AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

Board of Directors Meeting
September 29, 2026 via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Board President KC Kendall at 2:08 pm.

ATTENDANCE
Board members present: Keith Baizer, Linda Britt, Jay Brown, Ron Day, KC Kendall, Chuck Lobaito, Kimberly Winkle and Reid Zimmerman. Sally Burnett was absent. A quorum was present. Executive Director Gretchen Wilbrandt was present. Also at the meeting were incoming 2027 Board members - Ed Siegel and Rick Rich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion was made by Chuck Lobaito to approve the September 3, 2026 Board Minutes. The motion carried.

TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Chuck Lobaito, Treasurer, presented the financial report through August 31, 2026. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Chuck Lobaito, Chair, moved that the Board accept this financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DUES INCREASE

Ron Day moved that the Board adjust the AAW membership dues pursuant to AAW Bylaws Section 3.01(B), effective January 1, 2027, as follows:

- Individual Membership (North America): increase from $74 to $85
- International Membership with Journal: increase from $74 to $95
- Digital Only Membership (all members): increase from $60 to $70
- Student Membership: increase from $37 to $50
- Family Membership (added to a primary membership): remain at $5 for each family member added who are in the same household
- Business Membership: increase from $100 to $110
- Free Membership: reduce from three months to one month

Following discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
Gretchen reported she will be interviewing soon for the new communications position. The transition to Novi is proceeding on time and the new website will be live on October 1, 2026. The October issue of the *American Woodturner* is online.

BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE
Officer Nomination and Election Procedure
On behalf of the Bylaws and Policy Committee, Linda Britt, Chair, moved that the Board adopt the Officer Nomination and Election Procedure, (version dated September 29, 2026), as presented, pursuant to Bylaws

Sections 6.01 (Number and Eligibility of Officers) and 6.02 (Election and Term of Office), effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously. The adopted procedure is retained in the Board policy records maintained by the Secretary.

Director-Elect Non-Disclosure Agreement

On behalf of the Bylaws and Policy Committee, Linda Britt, Chair, moved that the Board adopt the Director-Elect Non-Disclosure Agreement, (version dated September 29, 2026, as presented, for all newly elected and appointed Directors; require each Director-Elect to sign the agreement before receiving confidential Board materials or attending an executive session before their term begins; authorize the Secretary, or the President if the Secretary is unavailable, to sign the agreement on behalf of the AAW under Bylaws Section 9.01; and direct the Secretary to retain signed agreements with the corporate records under Bylaws Section 6.06. Motion carried unanimously. The adopted procedure is retained in the Board policy records maintained by the Secretary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2027

Appointment to Conduct the Officer Election

Because all current officers are candidates for re-election, the Officer Nomination and Election Procedure requires that a director who is not a candidate for any office be appointed to conduct the nomination and election of officers.

Keith Baizer moved that Reid Zimmerman be appointed to conduct the nomination and election of Board officers for 2027, pursuant to the Officer Nomination and Election Procedure adopted above. Motion carried unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Officers

President KC Kendall turned the chair over to Reid Zimmerman to conduct the nomination and election of officers. Reid reported that each current officer had agreed to serve another term and presented the following slate: President, KC Kendall; Vice President, Ron Day; Secretary, Linda Britt; and Treasurer, Chuck Lobaito. He reported that he had polled all Board members before the meeting and received no additional nominations, and he called for nominations from the floor. There being none, Reid moved that the slate be elected as presented, for terms beginning January 1, 2027, pursuant to Bylaws Section 6.02. Motion carried unanimously. Reid then returned the chair to President Kendall.

Symposium Committee: Keith Baizer, Chair of the committee, advised the committee is not yet ready to make a concrete proposal about a potential location or whether to have a 2028 symposium.

New Business:

KC Kendall advised he had talked with Tim Tucker, longtime friend of David Ellsworth, who has put forward the concept to take 40 pieces of unfinished artwork from David's shop and do something similar to what was done with the Luce collaboration. It would be necessary to find turners to finish each piece, put together a catalog of the finished pieces, and manage an auction of the items. KC told him we would not be able to handle this project until the second quarter of 2027, and Tim had to be willing to do what Dale Larson did last time with the Luce items.

Executive Session:
Motion made to go into Executive Session concerning an ethics complaint. Motion carried. The Board left the Executive Session and returned to the regular meeting.

Reid Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 pm. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned. The next Board meeting is scheduled for the entire day on October 29, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Britt
AAW Board Secretary