



**National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.
 Board of Directors ZOOM Meeting
 November 12, 2024 @ 7:00 PM EST**

OPEN MEETING – FINAL MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Leroy Baker, Director	Bob Burton, Treasurer	John Cote, Director
Renee Coulson, Vice Chair	Eliel Garcia, Director	Cathy Gorton, Director
Jarett Harkness, Director	Sherry Kitts, Secretary	Rhett Lucke, Chair
Philip Morris, Director	Geoffrey Parker, Director	Jeff Zuspan, Director

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Rory McEvoy, Executive Director	Myron Mintz, Legal Counsel
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ITEM	SUBJECT	LEAD
1	Call to Order Chair Lucke called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm EST.	Chair Lucke
2	Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Procedures & Announcements Robert’s Rules for Small Boards will be followed. Chair Lucke welcomed guests Dave Coatsworth, Judy Draucker, Jay Dutton, Dave Graley, Terry Hall, Stephen Parnes, John Scott, Nancy Spieker, Micah Tasker, Michael Taylor, Charlie Thomas, and Istvan Varkonyi	Chair Lucke
3	Roll Call All Directors and Ex-Officio members were present as noted in the tables above.	Secretary Kitts

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4	<p>Approval of the September 25, 2024, Board of Directors ZOOM Meeting Minutes.</p> <p>MOTION by Secretary Kitts: to approve the September 25, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.</p> <p>SECOND by Director Parker</p> <p>MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</p>	Secretary Kitts
5	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>Treasurer Burton reported that the September Financial Report was approved at the November 5 meeting of the Finance Committee.</p> <p>A shout out was given to headquarters for the fiscal conservatism they have displayed and for the fine report work of our Controller Brianna Ardini.</p> <p>Our liquidity is good. The HVAC upgrade payments to McClure using draws from investment accounts (which allowed the liquidity to dip below the procedural requirement until reimbursement from the grant restored the funds) was again explained for the edification of the guests.</p>	Treasurer Burton
6	<p>Executive Director Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October was a very busy month. • We have avoided dipping into investments; we need to build them up. • We withdrew the amount needed and authorized to pay GMS for grant application services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The application for \$250,000 to continue HVAC upgrades was successful. We have six months to put together the budget. ➤ We had tremendous support from our state representative and senator in securing this grant. • The strategic 5-year plan is out for review. Chair Lucke advised that all committee chairs need to provide feedback on the plan. • We do have an important new acquisition, an E. Howard Transit of Venus regulator with great history, which was purchased at a very good price from a Schmidt-Horan auction. Dan Horan is willing to deliver the clock at no expense to us. He will pick up items for auction from us after delivering the clock. Details about the clock are left to Museum Collections Chair Morris. • Much thanks are due to Jeff Zuspan and Ralph Pokluda for their work sorting out the recommended disposition of horological items in storage. • The new HR system is working very well. • The new membership database is developing well. 	ED McEvoy

ITEM**SUBJECT****LEAD****7 Report of the Museum Collections Committee**

Chair Morris followed the suggested topics to cover:

- **Purpose:** The purpose of the committee is supported by having the necessary talent. Members are Chair Morris, Frank Del Greco, Mark Frank, Clint Geller, Earnie Lopez, Rhett Lucke, Rory McEvoy, and Ralph Pokluda.
- **Responsibilities:** Voting for accession and deaccession, responding to offers of donation, and logistics of movement of any accepted donations. Often the donations do not come with any provision for their transportation to the museum.
- Another responsibility is going through existing inventory in the storeroom and identifying duplicates and other items that should be sold at auction to raise money for more appropriate museum displays, and deaccessioned if necessary. This activity leaves space to receive museum-worthy items.
- Carrying out our responsibilities resulted in the recent purchase of the valuable E. Howard Transit of Venus regulator at the Schmidt-Horan auction.
- The committee also works on special exhibits at the museum; for example, the S-Town Exhibit.
- One additional meeting is planned before the end of this year. All meetings this year have been by ZOOM. Historically, the committee meets in-person at the National Conventions, but only three members were available in 2024, and an in-person meeting was not held. ED McEvoy and BOD Chair Lucke are always active participants.
- **Handbook:** The committee has four documents for management of museum collections. The update of these documents has not been trivial, and this effort will be the focus of our work after completion of the 5-year strategic plan.
- **Committee's Accomplishments in Last 12 Months:**
 - Organization of the storeroom.
 - Raising money with appropriate sales at auction.
 - Handling 50-60 items of correspondence with members wishing to donate elements of their collections.
- **Objectives for the Next 12 Months:**
 - The committee plans to implement the appropriate elements of the 5-year strategic plan, which should be in place by the next BOD meeting.
 - Have plans in place for completion of the Quincy Street Clock project.
 - Evaluate the practicality of receiving and installing an important offer from Bulova – a massive 16.5 ft. X 8 ft., 1 ton, mural.
 - Continue to support ED McEvoy and Janelle Soash.
 - Evaluate the watch collections in the same manner as Jeff Zuspan and Ralph Pokluda have done with the clocks. (Post-meeting note: Volunteers for this effort have been identified and this project will initiate in late 2025).

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- **Challenges:**
 - Most frustrating is delicate correspondence with those wishing to donate - getting photos and descriptions of the items often requires multiple rounds of emails which is inefficient. We need to beef up the way that potential donation requests are received at the museum to help streamline the process of quickly and accurately evaluating the items for potential donation.
 - Updating committee documents.
- **Alignment with Other Committees:** Coordination with the Library Collections Committee is important to determine if certain historical documents such as ledgers should be in the Museum rather than the Library.

Philip has enjoyed chairing this committee and will continue to support Janelle Soash, but recommends a replacement chair fairly soon as his term as a Board member will end in June 2025. John Cote offered his continued support especially with evaluation of watches at the museum. An incredible watch donation was received today.

Chair Lucke expressed appreciation for all the work Philip and the committee have done and continue to do. Chair Lucke reminded all that the committee chairs do not have to be BOD members.

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8 2024 Symposium Update (Post-meeting adjustments due to taxes and fees not realized in the original accounting are noted below in bold.)

The 2024 Ward Francillon Time Symposium, “A Horological Tour of New England,” was a fantastic success. All our guest speakers were very well received. We expect the presenters’ video recordings to be available online in the next week or so.

Rory McEvoy’s staff is to be greatly commended; Laura Taylor and Amanda Mellinger for program and marketing, Alex Simpkins for webpage and video recording, Brianna Ardini for accounting, and Tina Manley for managing registration, phone calls, and name tags for the event.

Thank you to all the Time Symposium Committee volunteers, the attendees, and the speakers, especially Russ Oeschle who filled in at the last minute for a speaker with a conflict. Without these, the symposium could not have happened nor been as special as it was.

We used an a la carte registration system this time. Numbers are as follows:

46 full program registrations.

81-88 for Tuesday/Wednesday lectures including the speaker.

80 for the dinner banquet.

53-74 for the various museums we attended.

Total Registrations: \$27,305.

Total Donations: \$1,555.

Total Revenue: \$28,860.

Total Expenses including all direct labor from the staff: ~~\$25,570~~ \$21,929

Direct labor expense from the staff: \$5,941

Resulting in a net gain of ~~\$3,290~~ **\$990** for the event.

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8 (cont)	<p>2024 Symposium Update (continued)</p> <p>The Time Symposium Committee met yesterday. Our 2025 program is coming together very well. We added another day to the event. It now starts on Monday, 13 October with an evening welcome reception. On Tuesday, the 14th we've added a special program at the Adler Planetarium along with private collection viewing and an evening Chicago Dinner Cruise. Wednesday, 15 Nov is a full day at the Halim Time and Glass Museum in Evanston, ending with the Dinner Banquet. And Thursday, 16 Nov 2025 is a bus trip to the San Filippo Museum for a 3 hour visit to see their collection, demonstrations of a variety of music machines, a mini concert on the Mighty Wurlitzer and the history of the items in the Carousel Pavilion.</p> <p>Cathy will present a 2025 Time Symposium proposed budget at the next Board Meeting. We are still getting a few quotes for the various events.</p> <p>Planning to have 2025 Time Symposium information in the January / February Bulletin.</p> <p>Jeff Zuspan thanked Cathy Gorton and Howard Cowen for a designing and implementing such a wonderful symposium.</p>	Symposium. Chair Gorton
9	<p>2025 National Convention Status Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various NAWCC representatives met with fairgrounds, hotel, and AV representatives on October 31 preceding the Mid-Eastern Regional. One result of this meeting was the decision to move the Auction to one of the Arena lobbies and moving lectures to the Veranda Room. • General location of stage and menu choices were tentatively finalized with the hotel representatives. • Judy Draucker is looking at three potential caterers for the OTF luncheon and Lee Davis is working on a speaker for the luncheon. • Lecture schedule has been tentatively complete; final arrangements to be made with speakers. • Ness Ball will hold a re-bronzing workshop. • Rich Newman announced that Bulova will be a major sponsor. • Contract for carts and high tables is complete. • Over 200 of the 503 room block at the Wyndham Garden Hotel have been reserved. (WWT has their own room block.) • We have over 200 registrations, and about 200 tables have been sold. • Confirmation letters are being mailed. 	Co-Chair Kitts

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10	<p>Approval of “NAWCC National Convention Treasurer Handbook”</p> <p>MOTION by Convention Committee Chair Kitts: To approve the “NAWCC National Convention Treasurer Handbook” and the upload to the NAWCC website as a stand-alone document under Convention Committee Procedures.</p> <p>SECOND by Vice-Chair Coulson.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</p>	<p>Convention Committee Chair Kitts</p>
11	<p>Board Representatives through May 2025</p> <p>Board representatives for regionals after the Lone Star Regional are needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jarett Harkness volunteered for River City. • Leroy Baker volunteered for the Southern Ohio Regional. • Bob Burton will take New England again if no one else can. Chair Lucke advised to leave it open right now as he is also a possibility. • Jeff Zuspan asked to be kept in mind for Rocky Mountain Regional when dates are established. 	<p>Chair Lucke</p>

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12	Next ZOOM Meeting Date – Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 pm EST by ZOOM.	Chair Lucke
13	Next In-Person Meeting Date: Lone Star Regional, Mesquite, TX, February 26, 2025 @ 9:00 am CDT. (Note Central Time – Texas is in the Central Time Zone)	Chair Lucke
14	Call for Any New Business There was no new business.	Chair Lucke
15	Adjournment of the Regular Session of the Board Chair Lucke adjourned the regular open meeting at 8:05 pm EST.	Chair Lucke
16	Solicit Feedback from the Audience	Chair Lucke
17	ANNOUNCEMENT by Chair Lucke: That the Board will immediately reconvene for the Executive Session.	Chair Lucke

Please send all comments and questions on items being considered to NAWCC Secretary at sacutts@comcast.net
Sherry Kitts, NAWCC BOD Secretary