



**National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.
Board of Directors ZOOM Meeting
Tuesday November 18, 2025 @ 7:00 pm Eastern Time**

OPEN MEETING – FINAL MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jarrett Harkness, Chair	Eliel Garcia, Director	Istvan Varkonyi, Director
Rhett Lucke, Vice Chair	Geoffrey Parker, Director	Paul Young, Director
Bob Burton, Treasurer	Micah Tasker, Director	Jeff Zuspan, Director
Nancy Spieker, Secretary	Michael Taylor, Director	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Richard Callamaras, Director

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Rory McEvoy, Executive Director

ITEM

SUBJECT

- 1 Call to Order**
Chair Harkness called the meeting to order at 7:03pm ET
- 2 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Procedures & Announcements**
The Board welcomed members Terry Hall, Judy Drauker, Sherry Kitts, John Paolini and Gary Meyers

Robert's Rules of Order for Small Boards will be followed.
- 3 Roll Call**
Directors and Ex-Officio Board Members were present as noted in the tables above

4 Recognition of Board Legal Counsel – Myron Mintz

Vice Chair Lucke and the Board expressed their deep gratitude to longtime member, friend and volunteer legal counsel Myron Mintz who passed away on October 10, 2025.

After graduating from Temple Law School, Myron enjoyed a long and successful legal career, working both in private practice as well in public service, serving as an advisor at the highest levels of both the Virginia state and United States federal governments. At the state level, he held several appointments under both Governors George Allen and James Gilmore. On the federal level, Myron served in advisory roles to many top officials in the Nixon, Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations. He was also instrumental in establishment of the Prison Fellowship Ministry and served as a founding member of its Board of Directors.

A passionate horologist, Myron was a longtime member of the NAWCC, a Silver Star Fellow and served voluntarily as our corporate attorney for nearly 50 years, going back to planning the incorporation our non-profit status with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1978. From that time forward, he was a trusted advisor and friend to successive NAWCC Board's up to the time of his passing.

In addition to his professional and horological interests, Myron also enjoyed sailing, fishing and other sea related activities in the area around his summer home in Edgartown, Massachusetts where he was a founder and member of many sporting clubs.

On behalf of the NAWCC and our Board of Directors, our heartfelt condolences go out to Myron's family and many friends. His presence will be greatly missed by the many communities in which he touched and participated.

5 Approval of the September 23, 2025 Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Secretary Spieker: to approve the September 23, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

Motion seconded by Director Burton.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

6 Treasurer Report

Finance Committee Chair Burton reported that the August (summary) and September (complete) financial reports had been reviewed and approved at the November 4 Finance Committee ZOOM meeting. The September liquidity again falls below the recommended benchmark due to timing of contractor payments and related grant reimbursements for the HVAC project, along with the conservative formula used to calculate liquidity. The fluctuation is not a cause for concern, nor necessitates any action of correction.

The Fiscal Year End March 2025 annual information return 990 has been approved and will be signed and filed by RKL.

Recognition to Rory and Briana for their stewardship of the Association finances.

ITEM**SUBJECT****7****Executive Director Remarks**

- ED McEvoy spoke of pursuing hiring for an Events Manager, a part time Advertising Sales person and a Museum Visitor Support person that would be a separate position from the Museum Store employee.
- Continued emphasis on updating the IT structure including integrating the new uMis system, phasing out the old online payment system in favor of the new Stripe system, and improving the WebSite interface for users. The addition of a General Office Manager may help ease the burden on the current office staff.
- The April 2026-March 2027 budget will include room for these staffing expansions.
- Under development for the uMis system will be the improvement of registrations for workshops, conventions and regionals, as well as, creating an improved user experience including automated emails, account information and auto-pay notifications, plus a more visual presentation of our Business Partners and their locations.
- The School is generating income. There are approximately 22 upcoming workshop offerings, including new workshops “Foundational Skills for Clock Makers II” and “Introduction to Watchmaking”. The school is in the process of re-wiring the micro machining classroom, replacing fluorescent lighting and adding new equipment for the Maker Space wood shop.
- The Association is continuing its outreach program to other education providers including the PA College of Art & Design, Home Schooled individuals, local schools and the University of Delaware historic conservation students.
- The Museum hosted a “Pumpkins and Pendulums” family fun Halloween Event and they will be hosting a “New Years at Noon” event. The Museum continues to evaluate new clock donations as possible upgrades to the collection with resultant deaccessioning considerations.
- The Seth Thomas Precision Regulator restoration is being documented by Alex Simpkins and will be available for viewing on YouTube. Director of Philanthropy, John Paolini, shared that the Annual Appeal has garnered 39 donations to date for a total of \$24,330, including \$2580 designated for the Ansonia Street Clock restoration project
- The Library has received substantial grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services along with a generous anonymous matching donation that will be instrumental in facilitating the digitization of the Hamilton Archive.

ED McEvoy invited the Board to spend some time at headquarters, to get hands-on experience and volunteer alongside staff.

8**Museum Deaccession Items**

Executive Director McEvoy reviewed with the board two museum items, an E. Howard Banjo and an Ithica Calendar Clock that have been replaced by better examples and approved for deaccession by the Museum Collections Committee. With no concerns from the members of the Board of Directors, the Museum will proceed with deaccession and consignment to public auction.

9**Chapter Relations Committee Report**

Committee Chair Jeff Zuspan related to the board the Committee purpose is to strengthen and guide local Chapters, review new Chapter applications, assist struggling Chapters and establish trust and accountability between local Chapters and the National Association.

ITEM**SUBJECT****9 cont. Chapter Relations Committee Report, continued**

The Committee consists of four NAWCC members, Bob Burton, Frank Webster, Keith Henley and Mike Dayton, who replaced Andy Dervan. Mike was an important addition, as he represents the interests of the West Coast Chapters. The Committee also includes two Staff members, Marlo Davis and Alex Simpkins.

The Committee tries to meet quarterly via Zoom, and produces two newsletters, hosts two Chapter Zoom meetings and a Chapter Representative meeting at the annual National Convention. The Spring newsletter was issued to Chapter Presidents and Secretaries of record, and the Fall newsletter is in production. The Spring Zoom meeting was hosted in March and featured guest speaker J. D. Castle, a leadership Expert. The Committee met and also hosted a Chapter Representative meeting at the York National Convention in June 2025, with 20 Chapters represented by 40 members.

The committee has worked with a number of Chapters in need including AZ #43, FL #60, Travel #179, Electric Clock #78 and NY #2. Ohio Chapters #28 and #10 are considering merger, Chapter #136 has closed, and Chapter #61 has asked about insurance and liability concerns.

The Speaker Bureau List has been updated on the NAWCC site at “About/Chapter Support” Chair Zuspan reminded the Board, that the committee is unfunded. He urged Board members to join and support their local chapters.

Board Chair Harkness expressed hope that the evolving National systems will make the site more useful and supportive for the local Chapters. Mention was made of “Train the Trainer” opportunities that are free of charge, providing an opportunity for Chapter members to receive education that can be taken back and shared with the rest of the Chapter members.

10 Convention Committee Report

- Committee Chair Paul Young presented the proposed recommended verbiage to be included on registration forms regarding cancellation and refund policies. The Policy would state that refunds for registrations and tables would be available up until pre-registration closes.

Motion by Director Tasker: to approve recommended refund policy for Regional and National Conventions.

Motion seconded by Director Burton.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

- Continuation of discussions regarding the pros and cons of Public Admission and related pricing for Convention events. Allowing Public access to the events presents an opportunity to create awareness for perspective new members, as well as, an increased customer base for the Mart vendors. Allowing the public in at a reduced price degrades the value of current membership benefits, and delayed admission means the public misses out on some of the exciting and important convention events. The Committee will meet to come up with event guidelines to present to the Board.
- Board Members volunteered as the Representative for the following 2026 Regionals:
 - New England April 24-25 – Micah Tasker
 - Eastern States August 14-15 – Micah Tasker
 - North Coast October 2-3 – Bob Burton

The Committee is firming up Regional info and Representatives for Arizona Sunshine March 13-14, MKOA September 19 and Pacific Northwest May 15-17 events.

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10	Next In-Person Meeting Date: Wed Feb 11, 2026 at the Mid-Winter Regional, St Augustine FL
11	Call for any other New Business There was no new business.
12	Adjournment of the Regular Session Chair Harkness adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm ET
13	Solicit feedback from the audience.
14	ANNOUNCEMENT by Chair Harkness: The Board was will immediately reconvene for an Executive Session.

Please send all comments and questions to current NAWCC BoD Secretary Nancy Spieker at nspieker99@gmail.com