



## 2010 AWCI Convention Committee Report

Members: Brad Wellman, Ron Price, Terry Kurdzionak (chairman)  
Assistants: Loretta Price, Kay Cassedy, Pat Cassedy  
Office liason: Tom Pack  
Meeting Planners: Stellar Meetings and Events

The convention committee began its work just after the close of the 2009 annual meeting in Rhode Island. The chairman met with Bonni Scepkowski of Stellar Meetings and Events in September, 2009 in Cincinnati. The purpose was to visit local hotels and meet with the hotel staff to decide on a venue for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Tom Pack met with us one evening at what turned out to be our host hotel, the Marriott, and we essentially put together the basic plans for this convention. We also checked out transportation alternatives and area restaurants, as well as places to visit in the area.

I would like to thank Ron and Loretta Price for their “hospitality” expertise based on their great handling of the “room” last year. Also, I would like to thank Brad Wellman, for his local “footwork” in helping us with the set up of this year’s hospitality room.

This year, we have added an offsite spouse event. Thanks to Kay Cassedy of the Casker Company for stepping up to the plate and facilitating this event.

And, not to be outdone by his wife, Pat Cassedy of the Casker Company and his crew have planned for an outing at the Casker headquarters. We are grateful for their interest and generosity.

Planning a convention means putting meaningful programs together; business sessions, educational sessions, and social sessions all have to be considered. We have had great promotional work done by Heath at Stellar Meetings with our “save the date” postcard and the website. Tony Riggio has done great articles in Horological Times bringing us through the decades. Paul Wadsworth, our Parliamentarian has offered to bring folks to Harrison to tour the headquarters.

Donna, Daniela, and Sally at the “Office” have all done their part in helping to put this all together. My personal thanks go out to Bonni from Stellar. She does this for a living and knows all the ropes. She also knows when to tell me to stop and take a deep breath!

I guess that the proof will be in the pudding so to speak. It is my hope that all of you that care enough to support this organization and will have attended this convention will go back home with three things: a new appreciation of AWCI, new friends, and a renewed energy and vision for yourself.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terry Kurdzionak*