
	<p style="text-align: center;">American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute Board of Directors</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">MEETING MINUTES</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">March 1st, 2016 8 p.m. ET, 7 p.m. CT, 6 p.m. MT, 5 p.m. PT</p>		

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Call to order: 8:00 p.m. ET

Directors Present: Fred White, Drew Zimmerman, Henry Kessler, Aaron Recksiek, Peter Whittle, Wesley Grau, Josh Kroman.

Directors Absent: Joe Cerullo, Craig Stone

AWCI staff present: Jordan Ficklin

Also present: Paul Wadsworth as Parliamentarian

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Motion on the floor:

Motion	Made by	Seconded by	Result
Motion appears below	Aaron Recksiek	Wesley Grau	Tabled until midyear meeting

In 2014, the membership of AWCI voted to change the constitution to reduce the number of member elected board members from nine to six. This measure was taken mainly to save money by reducing the financial costs the institute expended for the board.

This in turn gave more voting power to each individual of the board. With the recent resignation of the REC chairman and the past public statements made by other REC eligible replacements, there is only a very small pool of several people who would fill this role. Due to this, it is our recommendation that the board position given to a representative of the Research and Education Council be removed from the AWCI bylaws. The REC shall be reassigned as a subsidiary of the education committee and

shall be encouraged to bring motions before the board via the committee process.

This will restore a more balanced board of directors with a higher percentage of member elected directors, and restore more value to positions that require choice from a larger pool of candidates.

It is the decision of the Board of Directors of the American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute to remove from Article XIV Research and Education Council of the bylaws of the Institute:

Sec. 2 The Research and Education Council representatives may select one of their number to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. This person, upon approval of his/her credentials by the Board of Directors, shall become a Director and shall have the same rights as an elected Board member, including the right to vote, provided that such person is an active voting member of the Institute, and has been in good standing at least one year immediately prior to his/her selection for this post. This person shall be known as the Research and Education Council Director.

Sec. 3 The Research and Education Council Director's term of office shall be one (1) year. An individual shall be permitted to serve as Research and Education Council Director no more than two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms in this capacity.

Sec. 4 No person may become a Research and Education Council Director unless that person is an active member of the Institute, and has been in good standing for a least one (1) year prior to selection as Research and Education Council Director.

and change Article XIV Research and Education Council of the bylaws of the Institute to read:

Sec. 1 The purpose of the Research and Education Council shall be:

(A) To give assistance to the officers, directors, and general membership of the Institute on any research and education projects undertaken by the Institute.

(B) To make recommendations and advise the officers, directors and the executive director on research and education activities that should be undertaken by the Institute for the betterment of the members.

Sec. 2 The requirements for schools to qualify for membership in the Research and Education Council are:

(a) They must operate a full time program in either watch or clock repair with a minimum of thirty classroom hours per week.

(b) The program shall contain a total of at least 1200 hours specializing in either watch or clock repair, but not combined.

(c) The school and the watch/clock program should be in existence for at least two years and have graduated at least six students within the two years prior to making application.

This motion shall take effect immediately upon the approval by the board of directors and review by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

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Motion	Made by	Seconded by	Result
To table motion on the floor until the midyear meeting			Henry Kessler - Yes Aaron Recksiek - Yes Wesley Grau - Yes Dave Kurdzionak - Yes Josh Kroman - Yes Peter Whittle - Yes Yes - Unanimous

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Committee Report

- a. Board of Examiners - Wesley Grau
 - i. Statement to the Board of Directors:

The Chief Examiner has formed a task force which is comprised of independent watchmakers, one industry representative and two members of the board of examiners to evaluate the current needs of the CW21 program. The task force will work with the Board of Examiners to recommend what changes if any need to be made.

The Board of Examiners has already approved the modulation of the CW21 exam. In order to properly instigate this program and have sufficient time to create the necessary supporting documentation and education accompaniment, it is the decision of the Board of Examiners to suspend the CW21 until the 2016 convention and the newly appointed task force has had adequate time to responsibly offer the exam under the new criteria. This time will also be used to facilitate the necessary steps to transition to a new Chief Examiner, as well as an evaluation of the entire assessment team and assessment process.

It has been common knowledge that in the past year, the CW21 program has lost all school based support. This will undoubtedly lead to a drop in the number of proctored exams. As education is part of the mission of AWCI, we

would like to create and promote a certification that encourages and enables education.

The Board of Examiners and CW21 Task Force would like the Board of Directors to make a decision on the desired direction of the CW21 program.

Option A: Maintain the current exam structure. 3 practical components and 1 theoretical component given in one exam over the course of three days.

Option B: Move forward with the restructuring of the exam in modular format which will allow components to be taken one at a time allowing the candidate to build up to the certification and if desired pair certain components with several days of proceeding education.

Motion	Made by	Seconded by	Result
To accept Option B from the Statement presented by the CW21 Task Force	Aaron Recksiek	Henry Kessler	Drew Zimmerman - Yes Henry Kessler - Yes Aaron Recksiek - Yes Wesley Grau - Yes Dave Kurdzionak - Yes Josh Kroman - Yes Peter Whittle - Yes Yes - Unanimous

Motion	Made by	Seconded by	Result
To adjourn - 9:50 p.m. ET	Wesley Grau	Dave Kurdzionak	Yes - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

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