



IMPROVEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION & NETWORKING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2025

PRESENT: President Mike Movius; Vice President John Bamberl; Vice President Carol VanOrnum; Secretary/Treasurer Bill Miller; Directors Andrew Mizsak; Steven Rauschkolb; Curt Fields; Melissa Winn; and David Hamon

EXCUSED: Directors Jared Peatman and Craig Apperson

I. **WELCOME:** President Mike Movius called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 PM EDT.

II. CORPORATE BUSINESS

- a. Meeting Minutes: Previous Minutes: Approved unanimously.
- b. Treasurer's Report: Approved unanimously.
- c. Committee Reports:
 - Ambassador Program: Curt noted that the Ohio RTs that he has recently visited are well aware of the CWRT Congress and its outreach efforts to assist local RTs. He also noted that the leader of the Marietta CWRT stated that he had registered for the Cleveland Workshop. He closed by stating that he always makes the pitch to promote the CWRT Congress.
 - America250: David noted that he has been forwarding notices of AM250 events and programs for posting in our weekly *News & Events* notice. He suggested an idea to post some type of link so that we can receive feedback from viewers with respect to their comments regarding the America250 events. He also noted that there will be a big celebration to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army on June 14th.
 - Awards & Sustainability Challenge: John reported that he has not received any other Award applications since the last BOD Meeting. He made reference to the Award selections and proposed presentation dates noted below.
 - Communications: Carol commented that preparations are underway for the August publication of *The Light Post*. She and David are collaborating on an article about America250. Carol also noted that she needs volunteers to post articles for our August and September ECW spots, and she is reaching out for suggestions for our monthly Round Table Leader Interviews.
 - Marketing: Steve stated that the printing of the Workshop programs is underway, and he has received the Challenge Coins. He also noted that he's doing some marketing research for fundraising ideas to discuss with Mike. In response to John's

question, Steve will check on the status of the Scottsdale sponsorship advertisement and try to incorporate it into the Workshop programs. Both Carol and Mike requested the Scottsdale Sponsorship advertisement for *The Light Post* and for Mike's weekly *News & Events* posting. Steve will bring two flip charts to the Richmond Workshop.

- Outreach: Andrew reported that he is promoting registrations for the Cleveland Workshop at a recent Civil War event, and he will be continuing that effort with forthcoming CW events. He stated that he plans to work with Wendy on grant opportunities after the Cleveland Workshop is behind us.

III. 2025 AWARDS

- a. Phoenix Award – John will make the Sun Cities & Surprise CWRT presentation at some date to be scheduled in September.
- b. Innovation Award – Carol will make the Knoxville CWRT presentation on September 9.
- c. Mike advised that the Awards have been ordered, proofs 7/8 = \$243.62.

IV. WORKSHOPS

- d. Registration Status: Mike reported the most recent registration information:
 - Richmond – 19 [6 CWRTC] – as of 6/9
 - Cleveland – 18 [2 CWRTC] – as of 6/9
- e. Program Development
 - Matt Callery video: Mike played approximately 8 minutes of the podcast that Jared had made with Matt. This recording will be presented in its entirety at the Workshops.
 - Interview Final: Mike provided the final draft of the interview format with the Meeting Agenda.
 - CWRTC Program Promotions: The time slot for the promotion of the CWRTC Programs is noted in the Summer Workshop Agenda provided as an attachment with the BOD Meeting Agenda.
- f. Program Booklet: Steve provided his report on the status of the Workshop programs earlier in the meeting with his Marketing update.
- g. Richmond Assignments: Stated as a reminder
 - Program booklets, challenge coins Steve
 - Handout notebooks, Nametag lanyards Bill
 - POS system Carol
 - Paid roster, Stipend checks, Panera & Portabellas, Nametags Mike
 - Water, juice, etc.....Melissa

V. INITIATIVES – *Relentless Mission Focus*

- CWRTC Grant Opportunity: Mike/Jared
 - i. America250
 - ii. Marketing: (Honoraria, Preservation, Commemoration)
 - iii. Partnerships (Community, Other RTs)
- Piggybacking Possibility at CWI: Jared to follow up
- Marketing Possibilities: Steve noted earlier with his Marketing Report
 - i. Shopify video <https://youtu.be/tqqg1Bv5lkg>
 - ii. OneUp <https://smallbusiness.oneup.com>

VI. 2026 CONFERENCE

- h. Feelers sent to Responses: A lengthy discussion ensued, but did not focus upon the locations noted below. The conversation evolved to a discussion about choosing Frederick MD.

VII. CLOSE

David: Happy to be here.

Carol: I'll be bringing my Point of Sale device for credit cards, and luggage tags, and pins to the Richmond Workshop. Also, Cheryl McAuley has advised that she found errors in the Sustainability Challenge document, and she also noted that our list of five star speakers should be edited to remove the names of those who have passed away.

John: Likes the idea of holding the Conference in Frederick.

Bill: I'm speechless.

Curt: We finished the edits on the book that Chris Mackowski and I have written. The title will be "Ulysses S. Grant – Unconditional Surrender." Copies will be available at the ECW Conference in early August.

Melissa: Likes the suggestion for the Conference in Frederick.

Andrew: Been a year since I went to the hospital. Thanks for the support. Will be working to recruit more Workshop attendees.

Mike: On to Richmond!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Mike Movius at approximately 7:40 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
William Miller
Secretary/Treasurer