

# Lake Superior Woodturners

## MEETING DETAILS

Date **SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025**

Time 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location Jon Stephenson's Shop, 9 Kilner Bay Drive, Superior, WI

## AGENDA

Half-hour before the meeting: Meeting set-up (Chairs & Lathe) plus coffee & chatter!

9:00 a.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESIDENT REPORT** – Susan Van Loon Runnoe

**TREASURE REPORT** – Paul Howard: Current balance, Income and Expenses

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Superior Craft School (SCS) update.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- 2025 AAW Symposium this June 12-15, 2025!

Volunteering opportunities: Volunteers are needed to help with the following activities: Instant Gallery, Special Exhibitions, AAW Merchandise Sales, Registration, Pen Turning Instruction, Tool Room, Vendor Assistants, Videography, Volunteer Booth, and Youth Turning.

Show your work in the gallery!

- Election of 3 Board Members whose terms will run from July 2025 through July 2027.

**NOTE: For those that cannot make it to the April 12th meeting, we are accepting member's votes by email. We still encourage those who can to attend the meeting in person, to hear any additional nominations or discussion on the candidates.**

We have three Board members whose terms are ending this year and we are looking for nominations to fill these positions - thanks and appreciation to the current Board of Directors, especially the three whose term is ending (Bill Penning, Doug Runnoe and Greg Whitaker). This election will all be for two-year terms beginning after the May Member meeting, and will serve on the Board until the board elections in May 2027. Duties include monthly Board meetings where we discuss club finances, programming, demonstrations, workshops, club membership, issues, and any future happenings of the Lake Superior Woodturners (and more!). It is a great experience and a great way to impact the direction of our club. We've often been asked what the requirements are to be a board member. Our response would include the following: Someone who...

1. Is an **active** and **enthusiastic** member of LSW with a **passion** for woodturning and for sharing woodturning with others.
2. Can attend *[most]* Monthly Board Meetings - meetings are typically conducted over video conferencing (Zoom) on the third or fourth Monday of the month – the time and day of the month may change depending on Board Member availability.
3. Is Willing to work as a team to help brainstorm, research, or investigate new ideas,
4. Has a desire to help recruit new members to LSW.
5. Shows a commitment to help communicate to members and non-members what our club is doing and where we are headed.

The rules of nomination are simple: feel free to nominate yourself or other LSW member(s) interested in serving on the board (if nominating someone other than yourself, please make sure they are willing and know what you are nominating them for).

See below for a current list of candidates

Remember you will be voting for three (3) candidates for Board of Directors to fill the 2024-2026 terms. If you cannot make the meeting and wish to submit your vote, please send your choice of three of the nominees to [dorun920@yahoo.com](mailto:dorun920@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, April 9th. Doug will bring all emailed votes to the meeting on the 12th to be tabulated with the rest of the votes.

## CANDIDATES AS OF THIS EMAIL:

### **Robb Glibbery**

Fellow turners,

I want to thank Bill, Doug and Greg for their service to LSW.

I have attended several craft schools and fully embrace the concept.

The lure of a fancy shop is strong, but each prospective venue must be judged against our needs and not a fading possibility. That bright shiny object is losing its luster for some of our current and former members. It may be time to explore some alternative options.

I also think that we may have forgotten our Mission.

To provide information, education, organization, technical support to our members and all those interested in woodturning.

We don't need a state of the art turning studio to do this. We need a place where we can meet and make shavings.

We don't need the promise of a glorious shop in a craft school that will most certainly come with conditions. We need a place that has heat, electricity, parking and a potty of some sort.

Woodturning engages all the senses. The hum of the lathe, the heft of a tool, the hiss and spray of wet shavings curling off the log exiting from the flute of a freshly sharpened gouge are the essence of woodturning. Guiding a wide-eyed beginner from their first unsteady cuts to the joy of project completion is exhilarating. This is what I want everyone to experience and what I love about woodturning. At its most basic level, woodturning is about making things, even if it's shavings.

Let's get back to the basics and "have a little fun."

Please consider me for a place on the board.

Thanks,

Robb

### **Bill Penning - Incumbent**

My name is Bill Penning. I've been on the LSW Board for the last year and a half as I was asked by the Board to fill a vacancy. I'm currently the Vice President. I'd be honored to serve another term representing the LSW membership. I've been turning for 30ish years and have been a LSW member since I moved to Duluth 7 years ago. I look forward to us finding a new home, increasing membership and offering hands-on classes to more people. We have an active and welcoming club with a great diversity in levels of expertise and I would like to help ensure our sustainability long into the future.

Bill

### **Doug Runnoe - Incumbent**

Hi. I am Doug Runnoe. I've served on the LSW Board of Directors as Vice President for three years and for the past year as Secretary. I'm excited about the future of our club and have worked hard with my wife Susan to grow membership and promote Lake Superior Woodturners to the community.

While I appreciate the space we have and have loved our meetings in Jon's shop, and the amazing help he has given to us, I look forward to finding a space that will allow us to grow and to utilize the six club-owned lathes - 4 of which have been sitting in storage, covered for the past 3 years.

I believe the board needs to keep working on finding a space where we can hold regular mentoring sessions, workshops and a place where we can really focus on bringing in more members. Over the past few years it's been frustrating to continue hearing of delays and setbacks with the craft school, and while that is currently our best option we continue to have our eyes open to other opportunities.

Because most of us have a home shop where we can go to turn I think sometimes we forget how it is to be a beginner. As a newer turner I know what it's like to not have the right tool, or the perfect sharpening station, or the right chuck needed to hold the piece onto the lathe ... I believe it's essential that we create an environment that fosters creativity and collaboration, where both beginners and experienced turners can share their knowledge and skills. I want to provide a space for those who don't have all of the right tools, where they can come and learn what they can do, see what is possible, and fall in love with the art of turning as I have.

If this is what you too are hoping for please elect a board with an open mind, a positive outlook, and the enthusiasm to help make it happen. I would appreciate and thank you for your vote.

Thank you,

Doug

Greg Whitaker - *Incumbent*

My name is Greg Whitaker, and I have had the privilege of serving on our board for two terms. I would be honored to serve an additional term, but to do that, I will need your support.

My primary board deliverables over the last couple of years have been to support and guide our club's transition from our H&H shop.

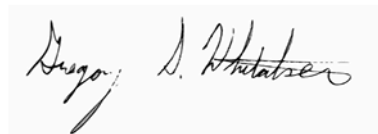
This has included:

- Facilitating the process of defining our club's shop selection criteria.
- Leading a team to ID potential future shop locations, evaluating each, and then recommending our best option.
- Leading a 2nd team to evaluate a number of shop layout configurations and recommend the best shop layout.
- Ensuring that ALL new potential shop locations are evaluated using the same criteria and then documenting the evaluation.

Looking forward, I am prepared to ensure that our approved shop layout will be built to our liking and to work with the board to ensure we offer an enjoyable woodturning club experience.

**Action Request:** I would like to continue serving you as a board member for a 3rd term, but I need your vote to make this happen.

Thank-you,



### **ELECTION AGENDA -Three (3) Members to Board of Directors for 2025 – 2027 Term**

- Open Nominations – any additional members to nominate?
- Introduction of Nominees, and designation of 2 members to count ballots
- Distribution of Ballots
- Collection and Counting of the Ballots
- Announce New Board Members

**SHOW & TELL** – It's now April and we prepare for summer, are you turning handles for tools? Vases for spring flowers? What are your turnings for this season? Bring in what you've been turning, and as usual, you can ask for critiques of your work, or you can simply show your turnings. We can discuss turning 'challenges', talk about best practices, and chat about perplexing pieces of wood you would like suggestions on how to turn or what to turn it into. We would like to have members show one of their turnings and once everyone has a chance, additional items can be shown if time permits.

**SAFETY MINUTE** – Open Discussion – Best practices, what to do and what not to do in the shop.

**RAFFLE:** An ongoing item on our agenda is our Raffle. If you have any items to donate for the raffle, whether it's a woodturning book, a piece of wood, a pen or bowl blank, a tool you don't use, or maybe a turning you have done, we would sincerely appreciate the donation. Depending upon the quantity of donations received your item may be saved for a future month's raffle.

## **PROGRAM**

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Sent by Program Director John Skarja:

“Ray Hyde will do a presentation describing canarywood.

### **April Program - Work Holding**

John Skarja will be demonstrating various methods of work holding. Most turners are familiar with the spur drive and scroll chucks. John will demonstrate a variety of other ways to safely mount and hold your wood blanks. This will include collets, friction drives, jam chucks, variations of faceplates, vacuum chucks and more. Some of these are commercially available and some shop made. “

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## **Current Board of Directors:**

- President Susan Van Loon Runnoe
- Vice President **Bill Penning**
- Secretary Doug Runnoe
- Treasurer Paul Howard
- **Bonnie McDermid**
- **Greg Whitaker**
- Program Director - John Skarja