



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS
Board of Directors Meeting
June 10, 2025 in person, St. Paul, Minnesota

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President KC Kendall at 8:35 am.

ATTENDANCE

Board members Linda Britt, Jay Brown, Sally Burnett, Ron Day, David Fellows, KC Kendall, Chuck Lobaito, Kimberly Winkle and Reid Zimmerman were present. AAW Executive Director Gretchen Wilbrandt was also present. Journal Editor Josh Friend was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reid Zimmerman moved to approve the May 15, 2025 minutes. Second by Kimberly Winkle. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Symposium registration is currently 1,029 and 815 for virtual. Emmett Kane from Irish Woodturners Guild will speak at the Gallery of Wood Art on Thursday night from 7:30-9 pm. A total of nine TV news segments will be aired. Sally Burnett did one of the segments and Alexa Manning did a great job setting up demonstrations for the TV segments. Alexa Manning has tendered her resignation and her last day is June 25. Quarter 3 will be an organizational reset after new personnel hires are made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

KC advised that committees should focus on one or two things to accomplish by the end of 2025. Committee chairs should list goals and vision and how success looks from the Chair's perspective. Gretchen would like this information from committee chairs within three weeks. (July 1).

Chairs of TWB, POP, WIT, Demonstrator, Grants and Youth reported on current planning and activities.

FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer Chuck Lobaito reported cash has increased due to symposium, investments are down, and accounts receivable are still higher than desired but work is underway to resolve the accounts. The accounting firm continues to add more data to financial reports to make it more useful to the Board. AAW continues to be in sound financial health. Chuck made a motion to post the most recent audited financial report on the AAW website, outside the firewall so it would be available to the public. Second made by Reid Zimmerman. Motion passed. Motion by Ron Day, with second by David Fellows, to approve the finance report. Motion passed.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:

Chuck Lobaito advised he is stepping down from the Endowment Committee. Craig Allen has been strongly recommended to be his replacement. Chuck Lobaito made a motion to elect Craig Allen to the Endowment Committee. A second was made by David Fellows. Chuck advised there is no requirement the Board Treasurer be on the committee. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Liaison to Ethics Committee, Reid Zimmerman, reported there has been no activity in that committee.

Nominating Chair, Linda Britt, advised the six candidates running for the Board will be attending the symposium.

Symposium Chair, Jay Brown, reported all is going well for the symposium, and he is not aware of any problems. A short meeting with Board, staff and national leads will be held on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm, followed by a regular debriefing on Friday, June 20. Any notes, observations, etc. should be sent to Melissa who will consolidate reports.

Strategic Planning:

KC advised the Strategic Planning Committee will continue to work on the plan to support the framework created at the Waco meeting. The Board will have an in person meeting in November in St. Paul to continue working on the plan. Components of the plan will be worked on at each board meeting prior to November. Discussion was held about Governance Performance Measures for Board of Directors and decisions were made on priorities for strategic planning purposes.

Motion made by Linda Britt, with second by Chuck Lobaito, to go into executive session at 4pm. Motion passed.

Motion to leave Executive Session made by Linda Britt, with second by Chuck Lobaito, at 4:15pm. Motion passed.

Jay Brown made a motion to adjourn, with second by Reid Zimmerman. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Britt

AAW Board Secretary