

# AWCI Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes

October 4 and 5, 2019

Presiding Officer – Aaron Recksiek, President

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Recksiek at 8:10 AM.

Roll Call:

Directors Present:

President: Aaron Recksiek, Vice President: Justin Harrell, Treasurer: Jack Kurdzionak

Secretary: Dennis Warner, Directors: Henry Kessler, Nick Butt, Craig Stone Past

President: Fred White, Affiliate Chapter Chairman Elect: David Kurdzionak, Director

Elect: Andrew DeKeyser,

Parliamentarian Present: Paul Wadsworth

Absent: Director, Peter Pronko

AWCI Staff Present: Jordan Ficklin – Executive Director, Staff: Donna Hardy, Kathy Ortt,

Maureen Seals, Janette Torres-Gomez

Guest: Brad Wellmann, Mary Ellen Bunnell (Enrolled Agent who handles AWCI Finances)

Each staff member took time to update and take suggestions in their area of job description.

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## **Business Conducted**

Motion to accept the agenda presented by the president. Made by Henry Kessler and second by Jack Kurdzionak. Approved by voice vote.

Motion presented by president Aaron Recksiek to appoint Paul Wadsworth as Parliamentarian. Unanimously approved.

Motion to accept the "Minutes of the August 29, 2019 Conference Call" made by Craig Stone...second by Jack Kurdzionak Unanimously approved.

The president announced that the next meeting will be November 7, 2019 at 8 PM EST.

Fred Brink from our investment firm "Johnson Investment Counsel Inc." presented a history of his organization with AWCI and the present financial standing of AWCI.

## **Committee Reports**

Dennis Warner, Affiliate Chapter gave the report on the status of the chapters and their activities.

Henry Kessler, IAB Chairman discussed activities and future plans of the group. He also talked about the Mobile Classroom being a major advertising tool as well as educational.

Executive Director, Jordan Ficklin reported on the successes of the Build A Watch classes and the Mobile Bus Classes.

Newly elected directors are confirmed and sworn in: Craig Stone, Andrew DeKeyser, Dave Kurdzionak and Henry Kessler

Slate of candidates for the executive committee are submitted to the board. Candidates are:

Aaron Recksiek-President  
Justin Harrell-Vice-President  
Jack Kurdzionak-Treasurer  
Craig Stone- Secretary

Since none were opposed, a voice vote was taken and candidates were approved unanimously.

Newly elected officers were sworn in.

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New Business:

Committee appointments:  
Watch board of Examiners

Kelly Hunter chief examiner 1year term  
Willie Adams 5year term

Clock board of examiners

Jerry Friar chief examiner 1 year term  
Michael Gainey 5 year term

Motion to accept made by Jack Kurdzionak  
Second by Andrew DeKeyser

Report from executive director hit several points including HT digital printing available, books sales figures, and student and classroom numbers.

Classroom figures same  
Mobile classroom figures higher  
Discussed clock program possibility to take at AWCI

Talked about possibly holding a class at a major company in California after making contact with them at maker faire.

Talked about social media groups and moderating them and possibly starting a new one.

- Facebook advertising results

- Extended warranty for mobile classroom

- Affiliate chapter engagement

- Convention in Cincinnati DATES March 26-28 Summit Hotel

- 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- Bells chiming possible theme

- 25 years in building

- New sign

Report from Donna on HT

Survey results

- Possible cost savings possible issues with any changes

- Needs and wants more technical articles

- Writers now have anonymous reviews by HT committee

- Would like to see more new authors how to motivate??

Report from Mary Ellen

Investments doing well

- Assets up mostly in mobile classroom

- Inventory of watches up for BAW

Liability increases

Mobile classroom

Report From Tom

Possibly AWCI finishing school for other schools that teach basics possibly 3 month program

- Teach classes on estimating

  - Finishing work

  - Modern Watches

Possible vetting for higher schools such as Richemont.

- Skills verification for employers that do not have a way to test candidates

- Specialty tutoring for specific problems

Corporate sponsorship for existing and new classes

- Class ideas

  - Antique pocket watches

  - Hairspring vibrating

  - Do tool reviews

October 5, 2019

Meeting called to order by Aaron Recksiek at 8:22am

Meeting went to executive session at 8:23am

Meeting came out of executive session at 10:49am

**Motion from Craig Stone:**

I move that AWCI purchase the following watches held by the ELM at the current scrap value of the gold or precious metal content of the case. These watches to be used by AWCI to teach courses in repeating watches.

**Item #64**

1Item: Repeater movement with dust cover engraved Sayre & Richards, New York, No. 2235 (same no. scratched on front plate.) Cylinder escapement, key wind/set. #1343 (or 7343)stamped swiss on front plate.

**Item # 2026**

Dunand Quarter Hour Repeater, O.F. pocket watch, 14K, Case #200126, Movt. 200126.

**Item # 635**

Touchon & Co., modern 18K heavy gold cse, O/F pocket watch. Case in new condition with stamping of Touchon in frame of U.S. Importer, A. Wittnauer. Movt. #251245, 29J, 5 adj., minute repeater.

**Item # 101**

Rare 18K double backed open face English quarter hour repeater with Earnshaw type balance and detent. Signed Jackson, Bath. Circa 1840. Large agate jewels for fusee, movement #1819. Solid gold dial, chiseled between chapters, raised garlands on outer rim, blue serpentine hands. Case edge heavily and deeply sculptured gold with roses and floral motif.

**Item # 636**

French type quarter repeater movement with virgule escapement. No Bell.  
Maker: Signed on cuvette - Marc Hen(ri) Brousson a Neuwied.  
Circa: 1800  
Brousson's family fled to Neuwied when the Edict of Nantes was revoked as did many of his faith.

**Item #178**

French quarter hour repeater movement, striking on gongs. Circa: 1800. Striking mechanism on back plate. Fusee. (Note: See HBF list #2, old #14)

**Item # 2025**

Swiss Repeater, Ancre Ligne Droit pocket watch. Gold, case, stem wind, Pallet arms ligne right, Spiral Breguet Double Plateau, Balancier Compense, (Compensation Balance), Levees Visibles (Visible Movement), 32 Rubis (32 Rubys, synthetic jewels), 0.585 Gold (14K Gold)  
Case #1410

**Item # 2018**

Swiss Tiffany & Co., New York, Movt. 20167, Case# 20167, 18K case, S. V., S. S., Size 14, 5 Minute Slide Repeater, Split Second Timer, O. F., N. O. Subsidiary Dials.

**Item # 794**

Breguet quarter repeating watch #3198, signed on cuvette & dial with authenticating certificate #3433, dated 21 Sep 1858. 22 Ruby jewels, gilt lever movt., stem wind & pin set, bi-metallic compensation balance, overcoil balance spring, wolf tooth winding wheels, one white gold capped wheel bridge. Gold engine turned o.f. case with cuveter, #4622.

Silver engined turned dial with polished chapter ring, black enamel numbers, subsidiary seconds dial, blued steel moon shaped hands.

Item # 2029

Grandjean One Minute Chronograph, pocket watch, 18K Gold, Case #38737, Movt. 38737.

Item # 2046

U.S.A./Swiss, Movt. Jacques & Marcus Retailers, New York, Movt. 3398, Case #49650 149, Pat. 1880, Thick, O. F., 14K Gold, Split-Second Chronograph, Stem wind, Lever set.

Item # 109

Swiss wrist chronograph of WWII made for German officers. Silver Case, #150009. Sweep second, 30 min. register. (Note: See HBF list #1, old #9.)

Item # 115

Watch by L. Casella, London. Circa: 1872. Chronograph with min & secs. One of the earliest with pendant controls. Silver case. (Note: See HBF list #1, old #115.)

Ote, # 960

Wakmann Chronograph wrist watch, 17j, SS case, #3530

Second by Dave Kurdzionak

Discussion: then motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Dave Kurdzionak

Change in policy 3.2014.01

Amount to change from \$150 per AWC1 member to \$125.00

Amount change from \$1500 to \$1250 per chapter each fiscal year

Jack Kurdzionak second

Discussion on affiliate chapter programs and how they would be affected

Motion by Dave Kurdzionak to table motion to be taken off the table at next board meeting on Nov. 7

Jack Kurdzionak seconded table motion

Passed unanimous voice vote

Motion by Dave Kurdzionak: I make a motion to raise the affiliate chapter dues from 200 to 300 dollars with the hope it encourages more chapters to send a delegate.

Second by Justin Harrel:

Discussion on possible implications call for vote Roll call vote

Justin-No

Jack-No

Andrew-No

Nick-No

Henry-No

Dave-Yes

Craig-Yes

Motion failed by roll call vote

Board meeting broke up into groups to discuss various items with intention of presenting actionable items by the board.

Motion submitted by HT+ committee

We move that AWCI change from a plate printing process to a modern computer-controlled process for the horological times this will allow for a change from gloss finish to matte finish for enhanced legibility for our readers.

Starting with next dues cycle regular membership price will be dropped to \$150.00 it will include digital HT.

We will offer a HT+ membership it will include printed version of HT. For \$175.00

We will offer international HT+ it will include printed version of HT for \$205.00

Respectfully submitted  
HT+ committee

No second needed from committee

Discussion involved possible savings to HT of approximately \$40,000.00

Needed to look at complementary issues

(Note: Finance committee sub meeting called and quorum was present to approve proposed changes)

Motion was called by roll call vote

Justin-yes

Jack-yes

Andrew-yes

Nick-yes

Henry-not present

Dave-yes

Craig-yes

Motion passed by roll call vote

ELM trust motion:

AWCI authorizes and expenditure of approximately \$10,000.00 to explore the possibility of transferring the Harrison building to the ELM trust.

No second needed from committee

Discussion included possible legal issues amount of savings in property taxes.

Cost involved in the transfer

Possible problems insurance liability

Instant recall of trust members

Motion called for vote roll call

Justin-yes

Jack-abstain

Andrew-yes

Nick-yes

Henry-not present

Dave-yes

Craig-yes

Motion passes by roll call vote

Motion from the AWCI Certified Subcommittee:

The AWCI Certified subcommittee moves to implement on March 1, 2020 the AWCI Certified membership benefits program. The Program will increase the value of being a Certified Member of the Institute, encourage continuing education and grow industry awareness of certified members and the value they bring. This is done in all listed ways:

1. Provide a digital signature / conditional logo use / license number
  2. Provide digital templates or supply physical (for additional fee) professional job tracking envelopes, receipts, timing sheets, decals, promotional material for print and web as well as landing page template for website.
  3. Provide recommendations for shop layout, tools, repair supplies, vendors (consult IAB).
  4. Negotiate discounts from suppliers .
  5. Develop or negotiate discounted job tacking tracking system
  6. Develop and provide specialized training videos / classes
  7. Heavily advertise Program with organizations such as JCK and JA.
  - 8 Bringing back CW21 with lapsed membership to supplement costs
- Cost analysis will be presented January 1, 2020 from this committee.

Nick Butt moved to amend motion:

We move to change first line to preform cost analysis to present to board on January 2020 board meeting add directory, provide AWCI certified badge in member directory

Amendment second by Dave Kurdzionak

Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote

Discussion on original motion

1,2,5,7 require research on costs

Motion called for voice vote

Voice vote questioned

Raised hands vote

Motion passed unanimously

Craig Stone made motion to adjourn

Dave Kurdzionak seconded

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm

Respectfully submitted:

Craig Stone Secretary