
	<p><b>American Watchmakers- Clockmakers Institute Board of Directors</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>MEETING MINUTES</b></p>	
<p>Thursday, October 5, 2017 and Sunday, October 8, 2017 Annual Convention Tampa, Florida</p>		

**Thursday – October 5, 2017**

**Call to order – 6 PM P.M. ET**

AWCI President Joe Cerullo presiding.

**Location:** Embassy Suites Hotel, Tampa, FL

**Directors Present:** Joe Cerullo - President, Aaron Recksiek - Vice-President, Jack Kurdzionak - Treasurer, Peter Pronko - Secretary, Justin Harrell, Craig Stone, Dennis Warner, Peter Whittle, Fred White.

**Directors Absent:**

**AWCI staff present:** Jordan Ficklin - Executive Director

**Also present:** Paul Wadsworth – Parliamentarian; Various AWCI members

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of New Officers**

Nominations for new Officers by Craig Stone on behalf of the Executive Committee nominating committee.

President - Joe Cerullo

Vice President - Aaron Recksiek

Secretary - Peter Pronko

Treasurer - Jack Kurdzionak

**A secret ballot was cast, the new officers were accepted unanimously.**

Paul Wadsworth accepted the offer from President Joe Cerullo to serve as parliamentarian.

**Motion 10.5.2017.8**

“I move to accept Paul Wadsworth as Parliamentarian and affirm Dennis Warner to be the alternate.”

Made by: Peter Whittle, Seconded by: Craig Stone.

Approved by voice vote - unanimous

Joe Cerullo has made the following President's appointments:  
Fred White - ELM Trust and the Perpetuation Fund Board of Trustees.

**Motion 10.5.2017.9**

“I move to accept Fred White to serve on the ELM Trust and the Perpetuation Fund Board of Trustees.”

Made by: Craig Stone, Seconded by: Dennis Warner.

The idea of bringing in a younger member within the Cincinnati area to serve on the ELM Trust was discussed.

Motion was approved by a raise of hands, 7 affirmative and 1 in opposition.

**Motion 10.5.2017.10**

“ I move to pass a corporate resolution to authorize signers of bank documents to be the president, executive director, and treasurer.”

Made by: Craig Stone, Seconded by: Peter Whittle.

A roll call vote was taken: Aaron Recksiek - Yes, Peter Pronko - Yes, Jack Kurdzionak - Yes, Dennis Warner - Yes, Justin Harrell - Yes, Craig Stone - Yes, Peter Whittle - Yes.

**Motion 10.5.2017.11**

“To recess until Sunday morning, 9:07 p.m. ET” Made by: Justin Harrell, Seconded by: Jack Kurdzionak.

Approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

- Secretary, AWCI Board of Directors

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**Sunday, October 8, 2017**  
**Continuation of Board Meeting.**

**Call to order – 9:13 AM ET**

AWCI President Joe Cerullo presiding.

**Location:** Embassy Suites Hotel, Tampa, FL

**Directors Present:** Joe Cerullo - President, Aaron Recksiek - Vice-President, Jack Kurdzionak - Treasurer, Justin Harrell, Craig Stone, Dennis Warner, Peter Whittle, Fred White-Past President

**Directors Absent:** Dennis Warner and Peter Pronko

**AWCI staff present:** Jordan Ficklin - Executive Director

**Also present:** Paul Wadsworth – Parliamentarian; Various AWCI members

Minutes from audio recording:

President Joe Cerullo announced that this meeting is being recorded and that the minutes would be generated by the secretary based on the audio recording.

Further, Joe Cerullo made introductory remarks as the new president and emphasized that we are here as board members to represent the membership that voted us into these positions. Further that, in working for the membership, there is no room for hidden agendas within board activities and that they will not be tolerated.

**Right to Repair**

The president referenced the ongoing Right to Repair issue that has been under discussion and noted that, at the previous BOD meeting, a motion was unanimously passed to join the Repair Association at Repair.Org with a request for additional information on their finances.

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*Secretary’s note:- For the sake of our new board members the following information is being provided:*

*{A motion was passed at the September 2017 board meeting: Motion 9.5.2017.4 “I move to amend the original motion to read: 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. The board will decide at a later time what dollar amount to join at after the organization has shared their finances with us.” Made by: Peter Pronko, Seconded by: Josh Kroman. **Amended motion approved unanimously by a voice vote.***

*Henry Kessler, Peter Pronko, and Peter Whittle were assigned, by President Fred White, to a sub-committee to investigate this organization and determine the membership level at which we should join. This committee is being referred to as “The Right to Repair Committee (R to R)”. The following action items have been completed by the R to R committee both prior to and subsequent to the Tampa meeting:-*

*1). Action item completed: An annual report was received from Repair.Org that included information on their revenue over the past 3 years and how it was used. This report was distributed to the BOD (and executive director) and satisfies the motion requirement in 9.5.2017.4.*

*2). Action item completed: Our AWCI lawyer (Sarah Vith) was contacted and she informed us that membership in the lobbying organization Repair.Org will not affect AWCI tax status up to a membership level of \$2000.*

*3). Action item completed: By-Laws for the organization Repair.org were distributed to all board members and the executive director.*

*4). Action item completed: The R to R committee filed its report to the board and recommended a \$1000 membership level.}*

*End of Secretary's note*

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A committee motion was entered to accept the AWCI Right to Repair report as presented to the board. That report was entitled "Recommendation on level of commitment to Repair.Org"

No second required.

**Motion 10.8.2017.1**

"It is the opinion of this subcommittee, after direct consultation with their executive- director and discussion among itself, that AWCI should, in promoting its own interests, pursue the following path of involvement with the Repair Association at Repair.Org:

- 1). Initially join at the basic corporate level of \$1000.
- 2). Participate in their board of director's conference call meetings to gauge their effectiveness and to decide about participating at a board level (requires \$10,000 commitment),
- 3). Work with them on selected state legislation concerning right-to-repair laws to evaluate feasibility of this approach.
- 4). Evaluate the effectiveness of AWCI to work within this realm and its ability to make progress in such a right-to-repair effort.
- 5). Use our certification program as a template for industrial certification to justify competence in right-to-repair.
- 6). Be pro-active in encouraging members of our organization to support Repair.org."

No second needed for committee motion.

Discussion:

[Note: The decision to join has already been made (see *Motion 9.5.2017.4* above) . This is a discussion about accepting the committee report].

The discussion was mainly concerned with questions and comments from the new board members who did not have available to them historical information surrounding the decision to join Repair.org. All this information has subsequently been provided to them (see action items above). Further wide ranging discussion revolved around the pros and cons of participating in the Repair.org program.

### **Motion 10.8.2017.2**

“I move that we table this motion (Motion 10.8.2017.1) until we have more information, we will re-address this issue at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.”Made by: Jack Kurdzionak, Seconded by: Peter Whittle. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

{See “Action Items Completed” above in regard to providing the requested information in this motion}.

### **Mobile Class Room**

A proposal for AWCI to develop a mobile class room was brought up by Jordan and Aaron. A document in the form of a booklet was distributed describing this proposal. The proposal consists of acquiring a bus containing a Mobile Classroom with the intention of reducing travel costs to students and making classes more widely available. This proposal will necessitate providing additional instructors to expand the education program. The total investment, exclusive of training new instructors, is estimated to be \$375K for a fully equipped facility. It is intended that AWCI would work with the affiliate chapters, NAWCC, and other organizations to recover this investment as well as by using income from teaching of classes. If we get \$200K in sponsorship contributions it would leave \$175K for AWCI to pay off in 5 years. Useful life of the facility is estimated to be 10 to 15 years maybe 20.

A question and answer period followed touching on all aspects of the above proposal.

A motion was proposed by Jack Kurdzionak on behalf of the IAB.

### **Motion 10.8.2017.3**

“I move to direct the Executive Director to research the possibilities for a mobile class room and to report findings back to the IAB at the mid-year 2018 meeting”.

Made by: Jack Kurdzionak and seconded by: Justin Harrell.

Discussion included questions about budgeted amounts for market research and the availability of updated reports at regular board meetings. Jordan agreed to work on this issue and report at the mid-year meeting.

Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

### **2018 Convention**

Aaron brought up the issue of the next annual convention – He Proposed a joint program with NAWCC.in York, PA at their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary suggesting that we have ours before or after theirs to capitalize on their members being around to participate in our meeting. The venue would be at the York Fairgrounds.

### **Motion 10.8.2017.4**

“I move to have Jordan and Terry continue the process of researching the viability of holding the 2018 annual convention in York, PA immediately before or after the 2018 NAWCC convention. The board will need to make a decision by the next Board of Directors conference call. The date of the mid-year meeting will also be decided at that time.”

Made by: Aaron Recksiek, Seconded by: Craig Stone.

Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

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### **Future Board of Directors Conference Call Meetings**

The next Board of Directors conference call will be on November 9th, 2017. The Board concluded that, going forward, we will be holding these meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

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### **Motion 10.8.2017.5**

“I move to adjourn, 10:38 a.m. ET”

Made by: Jack Kurdzionak, Seconded by: Peter Whittle.

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter Pronko- Secretary, AWCI Board of Directors