



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
WOODTURNERS**

**Board of Directors
Meeting January 22,
2026 via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President KC Kendall at 2:01 pm EST.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Keith Baizer, Linda Britt, Jay Brown, Sally Burnett, Ron Day, KC Kendall, Chuck Lobaito, Kimberly Winkle and Reid Zimmerman. AAW Executive Director Gretchen Wilbrandt and Marketing and Communications Director Glenn Hansen were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion made by Chuck Lobaito, with a second by Sally Burnett, to approve the December 18, 2025 minutes. The motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT

Chuck Lobaito reported on the current financial situation of the AAW. Cash increased in December due to new and renewed memberships and initial symposium registrations. Revenue is down, but symposium registration started later than in the St. Paul symposium and should catch up. For the year 2025 there was an operating loss of \$203,837, which was offset by an investment gain of \$206,716. Donations did not meet expectations in 2025 and a new fundraising campaign is being planned for 2026. The Finance Committee made a motion to approve the report, with a second by Jay Brown. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Key Documents Committee: Linda Britt reported the committee had an initial meeting and completed their plan to review the by-laws and other governing documents of the AAW. Periodic meetings are scheduled, with a completion date no later than the June Board meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee: Ron Day reported that the committee had created a plan to research and report on the goals set out for this committee. Their report will be made to the Board no later than the June Board meeting.

Symposium Committee - Jay Brown reported planning for the symposium in Raleigh is going smoothly. Technology is being tested that will improve virtual programming.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Gretchen advised the AAW had hired a web developer who would begin work on February 2, 2026. There was a staff meeting held on January 13 to set priorities for 2026. On February 25 a “meet the staff” webinar is planned for the membership. Another webinar is planned for April about Turners Without Borders. Chapter insurance invoices will be sent out soon, and negotiations are continuing for the 2027 symposium. Registration for the 2026 symposium in Raleigh is open. A new registration platform is being used that automates much of the process. Glenn presented the AAW’s marketing plan for the next six months.

2026 Board Meeting Dates and Member Meeting date set as follows:

February 19	September 3 (special meeting regarding election)
March 26	September 29
April 21	October 27
May 21	November 24
June 2-3 (in person)	December 1 (member meeting)
no meeting in August	December 29

KC Kendall advised he had spoken with the current Board of Advisors and all but one agreed they were willing to serve on the Board of Advisors in 2026. Ron Day made a motion to accept the recommended members of the Board of Advisors, with a second by Sally Burnett. The motion passed.

ENDOWMENT BOARD

Jay Brown made a motion to appoint Kean Werner to serve as a member of the Endowment Board for another three-year term. A second was made by Chuck Lobaito. The motion passed.

Jay Brown made a motion to accept the report as presented by the Endowment Committee, and to ask that Gretchen request the transfer of money to the AAW operating fund. A second was made by Reid Zimmerman. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Chuck Lobaito, with a second by Ron Day, to go into executive session at 3:50 pm to discuss personnel issues. The motion passed. Glenn Hansen was excused from the Board meeting at this time.

The Executive Session ended at 4:25 pm.

A motion was made to adjourn by Jay Brown, with a second by Chuck Lobaito. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Britt
AAW Board Secretary