



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

Board of Directors
Meeting March 26, 2026
via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President KC Kendall at 2:03 pm EDT.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Keith Baizer, Linda Britt, Jay Brown, Ron Day, KC Kendall, Chuck Lobaito, Kimberly Winkle and Reid Zimmerman. Sally Burnett had an excused absence. AAW Executive Director Gretchen Wilbrandt was also present. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ron Day, with a second by Jay Brown, to approve the February 19, 2026 minutes. The motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer Chuck Lobaito advised that the first two months of 2026 showed a stronger overall financial position with early symposium registrations and solid membership renewals. Symposium and chapter insurance deferred revenue is ahead of 2025. Chuck advised the audit has begun and should be concluded in May before the May finance committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Key Documents Committee: Linda Britt reported the committee was continuing to meet regularly and proposed revisions are moving into the final approval stage. Board members will be asked to review the articles in stages, give feedback and the committee will create a final draft of the revisions in time for the May meeting, with a proposed final vote by the Board at the June meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee: Ron Day advised his team has been meeting and working with Gretchen to understand what the staff is focused on so there is no duplication of efforts. They are working on chapter relations and membership at this time.

Nominating Committee: Linda Britt reported she had one definite candidate at the moment. Two candidates had initially advised they would like to run, but have changed their mind due to various reasons. She encouraged Board members to send her the names of possible candidates so the Nominating Committee can contact them.

Symposium Committee: Jay Brown reported planning for the symposium in Raleigh is still going smoothly. Registration for the virtual symposium will open on April 1, along with the announcement of the 2027 symposium location. The number of vendors has exceeded expectations.

Bylaws Committee: Chair Linda Britt advised her committee was recommending the Board amend two bylaws.

The Bylaws Committee made a motion to replace bylaw 5.04 in its entirety. A second was made by Ron Day. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. (Bylaw 5.04 is attached to these minutes.)

The Bylaws Committee made a motion to amend Bylaw 5.17 A.1 stating that a candidate for the Board had to be an AAW member for three years to a minimum of one year. A second was made by Jay Brown. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. (Bylaw 5.17 A.1 is attached to these minutes.)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Gretchen Wilbrandt advised that the Marketing and Communications Director was no longer with the AAW and recruitment will begin soon to fill this position. Chapter insurance renewals will cover most of our general liability insurance costs for 2026. The Compass Pro Bono project is underway to provide decision support for the Gallery of Wood Art, and a mid-project report will be presented at the April Board meeting. Staff priorities have been set for membership and fundraising. Staff is working on methods for autopay and auto renewals for membership dues and other processes currently being done manually are being converted to be handled automatically. Ideas were presented for Woodturning FUNmentals, and Tips & Tricks Volume II is planned for release later this year. Information is still being gathered on the future of iMIS. Virtual symposium registration begins April 1 and the merchandise sale site will be open on March 31.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kimberly Winkle, with a second by Reid Zimmerman. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Britt

AAW Board Secretary

Attachment:

Bylaw 5.04 and Bylaw 5.17 1. A

Attachment to March 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Amendments Adopted March 26, 2026

Section 5.04 Director's Terms

- A. **Term Length and Limits:** A Director's term on the Board shall be three (3) years. Directors are eligible to serve up to three (3) consecutive three-year terms, provided that this change applies to all current directors regardless of terms already served.
- B. **Sabbatical Requirement:** No person shall be eligible to be nominated for a consecutive term after having served three (3) consecutive three-year terms without first taking a hiatus.
- C. **Re-eligibility:** A former Board member must wait a minimum of one (1) full year after their last term ends before they are eligible to be nominated to the Board again. Upon reelection, they shall be treated as a new Board member for term limit purposes and can begin a new cycle of terms.
- D. **Exception to Sabbatical:** The Board, by a majority affirmative vote, may allow an exception to the one-year sabbatical rule if a member is in a critical leadership role during their last year.
- E. **Staggered Terms:** To ensure that not all Board members leave at the same time, these three-year terms will be staggered so that only one-third of the Board Directors is up for election each year.
- F. **Holdover Term:** Each Director shall hold office until a successor is duly elected and to avoid a vacant board position if elections are delayed.

Section 5.17 Election of Directors

A. Qualification of Candidates:

- 1. **Member:** Must be a member in good standing for a minimum of one (1) year.