



## Minutes of AWCI Board of Directors Conference call Meeting, January 13, 2015

Directors present: Fred White, Drew Zimmerman, Manuel Yazijian, Chris Carey, Wesley Grau, Tom Nesbit, Jason Champion, Aaron Recksiek, John Safranek, Marc Young, and Joe Cerullo

Directors Absent: Josh Kroman

Also Present: Jordan Ficklin, Paul Wadsworth, Dennis Warner..

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM Eastern Time by President Fred White.

Fred asked if there were any corrections or objections to the minutes of the December 2, 2014 conference call. Hearing none the minutes were accepted.

Fred called each committee to give reports.

Jordan Ficklin reported that a hotel was chosen for the 2015 convention and that a contract was signed. There was a discussion of the registration pricing to members and board members.

Motion#1 was made by Manuel Yazijian and 2nd by Joe Cerullo

**Motion #1: I move to accept the registration fee of the 2015 annual convention be set at \$499 per member and \$175 for Board members.**

A roll call vote was taken. Voting yes were Drew Zimmerman, Manuel Yazijian, Chris Carey, Wesley Grau, Tom Nesbit, Jason Champion, Aaron Recksiek, John Safranek, Marc Young, and Joe Cerullo.

There 0 no votes therefore the motion passed unanimously.

Drew Zimmerman reported that the new Spare Parts Directory was up and running on the AWCI website. The address is found on page 26 of the January HT. ([www.awci.com/brand-directory](http://www.awci.com/brand-directory))

Dennis Warner reported that the nomination committee had 6 candidates that would run for the Board of Directors: Craig Stone, Henry Kessler, Jason Champion, Jason , Sergio Berrios, and Peter Whittle. No one had petitioned to run as of yet but the deadline for doing so was not until January 30th . The candidates credentials were being checked and then the Board of Directors will vote on accepting them as candidates.

John Safranek on behalf of the membership restructuring committee made the following motion:

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**Motion#2: I make a motion to approve the following changes to the bylaws specific to article 1 regarding membership.**

Article I Membership

Sec. 1 Membership in the Institute has associated benefits which are subject to change at any time and at AWCI's discretion, and shall be limited to the following classifications:

Individual

Regular

Professional

Associate

Life Members

Honorary Life Members

Student

Senior

Corporate

Affiliate Chapter

Industry Advisory Board

Research and Education Council

Sec. 2 Individual members shall have voting rights unless otherwise specified. Individual memberships shall be divided into two categories: "Professional" and "Associate."

(A) Professional Members

Shall have voting rights unless otherwise specified.

Will require the individual to provide proof of having obtained a widely accepted Horological certification, as currently determined by the AWCI Policy Manual.

Is permitted to display a unique logo indicating their membership and certification.



May choose to be listed in our online "Find A Professional" Directory.

(B) Associate Members shall have voting rights unless otherwise specified.

### Sec. 3 Life Members

Any individual member may purchase a life membership by making a one-time dues payment as specified in the policy manual.

### Sec. 4 Honorary Life Member

(A) The Board of Directors may confer an Honorary Life membership upon anyone they deem worthy by 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

(B) Honorary Life members shall have the same voting rights they had before receiving this honor.

(C) Honorary Life Members shall have the same rights as any regular member.

There was some discussion and questions particularly concerning the Senior membership category. The SENIOR membership category while being "eliminated" from this list still entitles members aged 70 years and above to the discounts as outlined in the AWCI policy manual.

This motion was sent to the constitution and by-laws committee of approval before being voted on by the Board of directors.

Under Old business, the motion for the HT advertising policy remained tabled.

Under new Business, Jordan Ficklin reported that there were two large expenses that needed to be made at headquarters and asked for the Board's Approval. One was for a Digital Leica Microscope for the Classroom, (DMS300 -- Demo Unit, \$4172.70 Retail: \$4900) and the other was for a new HVAC unit.

Motion#3 was made by Joe Cerullo and 2nd by Manuel Yazijian.

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**Motion#3: A motion to purchase the Digital Leica Microscope DMS300 Demo Unit, for \$4172.70 for the classroom.**

A roll call vote was taken. Voting yes were Drew Zimmerman, Manuel Yazijian, Chris Carey, Wesley Grau, Tom Nesbit, Jason Champion, Aaron Recksiek, John Safranek, Marc Young, and Joe Cerullo.

There 0 no votes therefore the motion passed unanimously.

Motion#4 was made by Manuel Yazijian and 2nd by Joe Cerullo

**Motion#4: I move to authorize the Executive Director to spend up to \$8000, or less pending on best bid, to replace the HVAC unit with a new one.**

A roll call vote was taken. Voting yes were Drew Zimmerman, Manuel Yazijian, Chris Carey, Wesley Grau, Tom Nesbit, Jason Champion, Aaron Recksiek, John Safranek, Marc Young, and Joe Cerullo.

There 0 no votes therefore the motion passed unanimously.

Jordan also reported that Jerry Kohl, the custodian at headquarters for the last 14 years, has retired. He will return for a day to train his replacement.

There was an application for a new affiliate chapter: The Lititz Watch Technicum Alumni Association. The by-laws of the group are being reviewed by the constitution and by-laws committee before the Board of Directors can vote on accepting the new affiliate chapter.

Jordan reported the as of 12/31/14 the revolving credit was paid down to \$0. It was \$475,000 just 14 months ago.

Joe Cerullo made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jason Champion and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Carey