

	<p style="text-align: center;"> American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute Board of Directors </p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"> MEETING MINUTES </p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"> August 8th, 2017 8 p.m. ET, 7 p.m. CT, 6 p.m. MT, 5 p.m. PT </p>		

Call to order - 8:00 p.m. ET

AWCI President Fred White presiding.

Location: GotoWebinar

Roll call

Directors Present: Fred White - President, Joe Cerullo - Vice-President, Henry Kessler - Treasurer, Aaron Recksiek - Secretary, Josh Kroman, Craig Stone, Peter Pronko, Peter Whittle.

Directors Absent: Sergio Berrios

AWCI staff present: Jordan Ficklin - Executive Director

Also present: Paul Wadsworth - Parliamentarian, Terry Kurdzionak - Convention Chairperson, Justin Harrell - Newly Elected Board Member, Manuel Yazijian - Past President

Motion 8.8.2017.1

“To approve the minutes from July 11th, 2017.” Made by: Joe Cerullo, Seconded by: Peter Pronko.

Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Terry Kurdzionak was present to provide a report on the progress of the convention committee.

The schedule of the 2017 convention was reviewed with the board.

As of 8/8/17 there were at least 61 registrants for this years convention.

For the 2018 convention Terry and the front office have sent an RFP to hotels in Austin and San Antonio.

The convention committee and front office are in discussion stages of a joint convention with the NAWCC sometime in the next few years.

Aaron Recksiek gave a report from the Education & Standards committee.

The committee will be reviewing course outlines for the 2017 convention education provided by the instructors of each course. These will need to be approved by the committee to be eligible for CEU's.

The committee will be preparing a list of possible courses for future conventions and they will be included in a survey at the 2017 convention.

The potential Watch Specialist and Watch Technician certifications were briefly discussed.

The committee discussed the rules in the bylaws defining REC eligibility. The committee will continue to discuss this issue and present a solution to the board in a future meeting.

Henry Kessler gave a report from the finance committee. The committee feels like the budgeting process is a large driving force of the organization.

The committee discussed the decline in revenue from membership dues, and also a decline in advertising revenue.

The committee discussed the need to bring new people into the organization by possibly being more inclusive of people from a variety of different backgrounds and skill levels.

Offsite courses made up a significant amount of non-dues revenue.

\$10,000 was set aside to work towards protecting the perpetuation fund from losses due to litigation or other circumstances where the funds could be mishandled.

The board received the final budget this morning from the Finance Committee. The board decided that they would like more time to review it and will meet on the 22nd of August to vote on the budget.

Fred White gave an update on the response from Andre Fleury. The letter from Mr. Fleury was going to be published in the Horological Times as a letter to the editor. A two-paragraph response was to be included at the end of the letter explaining that Mr. Fleury was invited by

the Board of Directors to attend a board meeting and explain his request. Mr. Fleury has so far declined this request.

An opinion was read to the board written by Jim Sadilek explaining what Mr. Fleury was asking the board to write to the DOJ and Department of Labor.

The idea was suggested to allow Mr. Fleury to draft a letter with how he would like the AWCI board to respond to his request, the board can then review and/or revise it and possibly approve it as a written response from the board.

The conversation became steered toward the repair.org organization and what they are doing to create legislation on the state level to help spare parts be supplied to the service industry.

The board discussed the possibility and desire of board members to join this organization.

Motion 8.8.2017.2

“I move that AWCI supports repair.org and joins as a non-profit member of that organization and encourages our members to support their organization.”

Made by: Peter Pronko, Seconded by: Josh Kroman.

Fred White offered to invite a representative from the repair.org organization to the next board meeting to answer any questions the board might have.

Motion 8.8.2017.3

“I move to table the motion 8.8.2017.2, until the next meeting of the Board of Directors.”

Made by: Joe Cerullo, Seconded by: Henry Kessler.

Approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Fred White wanted to make some changes to the Education & Standards committee through President’s committee appointments. The changes he would like to make are to remove Andrew DeKeyser, Sam Cannon, and Tony Paster and then add John Polk, Scott Walters, and Clay Minton.

Motion 8.8.2017.4

“I move to accept the appointments made by Fred White to the Education & Standards Committee. Watch Section: John Polk, Scott Walker, and Clay Minton.”

Made by: Joe Cerullo, Seconded by: Henry Kessler.

Joe Cerullo: No, Henry Kessler: No, Aaron Recksiek: No, Josh Kroman: No, Craig Stone: No, Peter Pronko: No, Peter Whittle: No.

The motion was declined.

Motion 8.8.2017.5

“Motion to adjourn, 9:51 p.m. ET” Made by: Joe Cerullo , Seconded by: Henry Kessler.

Approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron H. Recksiek - Secretary, AWCI Board of Directors