

BYLAWS OF THE KANSAS ALLIANCE OF WEAVERS AND SPINNERS

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Kansas Alliance of Weavers and Spinners, also KAWS.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

Section 1. Provide a vehicle for communication, education, and cooperation between organized groups of weavers and spinners in the ~~change the~~ State of Kansas and Kansas City, MO, as well as those individuals without access to local groups.

Section 2. Promote high standards of craftsmanship through exhibits, competitions, workshops, meetings, or any other means.

Section 3. Stimulate public interest in weaving, and spinning and other fiber arts and appreciation for the creativity and craftsmanship involved in these endeavors.

Section 4. This Alliance is for non-profit purposes. All money received shall be used to carry on the general purposes of the Alliance.

ARTICLE III - Membership - Dues – Meetings

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the objectives of the organization and any applicant may become a member by payment of annual dues as set by the Board of Directors. Member guilds are responsible for submitting KAWS dues for their members prior to the General Meeting.

Section 2. Membership shall be for the duration of the fiscal year, beginning in January and expiring the last day of December.

Section 3. There shall be ~~a at least one~~ General Membership Meeting per year, usually at the annual biennial conference and other general meetings as needed.

Section 4. Expenses incurred by individuals in carrying out the purposes of the Alliance may be reimbursed upon majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. The officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall receive no payment for their services in those positions.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Alliance and shall appoint chairpersons of all standing committees, ~~including Web Administrator, Nominating Committee and others as needed.~~

Section 3. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and ~~is expected to succeed to the office of the President upon expiration of the President's term of office~~ supports the president throughout his/her term.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and the minutes in general and perform all other duties incidental to the office.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the Alliance, shall keep an accurate record of the same, and shall be recorded at the bank. The treasurer shall deposit all monies to the credit of the Alliance,

disburse the funds of the organization as directed by the Board of Directors, provide regular financial reports, including a year-end report, and maintain membership records.

ARTICLE V – Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall comprise the elected Officers, Guild Representatives (~~one per guild~~) and the past president.

Section 2. Each guild or established group of three or more members is entitled to two members on the Board of Directors, including Alliance officers from that guild. One shall be elected as the voting member by the local guild; the other shall serve as alternate. In case neither can attend a particular Board meeting, the guild President may appoint another guild member to act in their place. Guild representatives act as contact and liaison persons for their guild.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall be the Administrative and Executive Body of the organization and shall be empowered to conduct its business. A quorum of the Board for business purposes shall consist of those present, provided a majority of member guilds are represented and providing all members of the Board have had at least five days notice. A passing vote will require a majority vote of the quorum.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year, at such a time and place as agreed upon by its members.

Section 5. Discussions and voting may be conducted by electronic or other means when members cannot be physically present but are in communication with each other.

ARTICLE VI - Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The Officers shall be elected by majority vote of members present at the Annual biennial General Meeting for a term of two years, ~~to be staggered for President and Vice President elected in odd years and Secretary and Treasurer in even years.~~ If re-elected, they may succeed themselves. Elections become effective at the conclusion of that General Meeting.

Section 2. A nominating committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the President at the Annual General Meeting and chaired by the Vice President ~~will chair this committee.~~ There shall be one or more nominations for each office which will be presented at the General Meeting. Other nominations may be made from the floor provided permission of the candidate has been given.

Section 3. If the office of any officer shall become vacant for any reason the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any General meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been provided to the membership 30 days in advance.

ARTICLE VIII – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Alliance, all funds remaining after payment of all debts shall be given to fiber arts educational organization(s), to be determined by member vote.

These amended and restated bylaws are adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2026, to be effective immediately.

President