



IMPROVEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION & NETWORKING

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2025

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JARED!!**

**PRESENT:** President Mike Movius, Vice President Carol VanOrnum, Secretary/Treasurer Bill Miller, Directors Steven Rauschkolb, Andrew Miszak, Craig Apperson, David Hamon, and Melissa Winn

**EXCUSED:** John Bamberl, Curt Fields, & Jared Peatman

**I. WELCOME:** President Mike Movius called the Meeting to order at 6:03 PM EST.

### I. CORPORATE BUSINESS

- a. Meeting Minutes: October 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Approved as Corrected.
- b. Treasurer's Report: Approved.
- c. Committee Reports:
  1. Ambassador Program: Steve noted that he will be forwarding 200 updated CWRT Congress marketing brochures to Curt for his distribution and outreach efforts.
  2. Communications: Carol reported that "*The Light Post*" was issued on November 1. She noted that Andrew's ECW article will be published on December 7, and Melissa's ECW article is scheduled for our January date. Carol asked Mike to remind Matt Borowick to draft an article of his award presentation to the Old Baldy CWRT. She also reminded Steve of Tim Vane's (Knoxville CWRT) suggestion to publicize the three awards that have been made this year. Carol and Steve will collaborate on the development of the award achievements.
  3. Marketing: Steve reported that he had completed the updated revisions to our trifold marketing brochures and our rack cards, and they are ready to be printed.
  4. Outreach: Andrew advised that he is seeking to assemble a list of county fairs in his general region to juxtapose with Round Tables in those same areas to establish local Civil War history presentations and/or displays during 2026. Andrew also noted States such as Pennsylvania and Virginia with numerous Round Tables and strong statewide America250 Commissions might also collaborate with local Civil War presentations and/or displays focused upon local public history.

### II. INITIATIVES – *Relentless Mission Focus*

- a. CWRTC Grant Status: Craig and Mike reviewed the submissions and selected the winners. The Grant Awards will be sent to the winners along with a letter this week. Carol requested copies of the winning submissions in order to develop an article for the forthcoming "*Light Post*."

- Winners:  
*The Fundraising Initiative:* Inland Empire CWRT & Tennessee Valley CWRT.  
*The History Research Initiative:* Knoxville CWRT & Mid-Ohio Valley CWRT.  
*Marketing Initiative:* Louisville CWRT & Quincy Gilmore CWRT.
- b. Giving Tuesday: Mike advised that we have received \$5368 as of November 17. He has ordered 100 postcards with a thank you message to send to all contributors.
- Generals Only Marathon: Scheduled for December 2nd at 4pm Pacific/7pm Eastern.
  - Masters of Ceremony: Carol will introduce the *Grant/Beauregard* program, and will read the audience questions at the conclusion of that program. After the break, Melissa will introduce the *Grant/Pemberton* program and follow the same format. Bill will introduce the *Grant/Lee* finale.
  - Rehearsal: Mike encouraged the MCs to practice, practice, practice...
- c. Carnegie/Carnegie Sponsorship: Mike announced that the Congress will support this Conference with a sponsorship. The date is April 17-18, 2026, and Congress Board members are encouraged to attend.

### III. **ECW PRE-SESSION – AUGUST 7, 2026 “CWRT Experience in Five-Part Harmony”**

- a. Good & Bad CWRT Experiences: Mike reminded the Board members to describe their experiences in a brief format. The intent is to generate an interactive conversation with our audience.

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

- a. Expenses:
- Catering: Bill is working with Giuseppe's Restaurant to finalize the menu and costs.
  - Conference Articles (Badge Holders & Lanyards: 45 in stock from Workshops, and 46 Notebooks with pens in stock from Workshops) Additional articles are yet to be determined.
  - CWRTC Items (Folders, Challenge Coins: 106 in stock from Workshops, Lapel Pins: 16 in stock from Workshops, etc.)
  - Raffle & Silent Auction – Unknown
  - Inviting Authors to display and sell their works

### V. **CLOSE:**

- Craig addressed the Board to announce his retirement and thank everyone for their support and friendship.
- Mike announced that John is also leaving the Board. His support and tenure will be recognized by the title of “*President Emeritus.*”

Mike asked for final comments from every member of the board. When that was completed, the meeting was adjourned by President Mike Movius at 8:03 PM EST.