



IMPROVEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION & NETWORKING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2025

PRESENT: President Mike Movius; Vice President John Bamberl; Vice President Carol VanOrnum; Secretary/Treasurer Bill Miller; Directors Andrew Mizzsak; Steven Rauschkolb; Jared Peatman; David Hamon; Craig Apperson; Melissa Winn, and Curt Fields

- **WELCOME:** President Mike Movius called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 PM EDT.

- **CORPORATE BUSINESS**
 - a. Meeting Minutes: Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved as corrected.
 - b. Treasurer's Report: Approved unanimously.
 - c. Committee Reports:
 - America250 Initiative: David advised of receiving AM250 event scheduling information from the Blue & Grey Educational Society, and continues his search for upcoming AM250 events from other sources. Mike reminded him to provide his weekly updates by Tuesday.
 - Awards: John summarized the Awards as follows:
 - *Marketing Award* – Old Baldy CWRT Application was approved unanimously. Mike requested Matt Borowick to advise his availability to present the Award.
 - *Phoenix Award* – Sun Cities/Surprise CWRT – John is scheduled to make the Award presentation on October 7, 2025.
 - *Innovation Award* – Knoxville CWRT – Carol is scheduled to make the Award presentation on September 9, 2025.
 - Communications: Carol provided the following:
 - She will be recording another interview this week.
 - Jared offered to develop an article for the October 8 *ECW Blog*.
 - Carol reminded David that she is awaiting his *Light Post* articles.
 - Mike confirmed that he will review the forthcoming *Light Post* article highlighting the Workshops.
 - Carol also shared comments received from Tim Vane of the Knoxville CWRT regarding the announcement of their award. Steve and Carol will develop a marketing proposal.
 - Marketing: Steve advised that he and Mike are working on a new marketing approach to enhance our messaging to a wider audience of RT members and the

public. Mike advised that he has received a proposal from Bill for a series of pay-per-view events for Giving Tuesday. It might entail Curt and series of discussions with Generals Pemberton, Beauregard and Lee. Curt spoke favorably. Steve, Curt, and Mike will develop the logistics, etc.

- Outreach: Andrew noted several private foundations that provide grants to regional and/or local non-profit organizations that are engaged in community oriented services. He also noted that Federal grant sources are still no longer an available option.
- d. Richmond Feedback: Mike provided the Post Workshop Survey results of Richmond attendees. The general consensus was that the event was very successful.
- e. Proposed Gift Acceptance Policy: The Proposed Gift Acceptance Policy was accepted by a unanimous vote.

- **CLEVELAND WORKSHOP**

- a. Registration Status: Mike advised that there were currently 30 attendees registered.
- b. Cleveland Logistics:
 - Conference Room Setup: The CWRTC Team will undertake the setup upon arrival at 9 AM.
 - Registration Desk: Bill & Melissa will handle that along with the sale of Challenge Coins & CWRTC Pins.
 - Garfield Memorial Tour: Andrew will forward the tour parameters to Mike this week.
 - Breakfast: Andrew advises that coffee (donated?), a muffin tray and fruit platter will be provided.
 - Lunch: Andrew advises that sandwich selections, salad, cookies, iced tea & lemonade will be provided.
 - No-host Dinner: Andrew advises that a reservation for the Workshop attendees has been established at the Little Italy Restaurant.
- c. Program Role: Mike will conduct the opening and welcome the attendees, Melissa will interview Chris Mackowski, David will conduct the Ice Breaker, and Mike will show our program videos and conduct the wrap up.

- **INITIATIVES – *Relentless Mission Focus***

- a. CWRTC Grant Development Team: Andrew, David and Craig accepted Mike's request for volunteers to serve with him as members of the Development Team. A discussion of the bullet points noted below was deferred.
 - Order of Grant Announcement
 - Due Date by Grant Topic
 - Recipient Report Requirements
 - Selection Criteria
 - Announcement Date
 - Grant Acceptance Date

- **2026 CONFERENCE**

- a. Potential Locations: There was no discussion other than the referenced comment regarding Mike's telephone call noted on July 8.
 - Antietam – Happy to assist, three possible venues, interested
 - Bull Run CWRT – On the next board agenda?
 - Fredericksburg CWRT – No Co-host
 - Petersburg – Will call on 7/8

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Mike Movius at approximately 7:36 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
William Miller
Secretary/Treasurer