

# ILLINOIS PRAIRIE WEAVERS

## CONSTITUTION

### Article 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be "Illinois Prairie Weavers".

### Article 2: Objectives

The objectives of the Illinois Prairie Weavers are:

- to extend opportunity of weaving in our lives;
- to increase our knowledge of weaving;
- to improve our weaving skills; and
- to inspire one another by sharing our experience and knowledge.

### Article 3: Policies

3:1 The purpose of the Guild is educational.

3:2 The Guild is a not-for-profit association of individual weavers and textile artists wishing to share our resources and advance our objectives.

3:3 The members intend:

- (a) for the Guild to qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (b) for the Guild's Constitution and Standing Rules to be interpreted as complying at all times with the requirements of being so exempt; and
- (c) to amend the Constitution and Standing Rules from time to time as we become aware of changes in those requirements.

3:4 The Guild does not participate in political campaigns, nor does it engage in any kind of lobbying activity pertaining to proposed or existing legislation.

3:5 The Guild does not sell goods or perform services to produce income. The members are in no way prohibited by the Guild from pursuing their individual activities which may produce personal income.

3:6 The name of the Guild shall not be used in any connection with a commercial or with any partisan interest or for any purpose other than the regular work of the Guild and its program.

### Article 4: Membership and Dues

4:1 Any person, without discrimination, who has a sincere interest in weaving and willingness to participate in activities and to share knowledge may become a member upon payment of dues.

4:2 Dues are payable annually and are collected by June for the coming guild program year. The Standing Rules establish the amount of dues and may provide for reduced dues for new members joining the Guild midyear.

#### Article 5: Officers

5:1 The officers of this organization shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Their duties shall be those usually exercised by such offices. In addition, the First and Second Vice Presidents shall act as Program Chairs.

5:2 The officers shall be elected annually in May and installed at the conclusion of the June business meeting.

5:3 The privilege of holding office shall be limited to members in good standing, who have been members for at least one year. No officer shall be eligible to hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

5:4 Vacancies in office may be filled by the Executive Committee to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

#### Article 6: Study Groups

Members may form study groups meeting as they decide for the purpose of studying weaving. Study groups are encouraged to present an annual monthly program. Study groups may select from among themselves a Study Group Representative to serve on the Executive Committee and on the Nominating Committee.

#### Article 7: Executive Committee

7:1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Guild and the Study Group Representatives.

7:2 A first meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held as soon as possible after the annual meeting to initiate plans for the coming year.

7:3 The duties of the Executive Committee shall be: to offer a schedule of programs and recommend a budget, both for the forthcoming guild operating year, which shall be presented and voted upon at a regular guild meeting in April, May or June; to transact necessary business between Guild meetings and to transact such other business as may be referred to it by the Guild.

#### Article 8: Committee Chairs and Board

8:1 The President shall appoint such Committee Chairs as may facilitate the administration of Guild Business, such as Membership (whose responsibilities may be combined with Treasurer), Librarian, Yearbook, Publicity, Newsletter, Hospitality, Historian and Auditing.

8:2 The Guild Board shall consist of the Executive Committee and any other Committee Chairs appointed by the President.

8:3 The President may elect to convene meetings of the Board to facilitate the administration of Guild business.

#### Article 9: Meetings

9:1 A regular meeting of the Guild shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, unless otherwise provided for by the Guild members or by the Executive Committee. The June meeting of the Guild shall be the Annual Meeting, at which annual reports shall be received and new officers installed.

9:2 A quorum shall constitute one-fifth of the membership.

9:3 The fiscal year shall be July 1 to June 30.

#### Article 10: Amendment

This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present provided notice of any proposed amendment has been presented in writing at a previous Guild meeting.

(This Constitution was Restated June 10, 2003 and Amended May 13, 2014)

(November 2017, Barbara H.)