

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING June 2021 Webinar Meeting

## **MINUTES**

June 17, 2021

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard Newman, Chair Leroy Baker, Vice Chair Rhett Lucke, Secretary Chris Miller, Treasurer Robert Burton, Director John Cote, Director Thomas Compton, Director Robert Gary, Director Philip Morris, Director Tim Orr, Director James Price, Director James Dutton, Director

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

#### **EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS**

Rory McEvoy Myron Mintz

#### OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Doug Runkle (NAWCC Controller) Sherry Kitts Andy Dervan Pete Cronos Renee Coulson Patricia Holloway Dave Coatsworth Judy Draucker

- 1. Call to Order: Chair Rich Newman called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. Eastern.
- 2. Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Procedures and Announcements
  - a. The Chair welcomed incoming Board members Sherry Kitts, Cathy Gorton and Renee Coulson, who will be joining the Board of Directors in July 2021.
  - b. The Chair thanked outgoing Board members Robert Gary, Tim Orr and Treasurer Miller for their service to the organization.

- c. The Southern Ohio Regional, our first event in over a year was held in early June and was a huge success. Director Cote added how great it was to attend a regional and see old friends. Director Cote noted the regional proved that Regional and National events can be held safely and successfully. A huge thanks to the team who organized this Regional.
- d. The Chair announced a couple of significant donations that were made to the NAWCC at the Southern Ohio Regional. A Japanese Temple Clock was generously donated by Doug Cowan and a framed original Land Grant from Eli Terry to his daughter was donated by Lu and Steve Sadowski.
- e. The Chair also announced a recent gift to the NAWCC that contained a large amount of research material from author Doug Kemp.
- 3. Roll Call: A Roll Call was taken to establish a quorum. All board members were present.
- 4. **MOTION:** Made by Chairman Newman. That the Board approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting as written.

## **Passed by Consent**

### 5. NAWCC Scorecard

Vice-Chair Baker presented the monthly scorecard. Reporting of financial metrics delayed as our new Controller is working with Director Dutton and others to implement the use of new software. New memberships (113) were very strong in April, also driving improved numbers for total memberships (10,068). Non-Renewals and member retention numbers were slightly below target.

## 6. Grant Status

Director Dutton reported on status of Grants that have been and are being applied for:

- a. Director Dutton, along with Director Price and Headquarters Staff continue working with GMS Funding Solutions on applications for RACP (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program) and other State and local grants to fund the \$1.5M needed for HVAC replacement.
- b. Forgiveness is expected later this year on the \$150K PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan.

The Chair thanked Director Dutton for taking on the task of driving applications on these available grants.

7. **MOTION:** Made by Director Gary: That revisions to the Standing Rules be approved as submitted.

**MOTION:** Made by Secretary Lucke: To amend the proposed revisions to the Standing Rules, ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 1. Records, Sub-Section (d) Motions and Directives, eliminating the requirement for the Board Secretary to maintain a permanent record of all motions and directives of the Board.

## **Amendment Passed by Consent**

Amended Motion Passed by Vote: 11 Yea, 1 Nay

8. **MOTION:** Made by Director Gary: That the NAWCC Governing Documents Committee, Policy and Procedures Manual be approved as submitted.

## **Passed by Consent**

The Chair thanked Director Gary and the Governing Documents Committee for all their hard work in updating the Standing Rules and creating a much-needed Policy and Procedures Manual.

9. **MOTION:** Made by Director Gary: That ARTICLE II AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS, Section 2: Special Awards, (e) The J. Bryson and Mary Lou Moore Museum Service Award, be amended to delete the phrase "with the approval of the Executive Director"

Passed by Vote: 11 Yea, 1 Nay

### 10. Headquarter Updates – Museum Visitors

- a. Director Price reported that State Senator Aument visited and toured the facility on May 27, 2021. The Senator was briefed on the impacts from Covid shutdowns and the upgrades to the facilities and exhibits made during these shutdowns. Headquarters Staff did a wonderful job in hosting Senator Aument, leading him on a tour and explaining how the Museum helps in bringing tourism into the community. Senator Aument responded with his intent to provide the NAWCC with help from his staff in marketing and would like to return to the Museum as a host site for a future Town Hall Meeting.
- b. Director Price also reported that on June 11, 132 individuals from the Pierce Arrow Society from 25 states visited and toured the Museum. This was followed by a local car show being held at the Museum on June 12. The local car show is planned to be a recurring regular event.
- 11. Director and Membership Committee Chair Orr gave a status report on the Membership Committee. Director Orr reported that the committee has been meeting a maximum of once annually and last met in 2019. Director Orr also reported that the committee does not currently have a Procedures Manual. From

the Standing Rules, the committee's directive is to support the Executive Director. It was recommended that better definition of the committee's purpose be established and that a Zoom or equivalent account be established for hosting of online meetings. Director Orr also reported that many of committee members are largely inactive.

The Chair suggested that the incoming board may want to review whether this committee should be restructured as an advisory board to the Executive Director.

## 12. National Convention Update

Chair and National Convention Co-Chair Newman reported that Co-Chair Judy Draucker, Director Price and himself have been working closely with the convention team on preparations for the upcoming National Convention in Hampton, VA. The team is currently working to prepare materials, lay out the mart room and prepare for onsite registration. The next few weeks will be extremely active as the team finalizes all the preparations.

Registrations have been picking up and are currently sitting at approximately 500 attendees and 300 table registrations. These numbers are expected to grow, evidenced by over 40 table reservations in the last 10 days. It was noted that the host hotel is now sold out, which indicates that individuals may be completing their travel plans and reservations ahead of registering.

Along with the mart, a full slate of workshops and lectures are planned and scheduled as shown on the website. The Keynote Speaker will be Rory McEvoy, who will be joining the NAWCC as Executive Director once travel restrictions allow. Due to these restrictions, Mr. McEvoy's keynote speech will be by remote video. The theme of this video will be making the Museum and Research Library objects and exhibits more accessible.

Chair Newman also acknowledged sponsorship by a number of our business members including Jones-Horan Auctions, Schmidt's Antiques, AntiqueAmericanClocks.com, Griffen's Clock Parts & Supplies, Brent L. Miller Jewelers & Goldsmiths, and Vortic Watches, and that Janet Oechsle, who is spearheading donations, has received participation from about 50 chapters and many individuals. They will all be recognized in the convention's program.

- 13. The Chair reviewed Regional Board Representative assignments for the remainder of scheduled regionals in 2021. An assignment for the Arizona Regional in October still needs to be filled.
- 14. The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for July 14-15, 2021 in Hampton, VA.
  - July 14: Starting at 5:00pm Eastern with installation of new Directors, Elections of Officers and Standing Motions.

## July 15: Starting at 9:00am Eastern

15. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Newman: That the regular session of the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried and regular meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Eastern.

- 16. Chair Newman solicited feedback from the audience.
- 17. MOTION: Made by Chair Newman: That the Board go into Executive Session.

### **Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Eastern.