**Hudson Mohawk Weavers’ Guild**

**Constitution & By-Laws**

**Article I. Name:**

The name of the organization shall be the Hudson Mohawk Weavers’ Guild.

**Article II. Purpose:**

The purpose of this organization is to encourage the development and appreciation of weaving and allied arts.

1. To promote the free exchange of ideas, resources, and knowledge among members.
2. To improve the skills of members through shared interests and experiences.
3. To stimulate public interest in handweaving and allied crafts.

**Article III. Membership:**

Membership shall be open to any interested person on payment of dues.

**Article IV. Meetings:**

1. Meetings shall be held on a regular basis.
2. Meetings shall consist of a business session and an informative program.

Decisions may be made by a majority vote of the members present. Special meetings and workshops may be scheduled.

**Article V. Officers:**

1. Officers shall consist of President, Vice President/Program Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. No elected officer shall serve more than two successive terms in the same job. Each officer will be elected for two-year terms with President and Treasurer being elected in even-numbered years and VP/Program and Secretary being elected in odd-numbered years.

The positions of Membership Chair, Librarian, Hospitality Chair, Newsletter Chair, Historian, and Publicity Chair are voluntary and have no set term. All of the above positions shall be known as the Board and shall aid the President as directed. The Past-President shall also be a member of the board.

A Finance Officer may be appointed by the Board to oversee the Treasurer and the Show & Sale Treasurer. This Officer is responsible for ensuring that tax forms and other financial obligations are dealt with in a timely manner and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

1. Nominations and Elections: Elections will be held at the monthly meeting in May. The President shall appoint a nominating committee to select and present a slate of nominees. Nominations may be made from the floor. Elections shall be by a simple majority vote of members present. A meeting of outgoing and incoming officers will be held within a month of the Election. In the event of a vacancy in any office the President shall recommend a replacement for the unexpired term to be voted on at the next meeting.
2. Officer’s Duties: The powers and duties of the officers shall be such as their titles by general usage would indicate.

**Article VI. Finances:**

1. Dues: The dues shall be established on a yearly basis.
2. The routine and recurring expenses will be paid by the Treasurer without vote of the membership.
3. The Board may set a limit on bills needing approval by a vote of a majority of the members present at any monthly meeting.
4. Dissolution: Non-cash assets will be sold and the proceeds added to the general fund. This total will be divided among the members in good standing at the time of the dissolution.

**Article VII. Amendments:**

Written notification must be made prior to a meeting at which by-laws are to be amended. A 2/3 vote of members present is required for approval.