

# AWCI 2017 Annual Meeting Committee Report

**Committee:** Education & Standards Committee

**Chairman:** Aaron Recksiek

**Liaison to the Board of Directors:** Aaron Recksiek

---

**Date of last meeting:** Conference call - 9/19/2017

**Date of next meeting:** Conference call - 10/26/2017

## Action Items Completed:

- At the Mid-year board meeting in March, several changes to the Education Committee were suggested to the Board of Directors. These changes were completed the following month after being reviewed by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. Aaron Recksiek was appointed Chairman of the Education and Standards Committee in April 2017. The committee name was changed from the Education Committee to better reflect the committee's role in the Institute. The committee structure was also redefined along with changes to bring more autonomy between the committee and the Board of Examiners. These changes were made to have a more objective checks and balances between the two groups. Committee members with a conflict of interest between the Education & Standards Committee and the Board of Examiners were asked to choose between one of the two groups to serve on. No deadline was given for them to make their choice. All committee members that remained on from the former Education Committee were contacted and informed of the changes and asked about their interest level to continue to serve. Once they remained on the committee their participation level has been monitored to ensure all committee members remain active.
- The first project that committee was tasked with was deciding the education that would be offered at the 2017 convention. This included reviewing the survey results from the 2016 convention as well as the education offered at the previous 5 conventions. Committee members found instructors to teach requested topics and also offered professional educators the opportunity to develop and design programs they felt comfortable teaching.
- The committee recommended Mike Carpenter for the new Clock Director position to the Board of Directors. The candidate was determined using a sub-committee interview and selection process.
- The committee has reviewed and approved the curriculums of all the convention courses to determine eligibility for CEUs.
- The committee approved and recommended to the Board of Directors an allowance for a new school to join the REC on a probationary 2 year period before being required to fulfill the requirements spelled out in the bylaws.
- The committee decided to develop two educational courses at the 2018 NAWCC Convention, one Watchmaking related and one Clockmaking related.

- The committee decided on two lists of 10 educational courses, one Watchmaking and one Clockmaking, each to be used on a survey at the 2017 as well as a general survey to be distributed to the membership.

**Action Items In-progress/Pending:**

- The committee is in the process of determining the two educational courses that will be offered at the 2018 NAWCC convention in York, PA.
- The committee will hold an open forum with the membership at the 2017 annual convention to gain feedback on future committee projects. Items of discussion will be:
  - Moving forward on the CMW21 and the CMC21.
  - Moving forward with multiple pathways to CW21 and Watch Technician exam.
  - Developing a plan to create a 3-year Watchmaker Apprenticeship.
- The Clock Director is still in process of restoring the CC21 exam and the Education & Standards Committee receives periodic updates on the progress.
- The committee has set a goal by the end of the year to better define the committees roles and responsibilities in relationship with the Board of Examiners.

**Future Committee projects:**

- The committee is planning to meet at headquarters in the spring of 2018 with the Board of Examiners to layout the framework for developing the future committee projects.
- Developing a pathway to CMW21 and the CMC21 with accompanying educational programs.
- Developing a Watch Technician certification.
- Vertically integrate Watch Technician, Certified Watchmaker 21, and Certified Master Watchmaker 21 into a tiered modular system.
- Develop a 3-year Watchmaking apprenticeship curriculum.

---

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Recksiek, Chairman