



National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.
Board of Directors In-Person meeting
Wednesday June 22, 2026 @ 8:00 am ET
NAWCC National Convention, Lexington, KY

OPEN SESSION –MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Richard Callamaras, Director	Eliel Garcia, 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 8:10 am ET**
- 2 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Procedures:** Chair Parker welcomed guests Derek Phelps and Ed Brown (Convention Co-Chairs), Keith Henley, John Paolini and later Jay Dutton. 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 Approval of May 26, 2026 Board of Directors Remote Teams Meeting Minutes**
MOTION by Secretary Spieker: That the Board approve the Minutes of the May 26, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes as presented.
Second by Director Lucke.
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.
- 5 Chair Comments and Announcements:**
 - There are persistent phishing attempts directed at Chapter Officers claiming to be from the Board Chair requesting payment in gift cards. Members are reminded that the Chair would never solicit payment from members directly, especially not in this manner. Please remind all members to not respond to these threats. If there is any question, please contact the Board Chair directly.
 - The May Member Services report again reflected a steady small increase in membership. The goal for the Board should be to help steer this growth and sustainment. The model for recruitment has changed, and the Board needs to keep moving forward accordingly.

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5 cont.	Chair Comments and Announcements (cont.) - Chair Parker expressed his desire to see the Committees evolve to better support the NAWCC. He recommends that committees implement an analysis of their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) to help them become more effective. - Board Members were encouraged to keep battling any “we vs them” mentality that may persist at local chapters. It is important to remind chapters what the Association can provide for them and to foster an “us” mentality through chapter participation and the development of relationships with other enthusiasts.
6	Acceptance of National Committee Reports: MOTION by Board Chair Parker: That the Board accept and approve 2025-2026 National Committee, Board Chair, and Secretary Reports as submitted. (These reports were posted to the Board Private Forum for review by the Directors prior to the meeting, and will be published in the Watch & Clock Bulletin.) SECOND by Director Young MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
7	Finance Committee Report: - April and May financial reports were reviewed at the Committee’s June 16 meeting. May’s report included unbudgeted Development contributions of \$100K thanks to an unrestricted bequest from Robert Morris. Financial operations continue to remain strong through the first couple months of the current fiscal year. - Committee Chair Burton recognized Controller Brianna Ardini’s excellent work. The field work for the audit of the FYE March 2026 financials has been completed without exception and is awaiting final review and signature. Audit reports should be available in July 2026. - Phase 1 of the HVAC project has been completed at a cost of \$0 to the Association thanks to grants awarded. Phase 2 has received a bid from HB McClure. Financing grants are being pursued. Project cost shortfalls will be addressed by the Board at an upcoming meeting - PNC investments have grown substantially due to additions, earnings, and the lack of need to take any operating draws for the past few years. Operating revenue for FYE March 2026 exceeded budgeted revenue by \$800K due in part to membership stability and increases as opposed to budgeted declines. Income from the Lancaster site continues to grow from the School of Horology, Museum and Store, as well as, rental of the venue.
8	Development Committee Report: - Committee Chair Paolini reported that fundraising for the Ansonia “Quincy” Street Clock has raised \$86K, which is about \$50K short of the expense incurred. There will be a 50/50 raffle to benefit the project at the National Convention Mart; Board Members were quick to participate in purchasing tickets. This is a continuation of the raffle events at the St Augustine, FL and Concord, NH Regional events. - In preparation for the 2026 Annual Fundraising Appeal, the Committee takes lessons from last year’s Appeal by planning to make direct contacts, provide a wish list of items needing support and to launch the drive earlier in the year. - For the Capital Campaign, Paolini encouraged the Board to network and provide prospective contacts to the Committee.

ITEM**SUBJECT****9****Ward Francillon 2026 Symposium Recap:**

- Committee Chair Cathy Gorton Acknowledged the Committee members and NAWCC Headquarters staff support.
- The 2026 Symposium “Horological Treasures of Britain” was considered a great success by all attendees as reflected in their overwhelmingly positive response to post-event surveys. The Symposium unexpectedly produced an excess of revenue of \$30K which will be added to the Committees restricted fund to be used for future educational purposes.
- Chair Gorton presented photographs of attendees, guides and lecturers from the trip that well reflected the success of the event.
- The 2026 Symposium featured a live broadcast of the May 8th lecture series. The trip also coincided with the Antiquarian Horological Society (AHS) Annual meeting. 48 guests attended the annual meeting and received 1-year AHS memberships. Students from the Pennsylvania School of Art & Design designed the logo for attendee apparel – the NAWCC gave 20+ art students a membership in gratitude from the Symposium restricted fund. Additional NAWCC memberships were given in appreciation to staff members at the Clockworks Museum and Cumbria Clock Co.
- For 2027, the Committee would like to create greater exposure for the James Arthur Lecture, by including the annual presentation at the National Convention. The Committee will work in conjunction with the National Convention Committee to Host the James Arthur Lecture at the Convention Banquet with the Symposium Committee to arrange for the speaker.
- Plans are underway for the 2027 Symposium, “Time for Anyone,” to be held at the NAWCC Museum, Historic Rockford, Walter Museum or B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore, MD. The event would be held in October the Tues, Wed, Thurs before the Mid-Eastern Regional in York, PA. Other future Symposia are in early stages of planning, and are awaiting coordinating information from locations of interest.

10**Museum Collections Committee Report:**

- Committee Chair Philip Morris spoke to the current makeup of the Museum collection which has evolved into a nearly 50/50 split between clocks and watches. He sees the Committee objective is to provide support to E.D. McEvoy and Collections Assistant Janell Soash by vetting collection donation inquiries. In the past 12 months, the Committee has accepted 1K items for accession or sale/auction to benefit Museum funds, including the Hugh and Ruth Overton collection.
- Chair Morris noted the difficulty in keeping up with donation requests. At present, there are targeted recipients for different item categories: watches, European clocks, other clocks. The Committee needs a better system to receive photos of proposed donations, a standardized donation request response and intake process.
- Jeff Zuspan and Ralph Pokluda were credited with cleaning out the storeroom to deaccession about 2500 clocks. The same needs to be done for watches that are not on display.
- The Committee has identified and is pursuing 3 potential donors – 12 Willard family apprentice clocks, a collection of 100 carriage clocks, and a collection of about 100 American clocks.
- The Committee has set a low priority goal of updating the Archival Collections Software. Ideally, the update would be done before the new website is rolled out.

ITEM**SUBJECT****11/12 Convention Committee Report:**

- The Committee recommended for future National Conventions hosted by local chapters, there be an introductory meeting with the Chapter and the Convention Committee Chairs to provide explanation of committee functions and related contact information.
- For the 2027 York, PA National Convention:
 - The Committee is in need of Chairs. Director Young encouraged Board Members to volunteer to help where they can.
 - For budgeting purposes, the Committee will again use GMS to file for a grant from “Discover York”. The filing is due the week ending July 3.
 - The Committee is looking for a Convention refresh for 2027. The Event will feature the rebranded logo and will be heavily advertised because of the new admission pricing policy. Adult Member pre-registrations will cost \$75; Youths 11-17 will cost \$25. Non-member (Public) admission will be available for the entire duration of the event and will cost \$110 which will include an incentive packet to join the organization. There will also be a Saturday Only Non-Member Admission option for \$75. Registration forms will be available at the 2026 Convention, as well as, online through the website.
 - Plan to include a tailgate event again this year, as it was a popular attraction in 2025. Would also like to provide a children’s activity area to encourage young horologists.
 - The new Registration Program will be introduced for the 2027 National and will be available thereafter for Regional events. The program should allow table holders to choose their table location.

13 Review of Regional Representatives: Directors volunteered as National Representatives for the following 2026 Regional Conventions

- Rocky Mountain 7/24-7/26 – Rhett Lucke
- Eastern States 8/14-8/15 – Micah Tasker
- All Texas 8/21-8/23 – Jeff Zuspan
- Mid-America 8/28-8/29 – Nancy Spieker
- Mid-South 9/4-9/5 – Paul Young
- MKOA – 9/19 – Rhett Lucke or Nancy Spieker
- North Coast 10/2-10/3 – Bob Burton
- Mid-Eastern 10/16-10/17 = El Garcia

14 Executive Director Updates and Strategic Discussion:

E.D Rory McEvoy presented his list of 2026/2027 projects as follows

- NAWCC - having completed most of the deferred maintenance projects, the Association will be focusing on:
 - replacing the outdated Registration Program (RP) for use at National and Regional Conventions
 - creating an automated member email chain in an effort to help retention
 - a 2027 reveal of the new website featuring a simpler interface and in-depth drill-down capabilities once on site.
 - Digitization of the archived Bulletins – Projected for Sept 2027, the Swiss Watch Library will generate searchable scanned Bulletins.
 - Continuing to expand social media presence – a new HQ team member will be working with Sean Moore to bring this function in house.

ITEM**SUBJECT****14 cont. Executive Director Updates and Strategic Discussion (cont.):**

- Museum Projects:
 - July 4, 2026 will see the Museum celebrate 250 yrs of American independence with a scavenger hunt
 - The “Quincy” street clock and adjacent Conservation Studio will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 25, 2026 hosted by Lancaster, PA Chapter 7.
 - A new Facilities Shop will serve as a workspace for Sonny to create the Museum settings.
 - In October 2026, the Electrical Time display of the Museum will be reorganized and have new items to better tell the story.
 - The Theatre is scheduled for an October 2026 overhaul that will include a much-needed sound system update.
 - A Time and Astronomy display is slated to open in Spring 2027, along with an updated hands-on Children’s Activity space.
- School of Horology:
 - The School continues to expand its selection of courses offered.
 - The new Makers Space is slated to be ready December of 2026
 - Projection is to expand the Schools instructional team in 2027.
- Library and Research Center:
 - The Hamilton Digitization project continues to progress. The open-source data base is looking forward to a Spring 2027 launch.
- HVAC Phase II project is slated for Spring of 2027. The project will include a boiler, chiller, pumps, basement air handler and VFPs. Plans are to obtain grant funding of \$250k from Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) and additional \$250k from Local Share Account (LSA). Progress payments will need to be paid in advance with grant reimbursements to follow. The balance of the cost of the project will come from Board designated funds. Project completion is expected before the June 2027 National Convention in York, PA.
- Preparations for the 2027 National Convention in York, PA have already started. Attendees of the 2026 Convention will be surveyed for feedback from which to draw. Early areas of planning include deciding on a theme and logistics. GMS will be working to, again, receive grant proceeds from “Discover York”. The 2027 Convention will be introducing the new Registration Program (RP) and will have extra emphasis on marketing and communications.

E.D. McEvoy ended his presentation with a “Word Cloud” brainstorming exercise for the Board to identify Organization Positives, Negatives, Priorities and the “Secret Sauce” for National Convention. He distributed copies of the 5-year Strategic Plans and updates for the School, Library and Museum which are available to all members on the website under the respective committee sections. He encouraged Board Members to read and share the Plan with members to keep them informed of the NAWCC’s direction and goals.

15 Next Board of Directors Meetings:

- Remote Teams Meeting Wednesday July 22, 2026 7:00pm ET
- In-Person Meeting – Tentative plan is to have the meeting in conjunction with the Jan 21-23 Southwest California Regional in La Mesa, CA. Possible Board activities suggested included a presentation the Board could attend, a visit to the West Coast Watch & Clock Museum and a possible Board Q&A session. There are some logistical issues to work through - details to be discussed with Regional Chair Mike Dayton. The issue will be revisited at the July 22, 2026 Teams meeting.

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16	Call for New Business: no new business
17	Adjournment: Chair Parker adjourned the Open Session of the Board of Directors' Meeting at 2:15 pm ET Subsequent Report of Executive Session Action: After review, The Board unanimously voted to terminate an individual's membership as recommended by the Ethics Committee.