
	<p style="text-align: center;">American Watchmakers- Clockmakers Institute Board of Directors</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">MEETING MINUTES</p>	
<p>February 2nd, 2016</p>		

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Call to order - 8:03
Roll call

Date: February 2nd, 2016
Location: GoToWebinar

Directors Present: Fred White, Drew Zimmerman, Henry Kessler, Aaron Recksiek, Wesley Grau, Joe Cerullo, Jason Champion, Dave Kurdzionak, Peter Whittle, and Josh Kroman.

Directors Absent: Craig Stone.

AWCI Staff Present: Jordan Ficklin.

Also Present: Paul Wadsworth as Parliamentarian.

Notable Absences: Manuel Yazijian as acting past president.

Motion	Made by	Seconded by	Result
Approve Minutes from January 11th, 2015	Joe Cerullo	Drew Zimmerman	Yes - Unanimous

Committee Reports:

Board of Examiners - Wesley Grau: Met on January 14th, 2016 – Topics of Discussion: Reviewed 3 appeals, granted 2 variance requests, upcoming Harrison exams administration and assessment, older exam watch preparation – there has been no determination yet, clarity conference, CMW21, and CC21.

Finance Committee - Henry Kessler: Deferred to Jack Kurdzionak, he will check the Johnson Investments website and return later in the call with the numbers.

Convention Committee – Terry Kurdzionak: Saved for closed session.

Education Committee - Jason Champion: Met in the last couple of weeks - in the process of contacting AWCI members for feedback, still waiting for more feedback from committee members. Communicated some ideas back and forth about Henrik's class at the convention.

Spare Parts Committee - Drew Zimmerman: Planning on having a meeting in February, possibility of moving work to headquarters. Majority of the framework was laid out last year by the committee, but now that it has been established, it would be easier for the office staff to take over the responsibilities.

REC – Jason Champion: The Richemont School is sending a representative to the clarity conference. They have reached out to the schools about participation in the convention. There have been discussions with Jordan about making visits to each of the REC schools this year.

IAB - Henry Kessler: Anxiously working on a document with other members to send out to the IAB members. It's uncomfortable for some members of the IAB to sit at the table with other members who are selling generic parts for their brands. We are lucky to have the growing support of the IAB, but we do need to address this issue as a board and try and decide the direction we want to go with it

NAWCC Committee - Drew Zimmerman: Meeting took place between the president and three AWCI BOD members with the president and three members of the NAWCC BOD members. Very good discussion took place, ideas were presented to each board. Topics of discussion included:

- Instructor from AWCI to their convention July 20th-23rd, Louisville, KY.
- Using NAWCC School of horology to teach AWCI classes, they currently do not have a school going, only weekend workshops. 18-20 benches with TV screens, 10 lathes, 2 ACS 900 machines, Witschi dry tester, mostly up to date on equipment.
- Sharing of the libraries.
- Advertising at the NAWCC convention.
- Using the same venue to print both organization's publications.
- Using the same venue to ship both organization's publications.
- Would like to see AWCI publication costs.
- Offering the CC21 exam to the NAWCC members.
- NAWCC staff scanning the AWCI tech guides free of charge, they would want a copy of all the technical documents.

AWCI Seals Committee: Saved for closed session.

Old Business:

Jordan Ficklin provided a table of membership numbers to the board: 1504 current members as of today. 20 renewing members each week for the last several weeks. Regular members and senior members still down by 20%. Jordan sent out a list to all board members of who they were assigned to contact the day after the last board meeting. Roll call discussion of what each board member learned from making their calls to members.

- Fred White - Did not make any phone calls, did not see the list until a week ago.
- Drew Zimmerman – Revisited the list yesterday and today. Contacted 35 between phone and email. Made direct contact with 15 members, 11 members said they would rejoin, 4 had already sent in the check. He plans to try and get responses from the other members who have not responded to email or voicemail. 4 members said they would not be rejoining for various reasons. Some members voiced dissatisfaction that they didn't get a prorated membership for not being members the entire previous calendar year.

Jack Kurdzionak returned to the call: The net AWCI asset value with Johnson Investments is \$6,016,141.19. The ELM Trust has \$14,242.09 with Johnson Investments since last December after a donation of stock was made.

- Henry Kessler – Has called people who attended the watch battery changing course in Miami. Never received the email list of names. Does plan on making the calls now that he was forwarded the list of names.
- Aaron Recksiek – Contacted 12 members via phone sent out emails to the others on the list. Very mixed feedback on why they did not renew. There were several recommendations to move the renewal date from the end of December to another date in the year.
- Joe Cerullo – Contacted 12 members via phone. A CW21 certified member that was contacted was not happy with the CEU requirements, but he would be open to a magazine only membership option if available in the future.
- Jason Champion - Contacted 12 members between phone and email. One member was quite upset with AWCI about the lack of being able to list certain things on their directory listing at AWCI.com.
- Wesley Grau - Just got the list of names in the last week and did not make any calls to members.

Wes wanted to voice a concern about the use of Google for documents and spreadsheets. There has been some confusion with viewing and editing rights on some of the documents.

- Dave Kurdzionak - Never received the email list of names. The permissions of the document did not allow him to access it once he received it yesterday.

- Josh Kroman - Was able to reach a few members on the list. One member chose not to renew because they joined in July and the renewal came in December, they felt it was too soon to have to renew.
- Peter Whittle - Didn't get the list until yesterday. He made 8 calls, got a voicemail on 7, talked to 1 member. 9 people on his list were international members and 13 of the members on his list did not have a phone number listed.

Nomination Committee – Dennis Warner: As of today, there are two people running for the board, Joe Cerullo and Drew Zimmerman. The committee will start making phone calls to come up with the other 2-4 people to fulfill the requirements. Requesting all current board members to get in touch with the committee if they have someone interested in running.

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The board went into closed session at 9:10 p.m. ET

The board came out of closed session at 10:07 p.m. ET

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The was discussion about prospective committee appointments desire to serve on the AWCI Seals Committee and a request to the board if any other members were interested in serving on it.

Motion	Made by	Seconded by	Result
Approve appointments to the AWCI Seals Committee -Dave Kurdzionak -Wesley Simmons -Dennis Warner -Chris Carey	Henry Kessler	Joe Cerullo	Drew Zimmerman - Yes Henry Kessler - Yes Aaron Recksiek - Yes Joe Cerullo - Yes Jason Champion - Yes Wesley Grau - Abstain Dave Kurdzionak - Abstain Josh Kroman - Yes Peter Whittle - Yes Yes - 7 Abstain - 2 -Motion passes

Discussion about digitally capturing the technical information in the AWCI library.

Motion	Made by	Seconded by	Result
To send it to a committee	Wesley Grau	Dave Kurdzionak	Withdrawn

Discussion about what instructions are going to be given to the committee and which committee it will be sent to.

Discussion about the pros and cons of proceeding with the project in a timely manner.

Motion withdrawn by Wesley Grau and Dave Kurdzionak.

Motion	Made by	Seconded by	Result
I move to form a committee to formulate a plan to digitize the technical library	Wesley Grau	Henry Kessler	Drew Zimmerman - Yes Henry Kessler - Yes Aaron Recksiek - No Joe Cerullo - Yes Jason Champion - Yes Wesley Grau - Yes Dave Kurdzionak - Yes Josh Kroman - Yes Peter Whittle - Yes Yes - 8 No - 1 -Motion passes

Wes will work with Fred on forming the committee, it will consist of 3-5 people.

Josh Kroman made a statement about being diligent with shop security procedures and having proper insurance. Discussion took place about proper record keeping.

Discussion took place about the midyear meeting planned for March 11th and 12th. Several board members will not be available to attend. Discussion took place about the possibility of moving the dates of the midyear meeting. Discussion also took place about the possibility of meeting via webinar for the midyear meeting.

Motion	Made by	Seconded by	Result
To adjourn - 10:56 p.m. ET	Joe Cerullo	Peter Whittle	Yes - Unanimous

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Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron H. Recksiek, Secretary – American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute