

Woodturners Guild of Ontario Annual General Meeting

June 13, 2019 at Dunbarton High School, Ajax, ON

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Nominations & Elections (All positions) – nominations from the membership?

Current WGO Executive

- **President** - Colleen Samila
- **Vice-President** - Trinela Cane
- **Treasurer** - Jack Gelber
- **Secretary** - Juanita Baril
- **Program Team** - Trinela Cane, Brian Campbell
- **Membership** - Michael Pinto
- **Past President** - Richard Pikul
- **I.T. Director** - Tom Matthews
- **Librarian** - Shawn Hermans
- **Videographer** - Brian Rendall
- **Refreshments** - Franco DeSimone & Robert West
- **Member at Large** - Nancy Hooper
- **Site Mgr, DHS** Richard Pikul / Colleen Samila

3. Treasurer's Report – Jack Gelber

4. Membership Report – Michael Pinto

5. Program Planning & Demonstrators – Trinela Cane / Brian Campbell

6. Constitution & By-Laws – changes that require approval of membership

As a result of discussions regarding membership and the composition of the Executive, the Executive Committee proposes following amendments to the WGO Constitution and By-Laws:

- ***Honorary/Lifetime Members:***

Background: The category of “Honorary” member was created as a way of giving a non-WGO demonstrator a temporary membership in the WGO so they would be covered by our (AAW) insurance policy. The demonstrator’s membership would automatically end when they didn’t renew the following year. Since our current policy covers all demonstrators, whether or not they’re WGO members, we don’t need this category anymore.

- Paragraph 1.3 of the By-Laws should be deleted and replaced with the following:

1.3 Lifetime

- 1.3.1 Lifetime membership may be granted by a majority of the executive for outstanding service to the Guild. The granting of Lifetime memberships will be considered annually and require the approval of a majority of the executive.

Lifetime members will have dues waived for their lifetime. Lifetime members must meet all of the following minimum qualifications:

- (i) Paid member for a minimum of 10 years;
 - (ii) Participated as a member of the executive or in another WGO volunteer capacity for a minimum of 5 years; and
 - (iii) Is recognized by the executive as an ambassador for the WGO.
- To make it consistent with paragraph 1.0 of the By-Laws, the following additions to Constitution Article C (Membership) should be made:
 - 1) Paragraph C.1 (Types of Membership) add: “C.1.4 Lifetime”
 - 2) Paragraph C.2 (Conditions of Membership) add: “C.2.3Lifetime: WGO members may be granted Lifetime memberships as detailed in the By-Laws (refer to By-Laws, paragraph 1.3)”
 - **Supporting Members:** since these can come from any type of membership, it makes more sense for this be moved from under the “Individual or Family” heading (By-Laws paragraph 1.1.6) into its paragraph 1.4 with no change in wording required. Since it is not really a unique type of membership, no corresponding Constitution change is necessary.
 - **Elected Executive Members:** the removal of IT Manager and Librarian from the list of elected Executive members was discussed but nothing was resolved.
 - **Executive terms:** in order to ensure stability on the Executive by reducing the risk of all incumbents changing in the same year, it was proposed that election of Executive positions be split over alternating years as follows:
 - Odd calendar years: President, Secretary, and Membership Director
 - Even calendar years: Vice President and Treasurer

7. Other Business –

- a. **Any requests, thoughts or ideas from the membership on how the WGO is running, any improvements or things you would like to see changed?**