



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

Board of Directors Meeting

July 17, 2025 via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President KC Kendall at 4:02 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Board members Linda Britt, Jay Brown, Sally Burnett, Ron Day, KC Kendall, Chuck Lobaito, Kimberly Winkle and Reid Zimmerman were present. Also present: AAW Executive Director Gretchen Wilbrandt and Journal editor Josh Friend. Keith Baizer joined the meeting during the finance report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Day made a motion to approve June 10, 2025 minutes. Reid Zimmerman seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

KC advised that David Fellows had resigned from the Board effective July 7, 2025. Linda Britt, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, advised the committee was nominating Keith Baizer to replace David, effective immediately. A second was made by Kimberly Winkle. Motion to appoint Keith passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCE REPORT

AAW Treasurer Chuck Lobaito presented the financial report through May, 2025. Linda Britt made a motion to approve the financial report. A second was made by Ron Day and the motion to accept the finance report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Symposium Committee: Chair Jay Brown advised there were 1,061 registrations for the St. Paul live event and 845 registrations for the virtual event. There were 1,400 walk-ins for the instant gallery and trade show. Plans for the 2026 Raleigh symposium are underway.

AAW Compensation Committee: Chair Ron Day stated his committee had reviewed the compensation paid to individuals by the AAW for the symposium and other contracts and the committee recommended no changes at this time.

AAW Office Lease: Chair Reid Zimmerman advised he had completed his analysis of the future costs of maintaining office space in the Landmark Building. Gretchen will review his findings, and meet with the leasing agent, and make a determination about future needs for office space.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Gretchen Wilbrandt, AAW Executive Director, discussed her priorities for the rest of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

KC advised two proposals for new programs had been submitted by an AAW member to the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to not implement either proposal.

KC advised that Journal editor, Josh Friend, had submitted his resignation effective the end of 2025. KC appointed Ron Day to lead a committee to recruit a replacement for Josh.

Motion made by Chuck Lobaito, with second by Linda Britt, to go into executive session. Motion passed and session began at 6:00 pm.

Executive Session ended at 6:45 pm and regular meeting resumed.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

Board meetings have been moved to 2 pm Eastern time.

August 28

September 4 (re Board election results and appoint 3rd Board member)

September 18

October 16

November 13-16 (in person in St. Paul, MN)

December 18

Motion to adjourn made by Kimberly Winkle, with second by Ron Day. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Britt

AAW Board Secretary