WHEN REQUESTED. A STUDENT ENROLLED FULL TIME IN A COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY ONLY 50% OF THE CURRENT MEMBER DUES.**

Annual dues are due in January each year. If dues are not paid by March 1st, the member shall lose all Guild privileges including use of the WEC.

By-law Six

CURRENT WORDING:

TERMS: Officers will be elected at the November meeting, and will assume office in January. Officers will serve for a term of one (1) year and until successors are duly elected. Directors will serve three (3) year terms with two being elected each year. Officers are eligible for re-election, limited to two consecutive terms unless waived by the Board. Directors are limited to one term unless waived by the board. Vacancies in any office may be filled for the balance of the term by the Board.

PROPOSED WORDING:

TERMS:

Officers will be elected by ballot at the November General meeting from names of persons submitted to the membership by the Nominating Committee and will assume office in January. Officers will serve for a term of one (1) year and until successors are duly elected. Officers are eligible for re-election, limited to two consecutive terms unless waived by the Board.

The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot at the November General meeting from names of persons submitted to the membership by the Nominating Committee. **Members of the Board of Directors elected shall serve for a period of three years. One-third of the members of the Board shall be elected annually.** Directors are limited to one term unless waived by the Board. Vacancies in any office may be filled for the balance of the term by the Board.

Education Committee



This year is more than halfway over. Where does the time go?

Ronnie Young presented a Master Class on Stringing, Banding and Inlay. It was a great class. Ronnie is knowledgeable and very organized. Those who attended learned a lot.

We have the Habitat for Humanity Cabinet Build starting the end of the month. If you haven't registered but want to, go online to the website and do so. It's a great community project and a way to learn how to make various cabinets.

On December 12, 2020 the guild is sponsoring a Zoom demonstration with Cindy Drozda. She is an expert in woodturning. The topic will be Fabulous Finials. The time for the presentation will be forthcoming in a future newsletter. It is free to all members.

We are gearing up for 2021 Master Classes and workshops. The only class that has been scheduled is the Tool Chest Master Class with Mike Pekovich. It is scheduled for March 6 & 7, 2021. Alan Noel will present a Master Class on finishing and Janita Baker will present a class on inlay in 2021. Dates of these two classes will be in future newsletters once they are scheduled. Several workshops presented by guild members will also be scheduled. More on that in future newsletters.

-Terri Hjetland

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Sketch-Up Classes

Due to the coronavirus, there has been no SketchUp class and none planned. But, I am interested in seeing what can be accomplished on line through a Zoom web meeting or some YouTube videos. I would like to establish an email list for any member who would like to be up to date on upcoming SketchUp classes, etc. If you are interested, send your email to: jeff.branch@alabamawoodworkersguild.org.

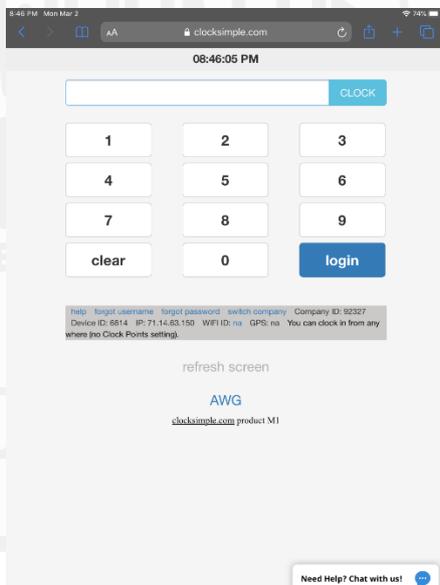
Toy Group

Toy Group is now open for business! Although at a slower pace as many of our recipients are not yet ready to accept out side donations yet. But we will continue to make as many toys as we can store. All are welcome as long as we maintain social distancing.

We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month from 9am—12pm

There is a New Way to “Clock-In” at the WEC

Now that the WEC has resumed normal open hours and the Special Interest Groups have been untethered with regards to how many SIG members can be onsite, a gentle reminder of the new method for “Clocking In” at the WEC may be in order.



Effective April 1st, a new scanning system: Clock Simple; was installed. This system will allow members to come into the WEC, get their Badge and scan the barcode on the back of their Badge. All of the current members who left their Badge on the Badge Wall in the kitchen have had the barcodes affixed to back of the Badge. Those of you who carry your badge home or leave them in your vehicle will have to see the On Duty Supervisor to learn your badge number before you can Clock In. Please leave your Badge next visit so it can be updated and it would help if you dropped an email to info@alabamawoodworkersguild.org to let us know your badge is available to be updated.

The Supervisors are available to help you during this transition. Your Board of Directors has approved this updated check in process in order to help track the number of WEC visits and time spent in different activities of the shop. This data is used to help support our requesting of grants and other contributions from outside donors.

AWG General Announcements

“History in the Making!”

Check out our **YouTube** channel for the latest membership meeting and class videos.”

Check out the Home page on our WEB site, <https://wp.awwg.info/>, to success the channel

Annual Art Show

“The Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Show is a judged show, generally held in October of each year at the Hoover Public Library. This year with the cancellation of events we’re making plans for an alternate location and possibly a video of the exhibits. Stay tuned for more information.”

Safety First

It is always safety first at the WEC! To advance our safety goal, an AED defibrillator and two Stop the Bleed Kits are strategically located in our shop. Watch for more information on the use of our new equipment in the Newsletter and during our upcoming Zoom General Meetings.



New Business

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About Us



We are an organization of woodcrafters with skills ranging from beginner to master craftsmen.

Since 1983

We meet at our Woodworking Education Center on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00AM. Our members share woodworking tips, bring projects to show and tell, hear guest speakers, and see live woodworking demonstrations at every meeting. Our free library contains books on techniques, videos, and project plans .

Woodworking Education Center (WEC)

The Guild's Woodworking Education Center is located at the site of the old Maylene School building on Hwy 17 in Maylene, AL.

Community Involvement



In addition to monthly meetings the Guild also has a group of dedicated woodworkers who meet at the WEC to make toys and various wooden therapeutic devices for Children's Hospital and other deserving organizations.



The guild also constructs kitchen and bathroom cabinets each year for Habitat for Humanity



Promoting the Art and Craft of Fine Woodworking

The Annual Show

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild Annual Show is a judged show, generally held in October of each year at the Hoover Public Library. Members enter projects they have worked on all year and make



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10544 Highway 17

Maylene, AL 35114

Easy to find and plenty of free parking.

From I-65, take Exit 238 (Highway 31). Turn north on Highway 31, go 0.6 miles and turn left on State Highway 119 South. Go 3.0 miles south on Highway 119 and turn right on County Highway 12. Go 2.1 miles on Highway 12 until it ends at County Highway 17. Turn right on Highway 17 and the WEC is 0.3 miles on your left. There is a large WEC sign at the entrance.



ALABAMA WOODWORKERS GUILD

“Making sawdust with a purpose”

Membership

Come check us out and become a Guild Member,

Only \$100 a year!

The Alabama Woodworkers Guild offers:

- Monthly meetings
- A fully equipped woodworking shop
- Mentoring for new techniques
- Teaching new and old techniques and use of tools
- Great deals on used tools
- Classes and seminars in woodworking techniques and furniture making

Join

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____

(Work) _____

(Cell) _____

Email: _____

Spouse: _____

Please mail this form and a check for \$100 to:

Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Attn: Treasurer

P.O. Box 36804

Birmingham, AL. 35236

or go to <http://wp.awwg.info/join/>