



IMPROVEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION & NETWORKING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MELISSA!!

PRESENT: President Mike Movius, Vice President Carol VanOrnum, Secretary/Treasurer Bill Miller, Directors Curt Fields, Steven Rauschkolb, Andrew Miszak, David Hamon, Jared Peatman, Melissa Winn, and Sheryl McAuley

- I. **I. WELCOME:** President Mike Movius called the Meeting to order at approximately 3:04 pm Pacific.

II. CORPORATE BUSINESS

- a. Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Approved.
- b. Treasurer's Report: Approved.
- c. Committee Reports:
 - i. Ambassador: Curt reported attending a recent event of reenactors in Vicksburg and sharing the news of the Congress with participants. He will be meeting Mike in February for a meeting at the Scottsdale AZ CWRT.
 - ii. Communications/Grants: Carol reported that the San Diego RT had to postpone an article for the forthcoming issue of *The Light Post*, but David has volunteered to draft an article related to the opportunities for Round Tables to establish programs to connect with local historic preservation initiatives. That substitution will complete *The Light Post* for the February publication. Carol will also be following up with 2025 Grant awardees to confirm the status of accomplishing the goals that were the basis of their awards. Carol concluded to note that she has received various reports from Mike which will be incorporated into the forthcoming *Annual Impact Report*.
 - iii. Marketing/Sponsors: Steve has established a status report/file of Sponsors in order to follow up with timely Sponsorship renewals and other relevant information. He has included Ross Heller's name to the report primarily due to the size of his donation, even though he is not a Sponsor. Then Steven displayed one of the new shirts that was ordered for the Conference, and he also shared an image of table cover that he has designed and will procure to serve as a registration/information table cover for our various forthcoming events. Carol asked whether the trademark symbol for our logo should be incorporated on the cover. Steve will follow up to add that symbol to the design.
 - iv. Outreach: Andrew is establishing a list of dates for upcoming state and county fairs as well as local festivals to serve as potential venues for local Round Table outreach. He noted that participation will also serve to inform the public about the role of the Civil War in the

America250 celebratory programs. His development of the list of numerous fairs and festivals should enhance the opportunities for Round Tables to participate with information booths or tables as well as potential presentations.

- v. Sustainability Challenge: David is reviewing the existing Sustainability Challenge format with the intent to make revisions. He is targeting the development of a draft in two weeks.

III. INITIATIVES – *Relentless Mission Focus*

- a. Annual Fund (March - May): Mike reiterated the March through May 2026 rollout date, and noted that we received approximately 5K from the 2025 Annual Fund initiative.
- b. Updated Website – 2026: Mike asked whether we had reviewed the new website. Review responses from attendees were positive. Jared asked whether the database for local Round Tables could be improved to consolidate contact information. Mike commented that a good program developer would need to be engaged to implement that effort, and Jared responded that he would follow up with that issue.
- c. Business Cards: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1143029201242188>: Mike introduced the Board to the advertisement for the new digital business card that can be utilized to provide a link to download personal/business information into a client’s database through their cell phone. At the conclusion of the advertisement, he asked for our personal evaluations as to utilization for our outreach. Questions of cost, versus printed business cards, are a consideration as well as interoperability with respect to phone/computer systems.

IV. CARNEGIE/CARNEGIE - April 17-18th

- a. Attendance: Andrew, Melissa, & Mike are confirmed to attend.
- b. CWRTC display: Steve will either ship the display mount, rack cards, brochures and buttons or bring those items with him if he decides to attend.
- c. Send conference rack cards, brochures & buttons to:

Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall
Attn: Jon-Erik Gilot
300 Beechwood Avenue
Carnegie, PA 15106

V. ECW PRE-SESSION – AUGUST 7th

- a. Attendance: Bill, David, Mike, Jared, Curt, Andrew, and Melissa (probable).
- b. Registrations as of 1/8: 12
- c. Logistics: Room setup 8/6
 - Registration table
 - Name tags (with a blank space for attendees to write in their names) & Sharpies
 - Conference Buttons
 - Brochures - CWRTC & Conference
 - ECW furnishing coffee

- d. Mike's Travel Plans:
- Flight - Alaska Airlines 254 to Dulles on 8/5
 - Lodging - The Publisher Hotel 8/6 - 8/10
 - Flight - Alaska Airlines 308 to Seattle on 8/10

VI. 2026 CONFERENCE – AUGUST 28-30, 2026

- a. Registration: 7 as of 1/8
- b. Memorandum of Understanding: Bill provided the catering details that have been established with Giuseppe's Restaurant and referred attendees to the attachment entitled "Giuseppe's Catering" that was provided with the 01/09/2026 BOD Meeting Agenda.
- c. Mike's Travel Plans:
- Flight - Alaska Airlines 737 to Dulles on 8/26
 - Lodging - TownPlace Suites Colonial Heights 8/27-8/31
 - Flight - Alaska Airlines 737 to Seattle on 8/31
- d. We also discussed the giveaways, the logistics, and assignments.

VII. CLOSE:

CWRT Congress Grants: Mike outlined the following changes to the 2026 Grant Program. The Grant Categories will be (1) A History Research Project, (2) A Marketing Project, and (3) A Fundraising Project. The 2026 Grant Program will be announced on September 15, with an application deadline of November 3, followed by award announcements on November 6. All of the Grant application information would be provided on our website. The total Grant Awards would be \$1,500, with two awards of \$250 to be made to each of the three categories.

After final comments from individual Board members, The Meeting was adjourned by President Mike Movius at approximately 7:29 PM EST.