



**AWCI Board of Directors
Midyear Meeting in Harrison, Ohio
March 27-28, 2015
MINUTES**

Call to order by President Fred White at 8:03 a.m.

Invocation by Director Cerullo

Pledge to the flag led by Director Grau

Attendance: Fred White, Drew Zimmerman, Jason Champion, Joe Cerullo, Marc Young, Wes Grau, Tom Nesbit, Terry Kurdzionak, and Aaron Recksiek; Jordan Ficklin, E.D. and Paul Wadsworth (parliamentarian).

Via "Go To Meeting" connection-Chris Carey and Josh Kroman,

Excused: Manuel Yazijian and Dennis Warner

AWCI staff: Cindy Whitehead, Maureen Seals, Donna Poehner Hardy, Mary Ellen Bunnell, and Janette Torres-Gomez

Guests: Brad Wellman, Larry Blanchard, and Sam Cannan

The first order of business was a welcome by the president, citing the list of accomplishments since annual meeting last August.

#1-Motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 conference call was made by Aaron Recksiek and seconded by Wes Grau.. Voting by show of hand, unanimous with two voice votes by Go To Meeting.

Next, each committee presented a report to the Board.

After a short break, President White introduced Mr. Sam Cannan who gave an overview of his Veteran's Watchmaking School project. He is seeking guidance from AWCI. He would like to develop a school for veterans and has already acquired a site and is in the permitting process and fundraising process now.

The next order of business was the appointment of three people to the ELM Trust. President White appointed Dennis Warner, Jack Kurdzionak and Brad Wellman as trustees.

#2-Motion to approve the appointments made by Drew Zimmerman, second by Joe Cerullo. Vote by hand-unanimous in favor

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#3-Motion made by Aaron Recksiek, “to approve the two questions to be asked of the prospective candidates for Director in the next AWCI election” second by Wes Grau; hand vote unanimous in favor

Please note: the questions are withheld from publication here until they are presented to the candidates.

#4- Motion by Aaron Recksiek, second by Joe Cerullo, “Move to postpone discussion of tabled items from January conference call until after we review our strategic plan.” Unanimous hand vote in favor.

Executive session- 1:35-2:20 p.m.

Following the executive session, Jordan Ficklin led the discussion of our progress on the strategic plan initiated two and one half years ago.

#5-Motion by Joe Cerullo “Move that AWCI’s VISION is to have an educated and passionate horological community practicing the highest standards with the resources to provide quality goods and services.”

Second by Jason Champion, board vote unanimous in favor

#6-Motion by Joe Cerullo, “Move that AWCI’s MISSION is setting service standards and educating the horological community.” Second by Tom Nesbit, hand vote in favor with one abstention (Josh Kroman)

#7-Motion- by Aaron Recksiek, “Move to take off the table the motion brought to the board in January by the HT committee (regarding advertising) and put it to a vote.” Second by Wes Grau

The January motion was moved off the table and the vote by the Board was a unanimous vote NO. The HT committee’s motion was rejected.

#8-Motion-by Wes Grau, “Move to reword the advertising policy as follows”

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Second by Joe Cerullo; hand count UNANIMOUS, PASSES

#9 Motion- made by Aaron Recksiek, "Move to take the tabled motion regarding tiered membership off the table" second by Wes Grau; Unanimous vote in FAVOR by show of hands

#10 Motion-made by Aaron Recksiek

Motion:

I move to refer the motion concerning tiered membership which was made at the January conference call back to a completely restructured Membership Structure Committee. This committee shall consist of

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members of AWCI with varying levels of certification and must include at least one member from each of the following categories: Members with no watch or clock certification, AWCI Student Member, AWCI Senior Member, AWCI Life Member, CMW21, CW21, CC21, CW or CMW, CC or CMC, so we have representation of all AWCI members.

The committee shall review this motion and determine whether our current membership structure is the best possible structure for accomplishing our new mission or if a different structure could help us better fulfill our new mission encouraging more watchmakers and clockmakers to pursue continued education. If it is determined that our current structure is inadequate the committee shall return a revised motion to the board of directors before the August meeting of the board of directors proposing a changed structure which will help AWCI better fulfill its mission and promote the continued education of the Horological community.

Rationale:

A segment of the membership has made it clear they are not in favor of the motion as it stands, but a large segment of the membership has also voted for the members of this board because they supposedly share in our vision of what this Institute should represent. We must not stand still. We must promote high standards and encourage all watchmakers and clockmakers to constantly improve themselves through education. Sending this motion back to the committee with clear instructions will help produce a better focused change to the membership structure which will be drafted in light of the renewed vision which the board has established for the profession and the newly clarified mission of the Institute.

Second by Jason Champion; hand count vote –unanimous PASSES

President Fred White appoints Drew Zimmerman to the Constitution/By-laws committee (needs BOD approval) hand count vote –UNANIMOUS, PASSES

The final topic of discussion was the choice of city for the 2016 convention. The Board chose the city of Chicago after reviewing several other options.

Motion to adjourn made by Terry Kurdzionak, second by Aaron Recksiek, voice vote-UNANIMOUS and meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Kurdzionak (acting secretary)

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