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## Fiscal Year 2023

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April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors, Inc.

*2024 Regular Annual Meeting of the Membership DRAFT Minutes  
To be approved at the National Convention in York, Pennsylvania, in Year 2025*

**Saturday, June 15, 2024  
Chattanooga Convention Center  
One Carter Plaza  
Chattanooga, TN 37402**

Board Chair Rhett Lucke called the Regular Annual Meeting of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc. (NAWCC) to order at 8:03 a.m. EDT. He welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for their participation.

The General Chairs for the 2024 NAWCC National Convention, Sherry Kitts, Glen Kitts, and Chris Martin, as well as all the event chairs, were recognized by Chair Lucke for their hard work and efforts to make the convention a success. The host of volunteers who contributed to the success were thanked.

Board members present were recognized. Current Board members are:

Chairman Rhett Lucke	Vice-Chairman Renee Coulson
Treasurer Bob Burton	Secretary Sherry Kitts
Director Leroy Baker	Director John Cote
Director El Garcia	Director Cathy Gorton
Director Jarett Harkness	Director Philip Morris
Director Geoff Parker	Director Jeff Zuspan

Also recognized were the Old Timers (200 lowest membership numbers) and Golden Circle (50-year) members present. Past NAWCC Chairmen and Presidents in attendance were also recognized, as well as Fellows and Silver Star Fellows. Jim Coulson qualified for all distinctions.

Chair Lucke made the following Motion: To suspend the reading of the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and approve as published. Motion seconded by Director Parker. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The following upcoming events were highlighted:

- The 2024 Ward Francillon Time Symposium in Sturbridge, MA, on October 21-24.
- The 2025 National Convention in York, PA, on June 19-22.

There is continued optimism regarding activities of the Board of Directors and the entire organization. We have a strong group of Board Committees, working to align with common goals, all pulling together. The Committees are generally chaired or co-chaired by Board members. The headquarters team is a small, very efficient and effective team.

Museum updates are exciting. The School of Horology continues to expand. Regional and National participants learn how to get clocks and watches repaired and serviced.

Improvements in communication between headquarters and members are very evident. Much of the credit goes to Executive Director Rory McEvoy, Webmaster Alex Simpkins, and Publishing Editor Laura Taylor. The monthly email with updates on happenings is much appreciated by all members.

Grant activity has been expanded. Alternate avenues of funding have become very important with the lower membership numbers. The NAWCC has received a grant of \$1M for Phase I of the museum HVAC upgrades, and additional grants are being pursued. The staff in Columbia is working on sponsorships and partnerships with organizations having our same interests, such as AWCI (American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute), HSNY (Horological Society of New York), and American Watch and Clock Museum. We are better working together than competing.

Board Treasurer Bob Burton was then invited to give the Treasurer's Report. Important points were:

- The NAWCC's financial health improved in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, due to the market-driven upturn in its investments, a very successful National Convention in Lancaster, and an excellent job by the team in Columbia.
- The NAWCC is committed to prudent budget management, aggressively looking for new sources of revenue, and exploring collaboration opportunities.
- On March 31, 2024, the NAWCC's net assets totaled \$7.8M, an increase of \$260,000, or 3.5%, during the fiscal year.
- The NAWCC investment portfolio increased by \$604,000 as a result of realized and unrealized gains. The value of the portfolio at the end of the year was \$4 million, up 17%. It should be noted that no draws were made from the investment portfolio during FY 2024. This was due in part to efficiency of operations. Contributions during the year were under budget by \$63,000.
- The NAWCC ended FY 2024 with revenue above budget by approximately \$42,000 and expenses under budget by \$38,000. Operating support and revenue totaled \$1.827 million in fiscal year 2024, increasing \$306,000, or 20%, from fiscal year 2023. Fiscal year 2024 operating expenses totaled \$1.720 million, \$38,000 under budget.
- We have been awarded an LSA (Local Share Account) grant of \$1 million to fund the replacement of our outdated HVAC system, with no matching funds required. The contract has been signed and Phase 1 work will commence by this fall. Headquarters is working on grants for the final Phase 2, a much less expensive activity.

- The audit for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, has been completed with no problems anticipated. The final report will be posted on the NAWCC website.

Executive Director Rory McEvoy then provided an update from his perspective. He first thanked Chair Lucke and Treasurer Burton for their reports.

The HVAC grant is a result of working with local grant writers GMS. Their fees are \$60,000 per year, and it has been well spent. They were the primary interface in securing the LSA Grant. We have contracted with McClure, who is very familiar with our HVAC system, and we will submit charges through the local borough as our agent for reimbursement from the LSA grant account. A bonus of the McClure bid was that spaces will be modified such that the Quincy street clock can be accommodated. (It could not be installed in the atrium due to inadequate floor supports in that area.)

We have a dedicated team at headquarters working harmoniously for low pay. We are proud of the newsletter development and the direct communication with members that it affords. We have gotten some very interesting feedback on the newsletter. The hard-copy Bulletin is appreciated by many of our members, including himself.

We are working to resurrect Field Suitcase Workshops in accordance with popular demand. We do not currently have the resources to do it, and if anyone knows of a willing, knowledgeable person willing to perform as an instructor, please advise.

The School of Horology was rebooted in 2021 and Ken DeLucca is doing a phenomenal job. Many students have come away with a new dedication to help with NAWCC projects. The School is beautiful with two fully developed spaces, and a third area being developed for watchmaker courses. The industry is desperate for watchmakers. Ideally, we need to pull Ken back from administrative duties to focus on course development. A lot of the material we used previously was copyrighted, with the original copyrighter having passed away and some argument over the rights to the material. So, we are approaching writing the material afresh, which is sometimes better anyway. The School of Horology course cost has been set competitively in line with modern standards and is enabling us to invest in school upgrades and curriculum development.

For the museum, the HVAC system has put us in a rough situation due to inadequate climate control. Fortunately, the LSA grant has given us a good head start on correcting this issue. McClure delivered such a good proposal, that much of the original Phase 2 could be incorporated in Phase 1. Phase 2 is much smaller in scope now.

We have a line in the PA budget of \$2.5 million. We just need to apply over the next ten years. This is called the RACP and has much tougher requirements than the LSA grant. We have applied for \$0.5 million of this allowance. There can be a delay of two years in reimbursement.

Last year we unveiled a fresh look to the entrance with upgraded windows. We installed new flooring in some galleries. We are working on Exhibits we hope to be ready for York next year. We received a grant of \$35,700 thanks again to GMS from Explore York for the 2025 National Convention. Exciting speakers are coming to the convention.

ED Rory McEvoy's focus will be reengaging with marketing – we somehow cut that from the budget in the past, but it is one of the most important Development activities.

Some of the information provided in answers to audience questions were as follows:

1. Increasing Membership: One element to increasing membership is that the newsletter is not limited to members. Anyone who signs up when visiting the website can obtain the monthly newsletter. Currently we are sending the email newsletter to 26,000 to 27,000 people. Also, filling out the application for membership has been made much simpler. We have added an auto-renewal function, with choice to opt out one week before renewal date. Janet Thompson has been uploading attractive information to Facebook, which is our best tool.
2. "What's in it for me?": We are starting to put out a clearer message of the value of belonging to the organization. Rory saw this question in his visit with the Japan Chapter, and the international members are also suffering from the exchange rate.
3. Older people at these functions: It seems that the folks who have time to do this are retired. Ken DeLucca was alarmed that seven out of eight students in a recent class were not NAWCC members. The key may be resurrection of the Field Suitcase Workshops as this may appeal to the younger generation interested in the learning experience. HSNY earns half of their money from their day classes across the country. Dave Coatsworth mentioned that his chapter 190 is teaching one day clock repair classes and would like to get certified. This is how they get new chapter members.
4. Many on the forums are not NAWCC members. It does serve the purpose of giving the message "we are here to help" and not just in it for the money (remark by Tom McIntyre). Rory noted that this gives voice to a thought – to include those on the forums in the newsletter distribution, which might influence some toward membership.

Chair Lucke then thanked the audience for joining us. He gave a shout-out to Dave Coatsworth and the entire forum team for their service as it is a huge outreach benefit. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m. EDT.

## Board Chair

I am pleased to address members on the progress achieved by your Board of Directors, collaborating closely with our Executive Director, Rory McEvoy, and his team at headquarters. It is very humbling to work with such a group of smart, hard-working, and dedicated individuals who are all focused on continuing to advance our organization, including our museum, school, and library in Columbia.

Among the many achievements of the organization during the fiscal year (2023–2024) was the recently completed National Convention, held in Chattanooga, TN. Along with our incredible team in Columbia, the Board of Directors was very engaged in both this event, with Board Secretary Sherry Kitts acting as Co-Chair of the event along with Glen Kitts and Chris Martin. My sincere thanks go to these individuals and the rest of the dedicated team of volunteers who organized and executed another wonderful convention. I am also excited about the upcoming Ward Francillon Time Symposium being planned by the Symposium Committee, co-chaired by Cathy Gorton and Howard Cohen. The Board also continues to work closely with our Executive Director and his team at headquarters on several upgrades and new exhibits at the museum. Many of these will be unveiled during our open house prior to the 2025 convention in York, PA. I am also pleased to report that as a result of a lot of hard work by several Directors, our Executive Director, and his team, we were able to secure a large grant to help fund the critically needed renovations to the aging HVAC system at the Columbia facility, which includes the museum, library, and offices.

With our Executive Director, Rory McEvoy, having a firm handle on the operations at headquarters, the Board has pivoted to working on more strategic activities. These activities focus largely on development (fundraising) and directives to attract and maintain members. To facilitate this focus, we are engaging our committees, which include many dedicated volunteer members as well as Board members. Like most organizations of our type, we have a few challenges, but I continue to be both enthusiastic and extremely optimistic about our future.

—*Rhett Lucke*



## **Board Secretary**

During fiscal year 2023 (April 01, 2023, to March 31, 2024), the Secretary prepared agendas for two, and minutes for three, in-person meetings: the Board meeting held on July 12, 2023, at the 2023 National Convention in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; the NAWCC Regular Annual Meeting of the Membership held July 15, 2023, at the 2023 National Convention in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and the Board meeting held February 14, 2024, at the Florida Mid-Winter Regional in St. Augustine, FL. In addition, the Secretary prepared agendas and minutes for online Board meetings held on April 27, 2023; June 06, 2023; September 06, 2023; October 25, 2023; December 07, 2023; January 09, 2024; February 26, 2024; and March 28, 2024.

Agendas for all Board of Director meetings were posted on the NAWCC Message Board in accordance with the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Draft minutes of all meetings were also posted on the Message Board. Once minutes were approved, they were published on the NAWCC website.

In addition, the Secretary responded to many questions about the agenda and minutes posted on the Members Forum or sent directly via the website or email. The Secretary also sent reminders to the Directors of the due date of action items arising from Board of Directors meetings or requests from the Chair or the Executive Director.

*—Sherry Kitts*

## **Treasurer and Finance**

This is my first year as your Treasurer. Our previous Controller, Jessica Hutchinson, left shortly after I came on board. YPTC (Your Part Time Controller) was brought in to fill the position as they have done previously. After a search, Brianna Ardini was hired as our new Controller in October 2023 and has done an excellent job. Monthly financial statements have been prepared on a timely basis for review and approval by the Finance Committee, and then presented to the Board of Directors. I feel that we have an exceptional committee, consisting of Cathy Gorton, James T. (Jay) Dutton, Tom Compton, myself, and Brianna Ardini. I greatly appreciate the expertise that they bring to the Committee. It should be noted that our independent accountants rendered an unmodified opinion of the 2023 fiscal year end audited financial statements.

Our investment portfolio is managed by PNC. In this last fiscal year, our endowment investment enjoyed unrealized gains of close to 18% of the portfolio year to date. The portfolio's market value at the close of our fiscal year, March 31, 2024, was \$4,008,505, a gain of a little over \$604,000. There was no draw from the income on this portfolio in the fiscal year, even though we had authorized a 6% draw if needed.

For FY 2024 (unaudited) our Total Operating Income was \$51 thousand. This amount does not include the Depreciation Expense of \$316 thousand, and unrealized gains on investments of \$686 thousand. Excluding \$579 thousand for Gift in Kind from revenue and expenses, actual revenue was \$11 thousand over budget, and expenses were \$40 thousand under budget. Key factors contributing to these results were the very successful National Convention in Lancaster, and revenue from auction sales. Our team at Headquarters did an excellent job controlling expenses and should be commended. The fiscal 2025 balanced budget has been passed by the Board of Directors and has \$1.75 million of revenue and anticipates a 4% draw from our investments to fund operations.

We have been awarded an LSA (Local Share Account) grant of \$1,000,000 to fund the replacement of our outdated HVAC system, with no matching funds required. A contract has been signed and work should commence on Phase 1 this Summer or Fall, with work to be completed late this year or early next year. Phase 2 will be done in the future, and is a much smaller project, with less cost. Our team at Headquarters is already working on acquiring grants and awards to help fund Phase 2.

Membership numbers continue to decline, with a loss of 444 members this fiscal year. Costs of operations continue to increase year over year. I urge the membership to consider further donations to ensure the future financial health of this organization.

—Robert B. Burton, DMD

## **Executive Director**

Over the last year, we have continued to improve the state of the Association, with much of the work taking place behind the scenes. Major projects, such as upgrading the computer servers and telephone networks and streamlining our internal processes, are helping to cut our annual operational costs. We have prioritized rewarding staff members who show passion and commitment to the Association. The retention of good people is critical and to this end, we have increased salaries by around 30% over the past 4 years. Over the last 10 years, our operating costs have actually gone down by just over 14%, whereas the average cost of running a business



in the United States has gone up by around 24% during the same period (based on cumulative cost of living increases, derived from Social Security Administration figures).

Financially, we are running steadily and have avoided having to take a draw on investments (budgeted at 6%). The markets have not performed particularly well over the last 12 months, and so we are glad to be able to protect our modest endowments during this time. In taking a more frugal approach, we have invested strategically in the Museum and School. Recent donations have enabled us to make significant changes to the School and Museum facility to allow for more frequent workshops, a wider variety of subjects being taught, and a better student/visitor experience all around.

The move to amalgamate the *Mart & Highlights* magazine with the *Watch & Clock Bulletin* has been a success. Print and mailing costs were reduced, and the feedback on the new format has been very positive. Membership numbers have been in steady decline since the late 1990s and this trend continues. Changes have been made to the membership billing mechanism to encourage membership retention and reduce costs incurred by mailing reminders and phoning lapsed members.

Utilizing our resources that have accumulated over the last 80 years, we are making positive steps toward making the collection and archives more accessible in a digital format. We are currently working on the digitization of the Hamilton archival material. There is a sense of urgency to this project as some of the old factory records are on celluloid microfilm, which is degrading quickly. We continue to create video content on our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@NAWCCMuseum>) to share the stories of makers and objects. We also post recordings of lectures from conventions and symposiums as well as informative videos from the School of Horology and Museum.

The Forums (<https://mb.nawcc.org/>) are now cloud-hosted, and this has successfully reduced sluggishness and downtime. Our team of moderators do a fantastic job of maintaining a friendly environment for new and longtime users alike. This is a hugely important part of the NAWCC, and it is often the first point of contact for new members. When horological queries become more specific, our Library is always available, and staff and volunteers are always willing to dig deeper to answer those burning questions.

In short, the NAWCC is in good shape. Our committees and specialist Chapters are an important part of our success. We are delighted to see stronger connection between HQ and the Chapters. Our national conventions are evolving and improving, thanks to the tireless work of the Convention Chairs. We have plenty

of challenges ahead, but with careful stewardship and by taking a reflective and adaptive approach, the future is looking bright.

—Rory McEvoy

## **Awards Committee**

During the past year, the Awards Committee was shocked and saddened by the untimely passing of long-time member Janet Oechsle. We are most fortunate that Peggy Goodwin has consented to join the Committee.

The Committee has approved 10 Fellow Awards this year and 5 Star Fellow Awards. In addition, Committee members have evaluated a nomination for the Kenneth Roberts–Snowden Taylor Award.

—Bob Pritzker, Chair

## **Chapter Relations Committee**

### **Primary Purpose**

The primary purpose of the Chapter Relations Committee (CRC) is to strengthen NAWCC chapters, establish trust and accountability between chapters and the national organization, and provide guidance and support to the chapters.

### **Committee Composition**

The CRC currently comprises four committee members and one staff member:

- Bob Burton, Andy Dervan, Frank Webster, Keith Henley, Marlo Davis (staff)

### **Meeting Frequency**

Previously, our meetings were held on an ad-hoc basis. Moving forward, we aim to hold quarterly meetings, while continuing to maintain frequent communication via email. During these meetings, we discuss newsletter topics, plan quarterly Zoom sessions with chapter officers, and address the health and well-being of chapters.

### **Successes**

We have had several successes in assisting struggling chapters. For instance, we have collaborated with Alex at headquarters to send e-blasts and messages to members in various regions. I am in regular communication with numerous chapters each week, providing ongoing support to those in need.

Since July 2023, we have held two Zoom meetings inviting all chapters to attend. The Town Hall format was a great way of sharing success and struggling stories among all the chapters that attended.

## Upcoming Initiatives

- **Newsletter:** We released our first newsletter, with Publications Editor Laura Taylor's guidance. Will work on additional.
- **Chapter Officers Zoom Meeting:** We are preparing for our next Zoom meeting with chapter officers.
- **Chapter Representative meeting at National:** June 2024

## Challenges

One significant challenge we face is the difficulty in assisting chapters that are unwilling to accept help. Many of these chapters have dwindling membership and lack volunteers willing to take on leadership roles.

## Future Plans

To address our challenges, I am considering expanding our team to include additional members, with a particular focus on involving individuals from the West Coast.

## New Developments

We are excited to announce the formation of a new chapter: South-Central Kentucky Chapter 196.

—Jeff Zuspan, Chair

## Convention Committee

Convention Committee Members: Sherry Kitts, Chair; Judy Draucker; Jack Goldberg; Jarett Harkness; John Koepke; Chris Martin; Gary Myers; Marlo Davis, Membership Services; Rhett Lucke, Board Chair, ex-officio; Rory McEvoy, Executive Director, ex-officio.

The primary purpose of the Convention Committee (CC) is to secure locations and support implementation of National Conventions, and to help Chapters in the execution of Regional Events. In support of this purpose, the Convention Committee maintains a schedule of events to ensure that, to the extent possible, no major events are scheduled at the same time.

John Koepke continues to maintain the schedule for National, Regional, and Symposium events in a most dedicated and accurate manner. In addition to the dates, John maintains such critical data as the General Chair and Board Regional Rep contact information, location of the event, and the host hotel. John also supports the General Chair by providing the forms and other instructions vital for a successful

and trouble-free event. John has promised to remain on the committee and continue to maintain the schedule until the end of this Convention Committee term in June 2025, for which the General Chair is most grateful.

The Convention Committee continues to support volunteer personnel in planning and execution of National Conventions. The 2023 National Convention held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on July 14-16 in conjunction with the 80th Anniversary of the NAWCC was most successful under the leadership of Co-Chairs Rich Newman, Leroy Backer, and Cathy Gorton. These Co-Chairs took on a big challenge after the loss of the late Board Chair Jim Price and the late Silver Star Fellow Lu Sadowski. The 2024 National Convention will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 12-16, under the guidance of Co-Chairs Chris Martin and Glen Kitts, as well as CC Chair Sherry Kitts. The Convention Committee looks forward to a successful and fun-for-all event. The leadership of the organization has determined that having the National Convention in the headquarters area every two years is desirable. To that end, the 2025 National Convention contracts have been completed for York, Pennsylvania, June 19-22. Gary Myers produced an excellent budget, with Jack Goldberg reviewing contracts. CC Chair Sherry Kitts, Lee Davis, and Rich Newman will develop plans for this event. Future work is in progress on contracts for the National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, in June 2026, to be led by Derek Phelps and Ed Brown.

Previous CC Co-Chair Leroy Baker managed development of a new Registration Program that interfaced with the existing iMIS membership database. The new software was used to register members for the 2023 National Convention in Lancaster with good success. This process could be completed online at the NAWCC website, or paper forms could be mailed to a registrar who entered the registration into the system. Both methods allowed multiple forms of payment, including credit cards. One major advantage of the online process was allowing members to select their mart table(s). The membership database is in process of being upgraded to a more modern version, and the lessons learned from the development and testing of the iMIS-connected registration program will be helpful in designing a new Registration Program.

The Convention Committee, in conjunction with the Chapter Relations and Symposium Committees, was tasked at the March 18, 2022, meeting in Columbia, PA, with reviewing National, Regional, and Symposium (NRS) procedures and practices and evaluating potential changes that could make these events more attractive and fulfilling for the full diversity of the membership. Two interim reports were given to the Board and nine meetings of the Task Force were completed by the time that the Final Report to the Board was provided June 17, 2023. Many of the suggestions of the NRS Task Force were the result not only of the meetings of the Task Force, but also

feedback from General Chair Reports, Board Rep Reports, and “Meet Your NAWCC Rep” presentations. Convention Committee Procedures and the Regional Meeting Guide with associated appendices were revised in accordance with results of the NRS Task Force findings and to bring the documents into compliance with other procedures, current practices, and best methods. The various documents were approved by the Board of Directors on July 12, 2023, and then issued and uploaded to Corporate Documents on the NAWCC website.

Convention Committee goals for 2024-2025 include (1) continuing to secure National Convention venues, developing budgets, and guiding the completion of contracts for the associated convention centers, hotels, caterers, and table providers; (2) soliciting volunteers for the General Chair position(s) of National Conventions; (3) supporting Chapter organizers and volunteers of events with potential lecturers, workshops, Exhibit development, and possible auction items donated to NAWCC, Inc., for the purpose of furthering the mission of the museum and the NAWCC, Inc.; (4) in accordance with NRS Task Force recommendations, encouraging support from NAWCC, Inc. and the Board of Directors for establishment of a Social Media Group for event promotion, coordination of a single point of contact to support Chapters and Regional Event organizers, and development of a document of available workshops for event organizers to use in planning their events; and (5) separating the current Regional Meeting Guide into two documents, a National Convention Guide and Regional Meeting Guide, developed under the expertise of Judy Draucker and Jack Goldberg.

The Convention Committee Chair is very grateful for the efforts of all the individuals involved in successfully meeting the goals of the committee and humbly thanks them, realizing the various needs cannot be met without these team players.

*—Sherry Kitts, Chair*

## **Crafts Committee**

All activities of the Crafts Committee are designed to encourage NAWCC members to display their varied skills in the National Crafts Competition held annually at the National Convention. To promote the National contest, the Committee followed the Administrative Guidelines that were requested by and submitted to the NAWCC Board of Directors in 2007. Provided below is a brief explanation of some of the Committee activities that were completed during the past year.

2024 National Convention: All medals and Trophy have arrived; Donegan Optical has donated the People’s Choice trophy (value at \$300); entries are coming in slowly. We have the first youth entrant this year.

*—Bill Slough, Chair*

## Development Committee

The Development Committee is Chaired by Dr. Geoffrey Parker. The membership of the Committee comprises John Cote, Rich Newman, Jarett Harkness, John Paolini, Stephen Parnes, Rhett Lucke, and Rory McEvoy. The Board Chair Lucke and Executive Director, McEvoy are both non-voting members in accordance with our rules.

Geoff Parker took over chairmanship of the Committee on January 8, 2024. A search is ongoing for replacements for members who have withdrawn from the committee. We are currently seeking at least 2 more members.

### Development Committee Vision and Mission

**Vision:** Make known the mission and vision of the NAWCC to a broad global audience such that individuals and organizations manifest individual and financial NAWCC support.

**Mission:** Be a catalyst and engine for growth and longevity of the NAWCC.

### Development-Related Milestones in 2023–2024

- The NAWCC received a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of \$1,100,000.00 for the purpose of remediating or replacing the HVAC system at the museum and HQ. This represents about half of the needed funds to ensure that our collections and library is appropriately protected for the next generation of collectors and scholars.
- The process for taking in donations-in-kind or donations of items for the library and museum have been streamlined. We have taken in several large and important donations of horological collections including an important collection of skeleton clocks, which will be partially on display in time for the convention.
- Executive Director McEvoy, with the help of members of the development team and others, has produced a series of video and audio features called “Collecting Conversations.” These have been used to reach out to members and members of the horological community in general to show the value of the NAWCC and the National Watch and Clock Museum. Improving our on-line presence to reach potential donors and sponsors through social media outlets is a core competency that the Board of Directors has prioritized.
- We have made numerous updates to the NAWCC website, as well as simplifying the donation process, and segregating member/nonmember access. The website has been and continues to be improved and streamlined and brought up to current website standards. This is a work in progress.
- Hamilton Watch Company has agreed to a large investment in refurbishing and refreshing the room in our museum which has been dedicated to the Hamilton brand. Their investment will allow us to bring this fascinating story not just to



- museum visitors but to the horological world at large.
- Bulova Watch Company has sponsored refurbishments and a gallery, and negotiations are ongoing with them for sponsorship for the National Convention.
- For the first time in the 80-year history of the NAWCC, we have secured financial sponsors for our National Convention. These include Breitling Watch Company, Brent L. Miller Jewelers and Jones & Horan Horological Auctions.
- This Committee is strongly focused on bringing in more corporate sponsorship for both the Museum and the organization.

### **Development Committee Strategic Objectives**

The committee is now under new leadership and a strategic plan is in place. The committee is taking a multi-prong approach in addition to growing membership. There is a strong focus on modernizing our technology and social media presence as well as building our sponsor base and financial growth. A revised mission and vision is in place, and we are actively taking action to bring in sponsors, funds, and members. Part of this is active outreach and liaison with the other committees. Part of this is also shifting the burden of responsibility away from HQ and the Executive Director, in order to more evenly distribute the workload, and so that staff can focus on their primary job responsibilities, as opposed to being “all things to all people.” There is a serious concern for burnout using this approach. While it has been necessary in the past year and half, it now similarly becomes necessary to shift and distribute the load among the relevant committees. “Many hands make light work.”

**Alignment with Chairman’s, ED’s, and organizational strategic priorities.** We are taking the actions and approaches as discussed herein for maximum support of the Executive Director’s, the Chairman’s, the BOD’s, and the overarching prioritized short-, medium-, and long-term needs of the NAWCC. This requires a working and ongoing list of priorities with SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound) goals attached.

The Development Committee Chair is now meeting on a regular basis with ED McEvoy to ensure that we are focusing on and carrying out the ED’s strategic initiatives by priority. This alignment ensures that there is no redundancy in efforts to carry out the stated strategic goals. Additionally, the Board Chair is participating in meetings, and this helps us maintain focus on the Board’s methods, actions, and priorities as well.

**Chapters:** We need to remove the “we – they” feeling the Chapters have with the NAWCC. The Chapter Relations Committee is aware of this and is looking at ways to communicate with the Chapters that the Board is here to serve the chapters. In addition, the Development Committee is working with the Chapter Relations Committee to collaborate and cooperate with them, and provide support, ideas,

and help with action items as and when possible. The Development Committee attends Chapter Relations Meetings. One example of this is the Development Committee's support for and involvement with the establishment of the new Chapter 196 in Kentucky.

**Communications:** This has, is, and will be an issue in the future, but we can increase our visibility by "being in their face" as much as possible with the improvements being made to the NAWCC website, which show how the membership benefits from the improvements (i.e., ease of renewing membership; ability to donate monthly to the NAWCC, etc.; modernized and easier to navigate websites, and more). People are selective readers, so we need to get their attention. In 2024 we have perhaps 1-2 paragraphs and 30 seconds to do so. If a person isn't seeking a specific need, it takes a minimum of three "hits" to get their attention. This kind of communication can be done through the *Bulletin*, monthly digital newsletter, membership flyers, email blasts, etc. The NAWCC requires a strong and active presence in top-tier social media as well, including X (formerly Twitter), TikTok, YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram, Facebook, and more, such as Reddit (to re-direct to our forums). We may want to consider modernization of the forums to something more easily accessible and navigable to the current generation. Enhanced collaboration and cooperation with groups such as Worn and Wound, WWT, AWCI, Hodinkee, and others is indicated. The Development Committee is also looking at how best to handle these approaches to make best use of available action resources.

### **The Development Committee Strategic Priorities**

1. Increase funds in the Endowment (For All Time)
  - a. Governed by federal and state law
  - b. First major campaign 8-10 years ago raised approx. 2 million cash
2. Increase general day-to-day funding (Annual Appeal)
  - a. Money for general operating fund.
    - i. Library
    - ii. Museum
    - iii. Education both physical school and online
    - iv. Publications both physical and online
    - v. Membership and chapter resources
3. Increase membership – focus on younger generations
  - a. Makers fairs
  - b. Educational
  - c. Hobbies – e.g., model railroading

Sources of donations have focused on:

1. Cash – consistent message via nawcc.org, annual appeal eblast
  - a. Geoff's "Dialing for Dollars" plan via existing donors/sponsors
2. Stock – sporadic
3. Collections to be sold – sporadic
4. Planned Giving – sporadic
5. Grants – First major success 2022

To solicit funding, the NAWCC must develop a value proposition (message, collateral, execution) to present to various funding sources including but not limited to:

- Members / Registered Users on nawcc.org
  - Individual Members – Collectors
  - Individual Members – Buy & Sell Focus
  - Individual Members – Supporting Mission
    - » Museum
    - » Library & Research Center
    - » School of Horology
  - Business Members – Suppliers to individual members
- State, local, and federal government granting entities
- Not-for-profit granting organizations
- For profit partners such as watch companies, auction houses, parts and tool supply houses, etc.
  - Worn & Wound, Hodinkee, AWCI, and others
  - Look to watch companies who may want to have the School of Horology workshop classroom named after them sponsor/donate some or all of the estimated \$80K required to outfit the workshop.
- Seek sponsorship and donations for the Time Symposium in October 2024 in Sturbridge, MA.
- Seek ongoing sponsorship for our bi-annual National Conventions in York/Columbia PA area.
- Encourage friendly competition between sponsors
- Reach out to the greater NAWCC international community and chapters
- Encourage cooperation and collaboration with other horological entities

## Development Committee Member Search

If any NAWCC member has an interest in helping in these or other development activities, please contact the committee. Contact information is on the website, [nawcc.org](http://nawcc.org), under About/National Committees.

—Dr. Geoff Parker, Chair

## Governing Documents Committee

The Governing Documents Committee (GDC) consists of Peggy Goodwin, OH; Richard Lamoureux, CA; Rich Newman, IL; Geoff Parker, TN; and Renee Coulson, TN.

The GDC, in addition to the duties specified in the Bylaws, is responsible for oversight of all referendums of the Members with respect to amendments of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

There were no changes to the Articles of Incorporation, and one technical change to the Bylaws this FY that was previously approved by the membership (omission of wording), bringing the document current. The remainder of any changes during the fiscal year occurred in the Standing Rules.

During the FY 2023-2024, the GDC was assigned the responsibility to review and revise the Board of Directors (BOD) Code of Ethical Conduct as well as the Membership Code of Ethical Conduct to ensure that the documents were current. The review of the documents was completed and the current Codes are posted on the website.

The GDC was involved in efforts of combining the *Bulletin* and the *Mart & Highlights* into one publication, which took effect in the January/February 2024 publication. Each Standing Rules Article requiring revision was Board approved.

The GDC is in the review process of the Standing Rules and should have it completed by end of FY 2024-2025.

The Governing Documents Committee reviewed and revised the governing documents processing system to the format consistent with the NAWCC. As a result, the GDC Policy and Procedures manual will be reviewed and any appropriate changes will be made by FY 2024-2025 year-end.

In summary, all governance documents assigned to the GDC are current and can be located on the NAWCC website. The committee appreciates the support of the Board and is totally receptive of suggestions that the Board feels will enhance the committee's efforts.

—Renee Coulson, Chair

## Library Collections Committee

Committee Members: Richard Newman, IL, Chair; David Dunn, VA; Bruce Forman, IN; Dan Fritsch, PA; Pat Holloway, TX; Fortunat Mueller-Maerki, NJ, Chair Emeritus; Geoff Parker, TN; Ian Roome, PA; Istvan Varkonyi, PA; Staff: Thomas Stocker; Board Chair, Rhett Lucke; Exec. Director, Rory McEvoy

During the first year of its two-year term, the Library Collections Committee added new members and evaluated opportunities within three broad areas of need: develop and/or recommend policies for the management of the library and research center (LARC) collection, advance funding and fundraising activities, and execute projects that support the mission of the Library and NAWCC.

Many areas of interest and possible initiatives were identified by committee members and subsequently discussed, rationalized, and prioritized to establish an achievable list of objectives for the term as follows:

### High Priority

- Determine collections in need of conservation

*Status:* The LARC collection was reviewed by the Committee and Librarian & Archivist Stocker in the fall of 2023 and no urgent conservation issues were found.

- Promote the library and research center to members and the larger horological community

*Status:* Not begun.

- Fundraising

*Status:* Committee and staff are working together on two possible grants to provide funding to digitize portions of the Library. A possible member fundraising campaign is being discussed to coincide with the 2025 National Convention, which will take place in the York/Columbia area.

- Evaluate content search engines and digitization to make the collections more accessible

*Status:* Staff has been evaluating several opportunities including a grant (see above) and 3rd party library-focused institutions that we may be able to partner with to digitize portions of the Library, including the *Watch & Clock Bulletin*, for wider accessibility.

## Medium Priority

- Inventory the vertical Files

*Status:* Resources to catalog and maintain the vertical files have been lacking for many years. The Committee sampled the files and determined that much of the material is duplicative and organized in a manner that is difficult to systematize. Next steps are pending.

- Get up to date with acquisitions

*Status:* Committee members are helping to acquire publications, including foreign language publications; however, more sources of funding for the Library are needed long term. Member gift purchases of new publications for the library has decreased and the Committee recognizes the need to better promote the LARC to members.

- Determine state of catalog and catching-up

*Status:* Cataloging of incoming publications and related materials has been confirmed and is much improved under the leadership of Librarian & Archivist Thomas Stocker. The Committee will remove this action item from its priority list going forward.

- Explore consortium participation to promote the LARC and collaborate with other research libraries.

*Status:* Member Istvan Varkonyi has contacted sister organizations in Europe to explore opportunities.

—Rich Newman, Chair

## Membership Committee

Per NAWCC Standing Rules:

The Membership Committee has the following responsibilities, to be updated as needed by the Executive Director:

- Member surveys and demographics
- Recruitment awards and incentives
- Member benefits and services
- Membership retention initiatives
- New member packets
- Membership publicity
- Member recruitment initiatives
- Membership categories



Committee Members include: Leroy Baker, WI, Chair; Tom Bartels, NV; Tim Orr, CO; Rhett Lucke, NE (ex officio); Rory McEvoy (ex officio); Marlo Davis, PA (ex officio); Laura Taylor, PA (ex officio)

Recruiting of new members continues to be strong, with 941 new members joining during the fiscal year. However, our retention of existing members continues to disappoint, with 1,385 members not renewing. While this is an improvement over the past few years, we continue to lose more members than we recruit.

The Committee discussed some options for recapturing non-renewing members and increasing new member numbers. We are working with the Executive Director and the Member services staff to determine if any of those are viable.

Staff implemented a new process for joining and renewing memberships online. We continue to update our marketing materials and make process improvements for our member operations.

A few members have expressed interest in serving on the committee, and we will be asking them to join the group this year.

### **Membership Statistics as of March 31, 2024:**

7,385 Regular members

437 Associate

208 Lifetime

236 Contributing – Brass 124; Silver 63; Gold 34; Platinum 11; Ruby 2; Diamond 2

145 Business – Regular 130; Silver 8; Gold 6; Platinum 1

**8,411 TOTAL MEMBERS**

*—Leroy Baker, Chair*

## **Museum Collections Committee**

The duties of the Museum Collections Committee (MCC) are defined in the NAWCC Bylaws (September 2020) and primary responsibilities consist of the following:

Responsible for developing and recommending policies for the Museum collections to the Board for approval including collections management, acquisitions, collections, development, accession and deaccession articles for

the Museum, and other matters pertinent to the collection of the Museum, and other matters pertinent to the collections of the Museum. The Committee shall also provide oversight of the policies established by the Board for collections of the Museum.

Committee Members include: Philip Morris (Chairman, AL); Mark Frank (IL); Clint Geller (PA); Frank Del Greco (OH); Rhett Lucke (NE); Ralph Pokluda (TX); Ernie Lopez; and Rory McEvoy (PA)

During 2023, there were changes to the Committee membership. Committee member Jay Dutton (FL) resigned due to extenuating circumstances and Ernie Lopez (CA) joined.

The Museum Collections Policy has been extensively reviewed and edited by the entire Committee and proposed changes made. The Committee Chairman, working with Executive Director Rory McEvoy, has committed to harmonizing and finalizing these proposed changes in 4Q2024 and will then present the updated policy document to the Board for approval.

Like the museum, its staff, and volunteers, the Collections committee supports the museum by “Creating programs and exhibits that appeal to a broad audience” as outlined in the NWCM 5-Year Strategic Plan. In June 2023, MCC Chairman Philip Morris curated a major exhibition at the museum entitled “S-Town Exquisite Clocks: Celebrating the Artistry of John B. McLemore, Horologist,” which will run through the end of August 2024. This exhibition highlighted the work of John B. McLemore, who was a highly accomplished clockmaker and who inspired the acclaimed podcast *S-Town* from *Serial* and *This American Life*. Morris and co-author William R. Tatum also wrote and published an exhibition book entitled *S-Town Exquisite Clocks: Celebrating the Artistry of John B. McLemore, Horologist* with all proceeds going to the museum.

The Committee continues to work with Museum staff to field the large number of inquiries the museum receives on a near daily basis related to potential donations of watches, clocks, ephemera, and other items as well as provide responses to questions about their objects. Committee members often reach out personally in response to these inquiries to answer questions about the process of donating an item or providing advice, if the item is not a good fit for the museum.

As a continuation of the diligent work started earlier, significant improvements have been made to the storage area with the assistance of some Committee members and as a result, items are now properly stored with all clock components (dials, movements, weights, pendulums, etc.) properly labeled and stored

together. This work was led by Committee member Ralph Pokluda and Director Jeff Zuspan, who have made multiple visits to the Museum where they have now evaluated more than fifteen hundred (1,500) clocks in the storage area. The evaluations consisted of determining the condition of the item, a determination if the item was a duplicate, and if the item filled a need for the collection. Based on these evaluations, the Committee has reviewed and voted on several groupings of clocks and watches for accessioning/deaccessioning. As was our practice last year, some of the items voted for deaccession will be sent to auction thus raising funds earmarked to maintain the collection and provide much-needed space. In 2022, proposals were solicited from more than a dozen auction houses with the goal of identifying those that afforded the NAWCC the most favorable terms for selling these items. Items selected for auction are sent to the most appropriate auction house based on the proposals received.

In 2022, the Committee began highlighting artifacts from the Museum's collection that need some restoration or conservation so that we can share the object's horological story. Starting with the September/October 2022 issue of the NAWCC *Watch & Clock Bulletin*, specific items deemed historically significant from the collection are highlighted along with a description of the restoration needs. Based on these descriptions, NAWCC chapters or members can "adopt" an object for restoration or donate funds for these endeavors. The first object selected was an important 18th-century tall case clock with its dial marked "White Matlack / New York" which was missing its original ogee feet. Matlack was an early New York watchmaker and silversmith and was an active abolitionist. He and a small group of others, including Benjamin Franklin, founded the Society of Free Quakers in 1781. Matlack's brother Timothy is best known as the scribe for the Declaration of Independence. Based on an evaluation from a professional conservator, a plan to add the missing ogee feet to the base with appropriate blocking, coloring, and finishing to match the existing surface was approved. In early 2023, donations were received for this effort and the missing feet were added using fully reversible techniques. The restored clock was put on display at the museum to coincide with the 2023 National. Regrettably, donations did not materialize for a second museum item described as in need of conservation and this effort to raise funds has been paused.

The MCC Chairman visited with a donor to review a group of 8-10 Pennsylvania shelf clocks that are being considered for donation to the museum. This group of clock consists of several of the most iconic shelf clock examples, many of which have been described extensively in horological literature and many of which grace the cover of books. Currently, the museum has very few of these clocks and no truly stellar examples. Without a doubt, the addition of each of these groups of

clocks will strengthen our collection and help us tell the story of timekeeping.

The group of 10-12 wooden movement tall clocks sent to the museum last year on loan have now been fully converted to a museum donation. As a reminder, this grouping enhances the museum's collection as we owned no significant examples before this donation, which includes important examples by some of the most famous makers as well as some outstanding painted cases.

—*Philip Morris, Chair*

## **Nominating & Elections Committee**

The Nominating and Elections Committee (NEC) manages the election and appointment process for members of the Board of Directors and elected members of the NEC. It is charged with actively soliciting and vetting qualified potential candidates along with the preparation and distribution of election ballots, announcing election results and nominating candidates for appointment to the Board.

In 2023, Tim Orr (CO) was elected by the NEC as its Chair. Other members are Jay Dutton (FL), Chris Miller (MO), and Rich Newman (IL). Terms for Orr and Miller expire in 2025. All four members of the NEC are former Board members. There is also a nonvoting member, Carroll Wolfe (AR), whose assistance, as prior NEC Chair, has been invaluable.

The NEC submitted and the Board approved a new Policies & Procedures Handbook in early 2024. This effort was headed by NEC member Rich Newman with assistance by Sherry Kitts, NAWCC Board Secretary. Rich Newman also created a fillable PDF version of the Nomination Form for convenience in collecting information.

Three members of the current NAWCC Board, Leroy Baker, John Cote, and Phillip Morris, may not run due to term limitations, and three members, Renee Coulson, Cathy Gorton, and Sherry Kitts, have declined to run for re-election. Three new members of the Board will be elected and three appointed.

Accordingly, a Call for Nominations for the 2025 election was published in the January/February 2024 *Watch & Clock Bulletin* along with eligibility requirements for candidates and an application for nomination. A similar Call was published in the NAWCC Forums.

The committee already has a number of potential candidates on its list for consideration. Four have indicated willingness to run. To date, no self-nominated or petition-nominated applications have been received. Self-nominations closed on April 30, 2024; nominations by petition will close on July 31, 2024.

Voting will begin in early 2025 and run through midnight (Eastern), April 1, 2025. Voting will be conducted electronically, with e-mail instructions to the membership how to do so.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or the NEC, please contact any NEC member, or the Chair, Tim Orr (720-552-4477 or torr286@aol.com).

—Tim Orr, Chair

## **Time Symposium Committee**

Committee Members: Cathy Gorton, Chair; Jim Girard; Howard Cohen; Rich Newman; Rory McEvoy; John Kovacik; Jay Dutton; Rhett Lucke

### **Committee Goals**

1. Organize and host an annual Ward Francillon Time Symposium educational event.
2. Include the James Arthur annual presentation at the Time Symposium event.
3. Prepare plans and engage with venues to schedule Time Symposiums 5 years out.
4. Maintain the Time Symposium webpage on the new location: <https://education.nawcc.org/symposium>
  - a. Include the current Time Symposium details and online registration
  - b. Maintain a repository of information on previous Time Symposia – include history of Ward Francillon and James Arthur, year, location, James Arthur Lecturer, and any available video recordings.

### **Administration**

1. HQ NAWCC Provided Support – Webpage hosting & maintenance, Registration Tracking, Program Editing, Video-recording, contract signatures, funds management, assistance with advertising in the *Bulletin* and e-blasts, Executive Director guidance through committee participation
2. Committee responsibilities – program creation and management, speaker logistics, site exploration, all management and administration of program logistics, Committee Scheduling and minutes, Time Symposium budget
3. Assistance requested in area of securing major sponsors and exploring grant options from both HQ NAWCC and the Development Committee
4. Time Symposium Account as of April 2024: approx. \$31,000

## Accomplishments

1. Hosted 2023 Time Symposium – Lancaster Legacy at the Hamilton Club in Lancaster, PA
  - **Date:** July 16-17, 2023 – Immediately following the 2023 National Convention
  - **James Arthur Presentation:** Title: Edward Duffield and 18th-Century Pennsylvania Horology. Presented by: Bob Frishman
  - **Guest Speakers and Program:**
    - Bruce Forman – Inside David Rittenhouse
    - Michael Schwartz – The Unsteady Start of Watchmaking in Lancaster
    - Carlene Stephens – Reinventing the Wristwatch: The Hamilton Pulsar
    - Jim Zimmerman – History of Bowman’s – A Lancaster Icon
    - Keith Scobie-Youngs AHS Lecture – Forged in Fire...The Early Clocks of England
    - Doug Gehr – Clocks in the Cloister
    - Hosted six 20-minute experiential sessions at the NAWCC Museum
    - Exclusive access to the NAWCC Museum

## 2. 2023 – 2024 Financial Report

Revenue:	\$13,846
Expenses:	<u>\$9,551</u>
Total Income:	\$ 4,295

Total Attendees: 102

Registration fee for full program: \$195

## Current Activities

### 2024 Time Symposium: Howard Cohen, Primary Local Coordinator

1. Upcoming 2024 Time Symposium – A Horological Tour of New England, Sturbridge, MA
  - Date: October 21 – 24, 2024 – Monday Evening start thru Thursday afternoon
  - Experience New England horology with original lectures and exclusive museum tours at the Willard House and Clock Museum, Old Sturbridge Village including the J. Cheney Wells clock collection, and the American Clock and Watch Museum.



## 2. Guest Speakers and Program

- **James Arthur Presentation - Dava Sobel:** Finding Longitude: The backstory of her book *Longitude* and its impact on the public's knowledge of horology and specifically marine timekeeping.
- **Aaron Stark:** Disrupting Time: Industrial combat, espionage, and the downfall of the Waltham Watch Company
- **Sara Schechner:** William Cranch Bond and Sons: Astronomers and Horologists
- **Damon DiMauro:** The early pre-1740 clockmakers of Boston
- **Robert Frishman:** (Tuesday Banquet Speaker) The Mullikens: Massachusetts Clockmakers
- **Mary Jane Dapkus:** Aaron Willard, Jr. and the Sea Captain's Widow
- **Greg Gorton:** The Calendar Clock Company of Curtisville, CT. The story of an early perpetual calendar clock manufacturer.
- **Richard Newman:** Watchmaking in Early America
- **Andy Dervan:** Richard Cranch and his daybook; a colonial watch repairman from Boston and great friend of John Adams
- Tuesday afternoon tour: Willard House and Clock Museum
- Wednesday afternoon tour: Old Sturbridge Village including the J. Cheney Wells clock collection
- Thursday visit to the American Clock and Watch Museum

## 3. Budget 2024 Time Symposium

Revenue:	\$32,950
Expenses:	<u>\$32,976</u>
Total Income:	(\$26)

**Budgeted Attendees:** Varies for different days. Offering a full program price and a la carte pricing for the various events.

### Registration Fees:

All Inclusive w/ bus transportation to excursions (50 seats available, book asap to hold a seat): \$475

All Inclusive without bus transportation to excursions (drive separately or car pool): \$400

-- OR --

Design your own program (Al-La-Carte pricing to suit your preferences and schedule):

## Tuesday

**Choose  
only one**

Lectures only. Breakfast included (8:00 AM – Noon) \$75

Lectures + Willard House tour (bus extra). Breakfast, lunch, and Museum admission included. (Select Banquet below if wanted) \$125

## Wednesday

**Choose  
only one**

Lectures only. Breakfast included (8:00 AM – Noon) \$75

Lectures & J. Cheney Wells Collection Tour at Old Sturbridge Village. Breakfast and Museum admission included. \$100

## Thursday

American Clock and Watch Museum. Admission and lunch included (no bus) \$55

### Al-La-Carte Meals Options

#### Monday

Welcome Reception at the Publick House (Heavy hors d'oeuvre, Cash Bar) \$45

#### Tuesday

Publick House Lunch Only: Colonel's Deli Lunch Buffet \$35

#### Tuesday

Dinner Banquet at the Publick House (Dinner Buffet, Cash Bar) \$75

### Bus tickets – 50 seats available

#### Tuesday

Willard House Round Trip Bus Ticket \$35

#### Thursday

American Clock & Watch Museum Round Trip Bus Ticket. \$40

## 5-Year Schedule of Upcoming Time Symposiums

<p><b>2024</b> October 21-24</p>	<p><b>A Horological Tour of New England / Publick House– Sturbridge, MA</b></p>
<p>Primary Local Coordinator: <b>Howard Cohen</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old Sturbridge Village (Cheney Wells Collection)</li> <li>• American Clock and Watch Museum</li> <li>• Willard House and Clock Museum</li> </ul>
<p><b>2025</b> October 14-16</p>	<p><b>Elegance For Export / Halim Time and Glass Museum – Evanston, IL</b></p>
<p>Primary Local Coordinator: <b>Mark Frank</b></p>	<p>Mark Frank’s Collection and Astronomical Skeleton Clock</p> <p>Other details - TBD</p>
<p><b>2026</b> Early May</p>	<p><b>England – Timing our event with the Antiquarian Horological Society’s Annual Meeting in the UK</b></p>
<p>Primary Local Coordinator: <b>Rich Newman</b></p>	
<p><b>2027</b></p>	<p><b>Watches in the West – Concept being developed</b></p>
<p>Primary Local Coordinator: <b>Jarett Harkness</b></p>	
<p><b>2028</b> October</p>	<p><b>Military Timekeeping – WW II Museum – New Orleans, LA</b></p>
<p>Primary Local Coordinator: <b>Steve Barnes</b></p>	
<p><b>2029</b></p>	<p>HQ NAWCC location – York/Lancaster – in conjunction with a Mid-Eastern York Regional – Not a National.</p>
<p>Primary Local Coordinator: <b>TBD</b></p>	

—Cathy Gorton, Chair