

Bylaws of the Georgia Basketry Association

Article I Name

The name of this state organization shall be GEORGIA BASKETRY ASSOCIATION

Article II Purpose

The purpose of the GEORGIA BASKETRY ASSOCIATION shall be to perpetuate the art of basketry, stimulate interest and knowledge in all phases of basketry, and preserve the importance of basketry as a heritage craft.

Article III Membership

Section A. Membership is open to anyone interested in perpetuating the art of basketry.

Section B. Annual dues shall be paid March 1st of each year. Dues shall cover a period from March 1st of one year to the end of February the following year.

Article IV Board & Officers

Section A. The Board, charged with management of the association, shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Newsletter Editor, Area Representatives, Convention chair or co-chairs, Immediate Past President and Convention Chair(s) the year of their convention.

Section B. The Board shall meet once a year at the annual meeting during the February convention. Additional meetings may be called as needed by the President or any two Board Members to conduct business and plan activities. A quorum shall consist of six Board members.

Section C. Board officers are elected to a two-year term.

Section D. Duties of the Officers:

President:

The President shall preside over all meetings, prepare agendas for all meetings and direct all programs according to the bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Vice President:

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Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall receive all revenues and pay all authorized bills, keeping an accurate itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and shall present a written and oral report at the annual meeting. The Treasurer will also keep an accurate record of current members.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep records of Board and General Meetings, and have charge of any correspondence deemed necessary by the Board. Shall submit minutes of meetings to Board members for corrections or changes and read minutes at meetings.

Historian:

The Historian shall keep a historical record of GBA functions, such as convention brochures, pictures, etc.

Section E. Appointed Board members are members who volunteer or are appointed by the Board or local guilds.

Newsletter Editor:

The Newsletter Editor shall oversee the preparation, printing and distribution of a newsletter consisting of articles and information of interest to the membership. The newsletter editor shall solicit articles from the membership and from the exchange of newsletters with other organizations.

Area Representatives:

The Area Representatives shall act as liaisons between the GBA and local basketry guilds.

Webmaster:

The Webmaster shall create and update the official GBA website, adding and changing information as needed.

Convention Chair or Co-Chairs:

The convention chair or co-chairs shall coordinate all aspects of organizing the annual GBA convention.

Article V Nominations & Elections

At the annual meeting, members present shall elect by majority vote candidates to the Board. The Board shall serve for two (2) years. Elections of President and Secretary will occur in even years, (2012, 2014, 2016, etc). Elections of Vice President and Treasurer will occur in odd years (2011, 2013, 2015, etc). The Board has the power to fill by election or appointment any vacancy occurring on the Board. Board members shall be introduced at the annual meeting and in the newsletter.

Article VI Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be from March 1st through February 28th.

Article VII Amending the Bylaws

Bylaws should be reviewed annually and revised when necessary. Any member in good standing may recommend bylaws changes to the membership. Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership.

Article VIII Dissolution of the Association

On dissolution of the Association, whether voluntary or involuntary, the net assets shall be distributed as determined by the Association in accordance with rules governing non-profit organizations.

Standing Rules

Standing Rules shall be instituted as necessary to enable the Association of function effectively. Standing Rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of the members present.

(Key: first two digits = year; second two digits = number)

99.01 Newsletter advertising fees shall be as follows:

Business card size = \$10 per issue or 3 issues for \$25

99.02 A directory shall be published in time to be distributed at the annual meeting at the February convention.

99.03 The newsletter shall be published in April, August/September and January.

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09:04 Convention chair or co-chairs will serve on the board the year of their convention chairmanship.