



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

Board of Directors Meeting May 21, 2026 via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ron Day, with second by Kimberly Winkle, to approve the April 21, 2026 minutes. The motion carried.

FINANCE: Treasurer Chuck Lobaito presented the finance report. The yearly audit has been completed and results will be presented to the Board when the report is received. The new financial software being used with QuickBooks has made it possible to stop using an accounting firm, which is a big savings to the AAW. The AAW continues to be in good financial condition.

Motion made by Finance Committee to approve the finance report, with a second by Reid Zimmerman. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Key Document Team. Linda Britt advised the revisions to the bylaws are complete and the Board will vote on them at the June meeting. Board members were asked to finish their review prior to the meeting. Some of the amendments will need to be voted on by the members and a plan is being formulated for the best process to handle that. A new Member Handbook will be written, and revisions to the Board Handbook will begin after the June meeting. The committee will also begin reviewing, and revising if necessary, all policy documents for the AAW.

Strategic Planning Team. Ron Day advised his team would make their presentation at the June meeting.

Nominating Committee. Chair, Ron Day, advised there will be four candidates for the upcoming election. All interviews have been completed. The committee made a motion for the Board to accept the slate of candidates, with a second by Jay Brown. Motion carried.

Demonstrator Committee. Ron Day reported that two demonstrators who were approved for 2027 are unable to come to the symposium. The names of two replacements, Hans Weissflog and Natalie Groeneweg, were proposed. The motion was made by the committee to accept the two new invitees, with a second by Kimberly Winkle. Motion carried.

Melissa McGrath, Event Manager, joined the meeting at 2:50 to report on the Raleigh Symposium. We need a presenter for the Honorary Lifetime Award for Nick Agar. A video has been created explaining why he has been selected. A suggestion was made that Neil Turner introduce the speaker and Jason Breach accept the award on Nick's behalf on Thursday night. Memory Lane will be playing memorials on a rotating cycle throughout the symposium. There will be merchandise onsite for purchase, and signs to let people know about the online merchandise site. Tickets are still available for the Saturday night program. There will be several Special Interest Night programs, along with two live auctions. The silent auction will end on Sunday morning in the Instant Gallery. Melissa left the meeting at the end of her report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Gretchen Wilbrandt, Executive Director, advised the filling of the two vacancies are on hold until after the symposium. She is handling communications and the audit was just completed. Tips and Tricks, Vol. II, will be ready for publication by the end of the year. A webinar with Turners Without Borders is being planned for August. Changes are being made to Woodturning FUNDamentals so it will become a dedicated newsletter for members to sign up for. A RFQ for the printing of the Journal will go out soon as the current contract will be expiring next year. Compass Pro Bono will present their final report at the June meeting concerning the Gallery of Wood Art. A fundraising campaign will be ongoing during the symposium.

Dan Giulvezan, AAW Web Developer, joined the meeting at 4:15pm to provide information about iMIS and a potential replacement that would save the AAW money. Dan and Gretchen presented a PowerPoint presentation comparing the current capabilities of iMIS and the proposed system. After answering questions and a discussion, Dan and Gretchen will do further research to answer all questions raised, and a decision will be made after those questions are answered.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Lobaito, with a second by Reid Zimmerman. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Britt

AAW Board Secretary