



IMPROVEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION & NETWORKING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANDREW!!

PRESENT: President Mike Movius, Vice President Carol VanOrnum, Vice President Steven Rauschkolb, Secretary Bill Miller, Treasurer Doug Risher, Directors Curt Fields, Andrew Mizzsak, David Hamon, Jared Peatman and Cheryl McAuley.

EXCUSED: Director Melissa Winn

I. WELCOME: President Mike Movius called the Meeting to order at 3:02 PM Pacific.

II. CORPORATE BUSINESS

- a. Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026: APPROVED AS CORRECTED to note Item II. c. ii. to read TVCWRT "Acting" President.
- b. Treasurer's Report: APPROVED.
- c. Committee Reports:
 - i. Ambassador: Curt reported that he promotes the CWRTC Mission of RT sustainability at his numerous presentations.
 - ii. Communications: Carol stated that the publication of the forthcoming "Light Post" is almost complete, and thanked Mike for the photographs of the Buffington Island event. She noted that the CWRTC grant responses have been received with one exception, and closed by noting that her ECW blog will be posted in September.
 - iii. Marketing/Sponsors: Steve noted that he's beginning to develop the marketing messages for Giving Tuesday and noted that he will try to reuse the Workshop brochure for the 2027 events. Steve was advised to ship the package of black polo shirts and our CWRTC Table Cover to Bill to carry to the ECW event.
 - iv. Fundraising: Cheryl will be monitoring a fundraising seminar this weekend. She and Mike announced the development of the Video Marketing Schedule of presentations by our living historians commencing in September to promote our Giving Tuesday initiative. The schedule was included in the BOD Meeting packet.
 - v. Outreach: Andrew continues to attend nearby weekend events with a primary outreach to focus preservation initiatives to linking citizen support of pending Federal Legislation which provides funding for preservation projects.
- d. Wild Apricot Inspirations: Mike noted that he had sent an email about Wild Apricot Inspirations to the Board members. Only one appeared to have opened it.

- e. Buffington Island Report: Mike reported on the successful memorial program that was funded in part by the grant that we awarded to the Mid-Ohio Valley CWRT. He noted that representatives from the Mid-Ohio Valley CWRT plus ten SUV Camps, several CWRTs, and the Buffington Island Battlefield Foundation were present along with others to comprise a crowd of approximately 150 attendees.

III. CWRTC @ ECW – August 7

- a. Registrations as of 6/9 = 42: No change from last month
- b. Logistics Checklist:
- c. Program Review: Mike briefly displayed the presentations that Jared, David, and Mike will present.

IV. CONFERENCE V WORKSHOP - 2027

- a. Mike has spoken to *Chris Reed at the National Museum of CW Medicine* in Frederick, MD and the date of July 17, 2027 has been confirmed for a single day Workshop.
 - i. Mike has also connected with *Matt Borders of the Frederick County CWRT* by email to participate in the Workshop.
- b. Mike has also spoken to *Michael Benton, the President of the Milwaukee CWRT*, to serve as a host for a Workshop in Milwaukee at a date and location to be determined.
 - i. Mike asked the board if they preferred to travel 80 miles to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum or 40 miles to the Kenosha Civil War Museum after the workshop. The board chose Kenosha.
- c. Mike has also spoken to *Jon-Erik Gilot* about a piggyback session at the *CCCWS Symposium* at Carnegie, PA on April 1, 2027. This event would be modeled after the forthcoming ECW event on August 7, 2026.

- V. CLOSE:** After final comments from individual Board members, the Meeting was adjourned by President Mike Movius at 4:13 PM Pacific.