



IMPROVEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION & NETWORKING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2025

PRESENT: President Mike Movius, Vice President Carol VanOrnum, Secretary/Treasurer Bill Miller, Directors Steven Rauschkolb, Craig Apperson, Melissa Winn, and Curt Fields

EXCUSED: John Bamberl, David Hamon, Jared Peatman, Andrew Mizak

WELCOME: President Mike Movius called the Meeting to order at 6:04 PM EDT.

I. CORPORATE BUSINESS

- a. Meeting Minutes: September 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Approved.
- b. Treasurer's Report: Approved.
- c. WeTransfer Subscription: Mike advised that he has opened up a WeTransfer subscription and is utilizing the service to forward video files to C-SPAN. He also advised that members should acquire a free subscription to send large files.
- d. 2026 FUNDRAISING GUIDE: Mike noted that the Guide was not relevant to our organizational format.
- e. Committee Reports:
 - Ambassador Program: Curt is handing out CWRT Congress brochures and promoting the CWRT Congress at the conclusion of his speaking engagements. Steve will be updating the format and will forward 200 new brochures per Curt's request.
 - Marketing Award: Mike noted the Award presentation to Old Baldy by Matt Borowick on 11/13.
 - Communications: Carol advised that the November *Light Post*, including Part 1 of an interview with Curt, is completed and ready to publish. She also noted that Andrew's ECW blog is ready for our November publication date.
 - Marketing: Steve has created two new sponsorship ads. Also, Steve is creating images to promote our Annual Conference, and shared one proposed set during the meeting.
 - Outreach: No report.
- e. Board Member Changes: Mike announced that Craig will be leaving the BOD at the end of November. Mike further announced that he is recommending Cheryl McAuley to join the BOD. At Mike's request, a vote unanimously approved Cheryl as a Director beginning January 1, 2026.

II. INITIATIVES – *Relentless Mission Focus*

- a. CWRTC Grant Status: Mike reported that he has received one application to date.
Mike noted that inquiries have been received from TVCWRT, LCWRT & MOVWCWRT.
- b. Giving Tuesday: Mike reported that we have reached 88.8% of our goal as of this date.
- c. New Inquiries: Mike noted the following inquiries from:
 - Kate Micheals of C-SPAN for video programs: (Nofi, McAuley, Chatelain, Moody).
 - Kathy Bower of Women's Relief Corps: Interested in a CWRT startup in southern IL, and the Louisville CWRT is interested in mentoring her effort.
 - Rachel Stanley of Virginia Center for Civil War Studies (Virginia Tech) is placing CWRTC ads in their publication for us doing the same in our email blasts.
- d. Grant Film Marathon:
 - Status of Andy Waskie as General Meade: No response has been received from our inquiries so we'll shelve that suggested program.
 - December 2nd will be the date of the marathon.
 - Masters of Ceremony Intros by Board members: Carol, Melissa, & Bill: Discussed the break between programs (15 minutes): Curt will handle limited Q&A at the end of each performance.

III. **ECW PRE-SESSION – AUGUST 7, 2026 “Five CWRT Tales”**

- a. Good & Bad CWRT Experiences: Mike further explained how the experiences of board members will be used at the ECW pre-function. Board members will re-do them.

IV. **2026 CONFERENCE – AUGUST 28-30, 2026**

- a. Online Conference: Mike
 - Website
 - Eventbrite: Conference Registration costs: Early Bird @ \$225; General @ \$250; Conference Only @ \$150; Dinner/Reception @ \$100. Mike will consider making the conference only \$125 and the dinner/reception \$125.
- b. Marketing:
 - Carnegie Symposium (April 17-18, 2026): CWRT Congress will provide sponsorship to promote 2026 Conference. Steve and Mike will work together on the marketing materials.
- c. Expenses
 - Catering - See Giuseppe's Report: Cost has not yet been established. Carol will work with Bill to establish menu selections for pricing.
 - It was decided to use the same nametag/lanyard format in 2026 as we did in 2025.
 - CWRTC Items (Folders, Coins, Pins, etc.): 2025 Workshop surplus: Notebooks w/pen @ 46 each; Challenge Coins (Sustainability Challenge) @ 106 coins

- V. **CLOSE**: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Mike Movius at 7:18 PM EDT.