

The Window Craft Constitution (2026)

A Foundational Charter for the Stewardship of Historic Windows

Preamble

Historic house communities are not failing for lack of concern, education, or advocacy. They are failing for lack of production capacity.

Millions of historic windows require competent restoration within a finite window of time. If that work is not done well, and done at scale, the houses fail, the neighborhoods follow, and the culture that formed them is lost.

Window Craft exists to meet this need.

This Constitution is not a manifesto of belief, nor a declaration of superiority. It is a charter of service, established to define what is required to restore historic windows at a pace and quality sufficient to make a measurable difference in real communities.

The standards herein are not invented. They are discovered requirements, derived from the realities of the work itself.

Authority within Window Craft exists for one purpose only: to serve and defend historic house communities through competent, repeatable, and scalable restoration work.

Article I — On Authority

Section 1.1 — Demonstrated Authority

Authority in Window Craft is demonstrated, not attributed.

No individual, organization, credential, title, or company size confers authority within Window Craft. Authority arises only through proven capacity to perform defined work under defined constraints.

Good intentions, preservation language, or prior affiliation do not substitute for demonstrated competence.

Section 1.2 — Service-Derived Metrics

All Window Craft metrics are derived from the needs of historic house communities.

A sustainable and effective restoration effort requires that a properly equipped team of three be capable of restoring, on average, one window per day, yielding approximately 260 windows per year.

This level of production represents the minimum pace required to effect positive, visible change at the neighborhood and community scale.

Accordingly, the foundational metrics of Window Craft are established not as challenges or competitions, but as service thresholds.

Article II — Foundational Authorities (Pillar-Level)

Section 2.1 — S2G (Stripped to Glazed Sash) Authority

An individual who demonstrates the ability to complete a single-light sash from an unstripped condition to properly primed and glazed condition in two (2) hours or less, with correct sequencing and durable results, is granted S2G Authority at that level.

This authority permits the individual to teach and evaluate S2G work at the demonstrated scope.

Section 2.2 — M2P (Mechanics to Primed Frame) Authority

An individual who demonstrates the ability to complete a Mechanics to Primed Frame sequence—restoring function, addressing required carpentry and joinery repairs, and applying primer—in four (4) hours or less, is granted M2P Authority at that level.

This authority permits the individual to teach and evaluate M2P work at the demonstrated scope.

Section 2.3 — Limits of Foundational Authority

Pillar-level authority establishes competence, not leadership.

Possession of S2G or M2P Authority does not confer the right to steward people, manage projects, or direct teams beyond the demonstrated scope.

Article III — Integrated Authority (Team-Level)

Section 3.1 — The M2P Gauntlet

The M2P Gauntlet is an integrated demonstration of Window Craft, requiring a team of three to complete a full M2P sequence through coordinated joinery, carpentry, and finishing within a defined time constraint.

Successful completion of the Gauntlet establishes systems-level authority, demonstrating the ability to integrate multiple disciplines into a single, sequenced movement.

This authority permits the holder to coach teams and diagnose systemic breakdowns between roles.

Article IV — Stewardship Authority (Leadership-Level)

Section 4.1 — The 10-in-10 Rite

- bullet Accurately assess scope
- bullet Distinguish repair from replication
- bullet Sequence work across multiple pillars
- bullet Steward people responsibly
- bullet Plan realistically under constraint
- bullet Complete real work without chaos, heroics, or drift

This rite is not a test of speed, but of sight and judgment.

Section 4.2 — Stewardship Defined

Only individuals who have successfully passed the 10-in-10 rite may steward others within Window Craft.

- bullet Managing people
- bullet Directing projects

bullet Teaching leadership

bullet Representing Window Craft publicly as an authority on process and scale

Those who have not passed this rite may still learn, participate, and practice, but may not steward.

Article V — On the Role of the Founder

The founder of Window Craft does not stand above this Constitution.

The founder's authority derives from having demonstrated the metrics repeatedly, built systems capable of reproducing the work, named the standards publicly, and submitted himself to them.

This Constitution exists to ensure that Window Craft outlives any one individual, including its founder.

Closing Statement

Window Craft is not a hobby, an aesthetic preference, or a theory of preservation.

It is a trade, a discipline, and a service obligation.

This Constitution exists to protect the work, the workers, and the communities they serve—by telling the truth about what it takes to make a difference.

Those who wish to join this work are welcome. Those who wish to steward it must pass through it.