

Minutes
AWCI Mid-Year Meeting
March 9 & 10, 2018
Harrison, Ohio
Aaron Recksiek (VP) Presiding

Meeting Called to Order at 8:09 AM

Roll Call:

Directors Present: Aaron Recksiek, Jack Kurdzionak, Peter Pronko, Justin Harrell, Craig Stone, Dennis Warner, Peter Whittle, Fred White (ex officio).

Directors Absent: Joe Cerullo

Also Present: Paul Wadsworth (Parliamentarian)

AWCI Staff : Jordan Ficklin (Executive Director) and Others

1). Motion to approve the agenda – Made by Craig Stone, Second Dennis Warner.
Approved by voice vote.

2). Motion to approve the Minutes of 2-8-18 BOD meeting – Made by Dennis Warner, Second Craig Stone. Approved by voice vote.

3). Opening message for the meeting was presented by the presiding officer – Aaron Recksiek.

4). Jack Kurdzionak made a presentation concerning business models involving Radio Shack and Crane Paper with comparisons to today's circumstances at AWCI.

5). Peter Pronko made a presentation concerning the AWCI Teaching Academy and it's becoming an accredited school and affiliating its programs with other schools. The following motion was made by Peter Pronko and seconded by Craig Stone:

Motion 3.9.18.1: I move that a committee be formed to investigate and report on the feasibility of the AWCI teaching academy becoming an accredited school and that it affiliate with a network of vocational schools and community colleges in collaborative programs relating to watch & clock repair and manufacturing. Also, as amended, to make Peter Pronko the chair of this committee with Jack Kurdzionak as a member.

Passed by voice vote

6). Perpetuation Fund. Dale Coates of the Johnson Investment Company made a presentation explaining and updating the board members on the status of the Perpetuation Fund.

7). Committee Reports:

a). Fair Repair – Right to Repair

Peter Pronko presented an update on the status of the organization Repair.Org regarding their expanding its by-laws beyond the use of exclusively “digital” and including mechanical and other system designs which would incorporate time keeping devices. No action or motion to be made by us at this time.

b). Horological Times:

The Horological Committee presented a written report. No second needed.

Motion 3.9.18.3 To accept the report. Passed by voice vote.

c). Board of Examiners:

Motion 3.9.18.4 was made by Jack Kurdzionak and seconded by Dennis Warner to withdraw the board of examiners report as presented. Passed by voice vote.

A discussion followed on the use of assessment photos as an individual teaching tool in the CW21 program.

d). Education and Standards Committee

Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 11:15 AM and came out of executive session at 12:15 PM.

Break for Lunch at 12:15 PM and Reconvene at 1:25 PM

It was reported that a letter of resignation by Wes Grau as Chief Examiner was received by email over the lunch break. It was dated February 26, 2018 but not submitted until today.

Motion 3.9.18.4 Motion made by Peter Pronko and Seconded by Craig Stone to accept the letter of resignation by the chief examiner and to send a letter of appreciation to Wes for his long service in this position. Passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Jack Kurdzionak to bring Motion 2.8.18.1 (from our previous BOD meeting in February) off the table and be brought to a vote. Seconded by Craig Stone. Motion 2.8.18.1 was voted on by voice vote and failed to pass.

Motion 3.9.18.5 made by Craig Stone and seconded by Justin Harrell to change the unified structure of the board of examiners by creating a Board of Examiners for Watches and a Board of Examiners for clocks. Passed by voice vote.

Motion to read as follows:

Change Section 10 and add Section 11 to the Standards and Practices document to read

10. Board of Watch Examiners

Function:

- The purpose of the Board of Watch Examiners is the oversight of watch certification and assessment processes, including construction, administration, and scoring of candidate assessments.

Membership:

- The Board of Watch Examiners (BOWE) consists of individuals appointed by the AWCI Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of the AWCI Education & Standards Committee to recommend candidate(s) for the BOWE.
- The Board of Watch Examiners will consist of between 2 and 5 members with one individual designated as Chief Watch Examiner (who may be retained for his/her services by AWCI).
- Members of the Board of Watch Examiners must be current members of AWCI, carry current certification titles (CW21 or CMW21) and have a minimum of 8 years of bench experience as horologists/educators.

Length of Term

- Membership on the Board of Watch Examiners will be for five years, with terms to overlap, to guarantee continuity and knowledge transmission.
- The Chief Watch Examiner will serve an indefinite term, as determined by the AWCI Board of Directors, who will conduct a performance or personnel evaluation every two years.
- The person to fill the Chief Watch Examiner position will be recommended to the AWCI Board of Directors for their approval by the Chair of the Education Committee with a majority approval by the Education Committee membership.

11. Board of Clock Examiners

Function:

- The purpose of the Board of Clock Examiners is the oversight of clock certification and assessment processes, including construction, administration, and scoring of candidate assessments.

Membership:

- The Board of Clock Examiners consists of individuals appointed by the AWCI Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of the AWCI Education & Standards Committee to recommend candidate(s) for the BOCE.
- The Board of Clock Examiners will consist of between 2 and 5 members with one individual designated as Chief Clock Examiner (who may be retained for his/her services by AWCI).
- Members of the Board of Clock Examiners must be current members of AWCI, carry current certification titles (CC21 or CMC21) and have a minimum of 8 years of bench experience as horologists/educators.

Length of Term

- Membership on the Board of Clock Examiners will be for five years, with terms to overlap, to guarantee continuity and knowledge transmission.
- The Chief Clock Examiner will serve an indefinite term, as determined by the AWCI Board of Directors, who will conduct a performance or personnel evaluation every two years.
- The person to fill the Chief Clock Examiner position will be recommended to the AWCI Board of Directors for their approval by the Chair of the Education Committee with a majority approval by the Education Committee membership.

8). Staff Reports

a). Executive Directors Report.

Report presented by Jordan Ficklin.

Discussion followed concerning the printing of tech guides by members. It was determined that the tech guides should be available in printed form for the members.

b). Donna Hardy presented a report on the Horological Times

c). Maureen Seals presented a report on Member Services

d). Mary Ellen Bunnell presented a report on Accounting

e). Rob McLeod presented a report on Education and Certification.

Motion 3.9.18.6 made by Craig Stone and seconded by Justin Harrell to investigate student reimbursement from supply houses against the cost of certification or classes. Approved by voice vote.

f). Tom Schomacher presented a report on Watchmaking Instruction.

9). Session adjourned at 4:54. Meeting to continue on morning of March 10.

Meeting called to order March 10, 2018 at 8:10 AM.

10). Evaluation of Executive

Evaluation forms using numerical scoring on selected performance items were distributed to the board members. After being filled out they were compiled and the scores averaged. The results were discussed with the executive director.

11). Mobile Class Room

Motion 3.10.18.1 Motion made by Craig Stone and seconded by Justin Harrell to accept the proposal for the Archie Perkins mobile horology lab and finance the \$375K project on a 10 year payoff.

Roll call vote: Jack Kurdzionak (no), Peter Pronko (no), Justin Harrell (yes), Craig Stone (yes), Dennis Warner (no), Peter Whittle (yes), Aaron Recksiek (yes). Motions passes 4 to 3.

12). Leasing Headquarters Space

Motion 3.10.18.2 Motion made by Jack Kurdzionak and seconded by Justin Harrell to lease 4200 square feet of the south side of the headquarters building to generate income. Passed by roll call vote unanimously.

Break for lunch at 1:00 PM and reconvene at 2:00 PM.

13). Appointments

ELM Trust

Motion 3.10.18.3 to approve

President's appointment of Justin Shiver and Paul Wadsworth as trustees of the ELM trust passed by voice vote.

Perpetuation Fund

Motion 3.10.18.4 to approve president's appointment of Fred White and Dennis Warner as trustees of the perpetuation fund. Approved by voice vote.

Discount to Members

Motion 3.10.18.5

Made by Dennis Warner and seconded by Peter Whittle.

Offer to the first 400 of our existing members, who have never come to AWCI headquarters for a class, a discount of \$1000 toward one class of their choice, provided space is available. Passed by voice vote.

Change of By-Laws

Motion 3.10.18.7. Motion made by Dennis Warner and Peter Whittle to change Article XII Section 1 of by-laws to read: Any horological association, society, or guild having at least 10 members who are active members of the institute shall be eligible to petition for standing as an AWCI affiliate chapter and thereby become affiliated.

Passed by voice vote.

Motion 3.10.18.8 Motion made by Dennis Warner and Peter Whittle to change the by-laws to read in Article XVII Section 2: If the committee agrees that the proposal is in proper form, they shall notify the president within 30 (thirty) days. If the committee determines the proposal is not in proper form it shall be returned to the member for correction.

Passed by voice vote

Motion 3.10.18.8 Motion made by the constitutional committee:

Any motion concerning a change to the AWCI by-laws and presented to the Board of Directors may not go to a vote sooner than 30 days after the proposal.

Passed by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by Jack Kurdzionak and seconded by Justin Harrell.

Passed by voice vote. Adjournment at 2:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Peter Pronko, PhD

Secretary

