

Minutes of the  
AWCI Board of Directors meeting 11-9- 2017  
Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 PM EST  
Webinar Conference

Roll Call:

Directors Present: Joe Cerullo, Aaron Recksiek, Jack Kurdzionak, Peter Pronko, Justin Harrell, Craig Stone, Dennis Warner, Peter Whittle. , Fred White (Ex Officio).

Others Present: Paul Wadsworth; Various AWCI members (by conference call presence).

AWCI Staff Present: Jordan Ficklin

1). Approve minutes from Oct 5 convention meeting. Motion by Peter Pronko and second Peter Whittle. Voice vote unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2). HQ and Staff Report by Jordan Ficklin, Executive Director:

Convention.. Based on its intended mission it was a great success. Financially it was a loss. Revenue was 45K and costs of 60K represent a loss of 15K. Jack Kurdzionak (Treasurer) wants more detailed expenses for convention. Aaron ....wishes to remove board travel from convention expenses since we are required to hold an annual meeting but not necessarily at a convention.

AWCI BUILDING ....new smoke detectors installed. Small roof leak fixed. Converted lighting to LEDs (costs to be regained in one year due to electrical savings}. Jack's name now printed on bank checks as treasurer.

Witschi wants to sell us new timing machines as upgrades and wants us to sell off old ones (6 new ones and sell 6 old ones). Will be carried out with normal class room budget.

Dues renewal are coming up. Some problem with definition of web site security is delaying sending out renewals.

CW21 Exam. Reports sent out. All exams graded. Strong recommendation to have photos of candidates work made available to each of them to see their mistakes. Board of examiners to decide on what and how to do it.

Web page update was to be completed by Mid-November. Not happening. Consultant is on travel.

Transition to Office Version 365 with new server being pursued. Nonprofit pricing not available to us since C6 not C3. New quotes are being obtained.

Clock Makers Facebook group has been formed.

Motion by Aaron Instruct BoE to evaluate possibility of providing pictures of exam results to candidates upon request. Craig seconded. Comments were in favor of showing pictures as teaching aids. Amendment by Aaron get response from BoE by Jan. conference call. Second by Craig. Paul says remove word “possibility”. Peter says ok remove it. Vote on roll call:

Motion 11.09.2017.1

Made by Aaron Recksiek and seconded by Craig Stone.

Instruct Board of Examiners to provide pictures of exam results to candidates upon request.

Roll Call Vote: Yes by all board members present.

3). Next convention 2018 Report:

NAWCC declines our offer to hold a joint convention with them.

We will consider San Antonio, TX on our own. Jordan will travel there next week with Dennis to visit hotels and make report. Proposed convention to be in the first week of October. 4). Date for mid-year meeting.

Proposal by Aaron to have it on March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Jack says it conflicts with Basel. Jordan wants to have BoE and Education committees meeting around the mid-year meeting. Basel will be March 22 to 27. ELM Trust will get together at mid-year as well. Discussion continued. Last week of Feb conflict with Peter Pronko who prefers it after the 17<sup>th</sup>. Consider 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> by Jordan. Jordan to study the issue. Decide if 9 and 10 will work per instructions from the president. Decision to be communicated by email.

- 5). Education Committee: Report by Aaron, chair of ED Committee. Met with Wes Grau at HQ. Some changes coming to S&P in coming months. Recommending to Joe to make all new committee appointments. Probably half will be existing members. Once that is done then move forward on projects with Board of Examiners (BE).
- 6). Affiliate Chapter Report: Feature one chapter each month in HT. Texas next in HT. Affiliate chapter minutes sent out.
- 7). Mobile classroom –no update.
- 8). Perpetuation Fund: Perp Committee meeting with Dale Coates and attorney to tighten up control on Perp fund to protect it in perpetuity. Ronald Christianson, attorney was consulted. Have a 10K authorization from BOD to work on this. Have letter from attorney explaining what he will do. Trustees wish to keep fund perpetual and protect it from law suits. Waiting for input from legal advice. They are suggesting using small LLCs with AWCI as sole member to isolate AWCI from specific projects and activities (cert program, mobile bus, etc). Liability insurance in place for now but wish to not increase this by greater amount. Will meet with them again in December.

### OLD BUSINESS

- 8). A motion concerning the report of the Right to Repair committee was tabled by the board at its October meeting (Tampa-Convention).

*Secretary's note:- For the sake of clarity the following information is being provided:*

*{The following 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, as a committee to investigate the Repair.Org 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)".*

A motion was entered to accept the AWCII Right to Repair report as presented by that Committee to the board. That report was entitled “Recommendation on level of commitment to Repair.Org”

As a committee motion no second is 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 AWCII should, in promoting its own interests and that of its members, pursue the following path of involvement with the Repair Association at Repair.Org:

- 1). Initially to join at the basic corporate level of \$1000.
- 2). Participate in their board of directors’ 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 AWCII 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.

Motion made to bring off the table by Jack Kurdzionak and seconded by Peter Pronko

Voice vote was taken to remove from table with unanimous consent.

Next was to vote on the motion that was brought off the table.

Committee had submitted its recommendation and all materials that were requested by to the board.

Discussion:

[Note: The decision to join Repair.Org has already been made. See Motion

9.5.2017.4 in the September minutes above. The present motion concerns accepting or rejecting the Right to Repair committee's report].

A discussion followed about accepting or rejecting the committee report as submitted. Aaron Recksiek said passing this motion would give our members false hope concerning access to parts and that he will therefore not support it. Joe Cerullo commented that some hope would be better than no hope at all. Craig Stone commented that Repair. Org was focused on digital right to repair which was a very small part of what AWCI does. Peter Pronko responded by pointing out that all quartz watches regardless of analog or digital display were in fact digital devices and represented a large segment of what watchmakers work on. Jack Kurdzionak commented on the Massachusetts plebiscite that had overwhelming support by voters concerning access to auto motive parts for independent operators. Justin Harrell commented on the importance of AWCI passing this motion to demonstrate good will toward its members. Dennis Warner asked for more information about Repair.Org.

A roll call vote was called by Jack Kurdzionak.

Roll call vote to accept the committee report:

Yes: Jack Kurdzionak; Peter Pronko; Justin Harrell.

No: Aaron Recksiek; Craig Stone; Dennis Warner; Peter Whittle.

Motion fails by one vote and AWCI declines to accept the report of its Right to Repair committee and their specific recommendations to support its members in their right to repair.

9). Discussion about developing a pricing guide for watch repair similar to Geller's book.

Recommendation was to contact Geller for input to his book by AWCI.

10). Motion by Craig Stone concerning 7750's used in Cert exams.

#### Motion 11.09.2017.2

I move that the board of directors instruct the executive director to sell 75 of the eta 7750 watches that were previously used in exams.

The executive director will place an advertisement in December issue of HT specifying that the movements are used disassembled and may not be complete they may have scratches and they have no cases with picture of movement example if possible. 40 will be advertised at a price of \$105.00 per movement plus shipping of \$25.00 for packing the movements as safely as possible and shipping charges (so if a person buys 1 movement it would be \$105.00 for the movement and \$25.00 for shipping if someone buys 5 movements it would be \$525.00 for the movements and \$25.00 for shipping). I also propose we issue a limit of 10 movements per member for the first 30 days after 30 days members may buy as many as they desire up to the 40. 23 will be advertised as assembled 7750 with hands dials and cases but may have damaged parts due to prior use in an exam these will be at \$300 per watch plus shipping and packing for \$25.00, same limit of 10 applied for 30 days. The final 12 will be sold as 1 lot mixed parts may not be complete mechanisms many parts missing or damaged for \$1000 plus \$25.00 shipping and packing the limit does not apply to this one group, picture if possible. If someone buys complete watches and disassembled movements just the one \$25.00 shipping and packing charge should be applied. The proceeds of the sale will be used to buy new movements and materials for future examinations.

Seconded by Aaron Recksiek.

Discussion:

Jack K points out that board members might not be able to legally purchase these. Recommends we check with our lawyer about that.

Although a discussion ensued with general agreement about deleting the second paragraph of this motion, no formal amended motion was made to do so.

Call for vote: Voice vote - all in favor was unanimous.

11). Request for any member listeners at this board meeting to press their “raise your hand” if they have any comments concerning the meeting. No responses heard or noted.

12) Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Aaron Recksiek and seconded by Peter Pronko.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted

AWCI Secretary

Peter Pronko