



**National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.
 Board of Directors Teams meeting
 Tuesday, April 21 2026 @ 7:00pm ET**

OPEN MEETING –DRAFT MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Geoff Parker, Chair	Nicholas Coll, Director	Paul Young, Director
Rhett Lucke, Vice Chair	Eliel Garcia, Director	Jeff Zuspan, Director
Bob Burton, Treasurer	Michael Taylor, Director	
Nancy Spieker, Secretary	Istvan Varkonyi, Director	

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Richard Callamaras, Director	Micah Tasker, Director	
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Rory McEvoy, Executive Director	Christopher Carver, Legal Counsel
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SUBJECT

- 1 Call to Order at 7:05 pm ET**
- 2 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Procedures & Announcements**
 The Board welcomes guests Dave Coatsworth, Judy Draucker and Cathy Gorton.

 Robert’s Rules of Order for Small Boards will be followed.
- 3 Roll Call:** A Roll Call was taken to establish a quorum. Directors and Ex-Officio Board Members were present as noted in the tables above.
- 4 MOTION by Secretary Spieker:** to approve the March 24, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes with correction of Mr. Carver’s name to Christopher.
Second By Director Burton
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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5 HVAC Project Phase II: Headquarters is working to finalize funding and commence the second stage of the HVAC project which will include replacement of heating, cooling elements and an air handler. The project will exclude any work at the School of Horology which will be deferred to a later time. Cost of the project will be in the \$500K-700K range. A grant of \$250K has been secured from the PA Local Shares Account (LSA) and an additional grant ~ \$250K is being pursued from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). The RACP application will require considerable time and effort, including bid requests with on-site visits, and a full budget for the project with reporting and receipt submission before any reimbursement may be received. The contracted Grant Management Services (GMS) will be helping to navigate the process. Unlike Phase I, the cost may not be 100% reimbursed. Funding of the project will need to be paid in advance from Association funds and will most likely cause liquidity to temporarily fall below the prescribed level, but this is anticipated and not a cause for concern. The Funding of the project will require a resolution from the Board of Directors, which will be voted on at a later meeting once all details are determined. Work is projected to commence Spring of 2027 and should be completed before the 2027 National Convention in York.

6 Executive Director's Report/Updates:

- Quincy Street Clock installation is progressing with gold leafing and a replacement dial. Enthusiasm is building in anticipation of the Wow factor the clock will bring to the gallery area.
- The Museum will be rolling out some changes including an updated and improved electrical clock display.
- Financially, the organization continues to be doing well, noting that no investment draws have been necessary for the last four years.
- The School of Horology will be hosting its third session on servicing wristwatches. The School is averaging about three workshops per month. The School has reestablished an account with ETA (part of Swatch Group) to provide Swiss movements for training purposes.
- With the passing of the Convention Committee Trial Admission Policy, the committee will be working on a pricing structure for the 2027 York Convention.
- Kudos to Thomas Stocker, the NAWCC Librarian and Archivist for his appearance on the Urban Gentry YouTube channel "A Tour of USA's Clockmaking Capital" where he did an exceptional job of highlighting the Museum and its exhibits.

7 Development Committee Report

Committee Chair John Paolini provided minutes from the last Committee meeting that highlighted the following:

- Donations through 4/7/2026 totaled ~\$170K including a \$39K matching IMLS grant to support the Hamilton digitization project and ~\$57K earmarked for the Ansonia Street Clock restoration. "Quincy" t-shirt sales of \$2400 have netted a profit of \$1475.
- The Partners in Time campaign continues through September and the wish list may be updated in upcoming newsletters.
- Annual appeal donation (excluding the IMLS matching grant) is 320% of last year's donations. The increase is attributable to multiple communications and the momentum generated by the Quincy project. The Committee agrees that the annual appeal should be launched earlier next year – September rather than October.
- The Committee discussed the "For All Time" Capital campaign and the importance of selecting "Honorary Chairs" to show support for the campaign and to help with identifying, contacting and thanking donors
- A table of prospective funding source categories was developed including projected goal expectations and "Consiglieres"

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- Committee Chair Paul Young reported that pieces are well in place for the June 2026 Lexington National Convention. The Committee is still in need of Security volunteers and the Board is asked to help with Mart load-in duties.
- Less than \$300 has been spent on social media advertising for the National Convention which has generated an exceptional “click-through” rate and ~5K views of the website.
- The Hyatt Hotel Convention Block is currently sold out. The Committee will reach out to the hotel to see if they will release additional rooms for the block.
- Question was raised as to an update to disclaimer verbiage for Regional Conventions. Recommendation to use the National Convention disclaimer as boiler plate verbiage for Regional events.

9 Ward Francillon Time Symposium Committee Report

- Committee Chair Cathy Gorton spoke with fondness of her four-year tenure with the committee. The group meets about once per month to discuss current and future symposiums. She conveyed her deep appreciation to Headquarters for all facets of their support for the committee.
- This year, the Symposium will include a live link to the May 8 Symposium meeting and May 9 Antiquarian Horological Society Meeting. The London Symposium has 66 full and partial program registrations, and additionally three Headquarters staff, five guest speakers and 19 guides/supporters – over 90 participants. Current year Registrants have donated \$4,674 to the Symposium Restricted fund.
- The Committee continues to work toward finalizing details for upcoming symposiums. There is some challenge in filling the registration for state-side events, as weekend bookings tend to be more expensive and weekday events are not easily attended by those who work.
- Director Zuspan made mention of Chapter 179. A special interest chapter for “Educational Travel” as a source of related interest.

10 Library Collections Committee Report

- Committee Chair Varkonyi reported that the committee had met earlier that day. He extended his congratulations to Thomas Stocker on his Urban Gentry YouTube presentation.
- The Committee is grateful to the generous donors that have made it possible to acquire important volumes for the library. Most recently, a rare 1st edition Simon Gribelin 1704 artistry of engraving pattern book was acquired. The plan is to be able to display the book along with examples of the corresponding engraved watches for Museum events. The Library itself is a part of the museum with changing displays, as well as, some lovely examples of running tall case clocks.
- The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant for the Hamilton digitization is progressing. Government shutdowns have caused some delays that may require a request for extension.
- The Watch Library Foundation, a Swiss based foundation, digitizes for open-source platforms. The Library is considering using this resource to create digitized NAWCC bulletins older than five years at a \$0 cost. This would provide a user friendly and more easily searchable presentation of our Bulletins, and an expanded presence for our organization.
- Patricia Atwood of the Rockford, IL Time Museum (now closed), has a substantial quantity of remaining text and images that may be donated to our library for digitization.
- The Library always encourages volunteerism on site, as well as, posting to the Library Forum of discovered books of interest or book reviews.

11 Next Meetings

- Next Microsoft Teams Meeting will be Tuesday May 26, 2026 at 7:00pm ET.
- Next in person meeting – Wed June 24 – 2026 NAWCC National Convention, Lexington, KY

12 Call for New Business: No New Business to Report

13 Adjournment of the Regular Session: Meeting was adjourned by Chair Parker at 8:45pm ET

14 Solicit Audience Feedback: None

15 Announcement by Chair Parker that the Board will Reconvene for an Executive Session

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