



IMPROVEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION & NETWORKING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAROL!!

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

I. WELCOME: President Mike Movius called the Meeting to order at 3:01 PM Pacific.

II. CORPORATE BUSINESS

- a. Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2026: APPROVED
- b. Treasurer's Report: As distributed prior to the meeting: APPROVED

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Ambassador: Curt just returned from an appearance as President Grant at the Ottawa County (Ohio) Historical Society's Fall Festival. He noted that he made a visit to the Civil War site of the Confederate Prison at Johnston's island.
- b. Communications: Carol reported that the decision had been made to discontinue our monthly articles with ECW as per a lack of enthusiasm. She introduced a Newsletter Initiative feature for local RTs to submit their best and current newsletters for recognition. Mike suggested that the superlatives be recognized rather than having a "winner". Jared suggested that newsletter segments be separated and recognition for such areas be made (book reviews, history, governance, CWRT activities, etc.) Carol will further develop the initiative. Melissa and David volunteered to assist Carol in judging. She anticipates it be featured in the 2027 November *Light Post*.
- c. Marketing/Sponsors: Mike noted that Steve will be sending out Sponsor Renewal Notices, and has developed a marketing announcement for the Carnegie Workshop.
- d. Outreach: Andrew reported that he had made a presentation at the Conference of the Ohio Local History Alliance about America 250 and best practices for organizations. He also noted that he had passed out brochures to the attendees.
- e. Recognition: Mike noted the receipt of one Grant inquiry from the Roanoke CWRT.

IV. GIVING TUESDAY – Sep 1 - Dec 2

- a. 2026 Goal = \$7,000
- b. As of 10/12 = \$4,133 or 59%
- c. Video Events: Thomas Jessee on 10/13; Curt Fields on 10/20 & 10/23; Larry McCluney on 11/10; and Curt Fields on 11/20.

V. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Jan 14

- a. Marketing: Melissa will be promoting the Anniversary Celebration at the January 14 Meeting of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, located in Centerville VA.
- b. CWRTC Attendees: Currently Melissa, Jared, Mike, Carol, Doug, Bill
- c. One night lodging at the Fairfield Inn paid by CWRTC: Currently for Mike, Carol & Doug
- d. All Board Meeting in Centerville, Date? - To be determined
- e. Celebratory Lapel Pins: Scheduled for 10/19 delivery

VI. WORKSHOP @ CARNEGIE – Apr 2

- a. Registrations as of 10/12 = 1
- b. Program Agenda Updates: Need to establish quickly
- c. CWRTC Attendees: Mike, Jared, Melissa, Doug, David
- d. Room Setup, Technology & Coffee: Bill will reorganize the sales inventory materials.
- e. Marketing Campaign: Steve has established one marketing announcement Workshop.
- f. Facilitators: Jared & David
- g. Sponsorship: The \$350 Sponsorship Fee has been paid.

VII. WORKSHOP @ FREDERICK – Jul 17

- a. Program Segments: Suggestions included Partnerships & Newsletter marketing outreach
- b. Morning Coffee & Snacks: Melissa
- c. Box Lunch: Melissa
- d. Facilitators in Frederick: Melissa & David

VIII. WORKSHOP @ KENOSHA – Jul 31

- a. Program Segments: Utilize the same Agenda as that established for Frederick.
- b. Morning Coffee & Snacks
- c. Box Lunch: Mike & Doug
- d. Facilitators in Kenosha: Melissa & David

IX. WORKSHOP @ ECW - Aug 6:

Mike indicated the need to develop a new Agenda for this Workshop. Curt and Melissa will attend.

- X. CLOSE:** After final comments from individual Board members, the Meeting was adjourned by President Mike Movius at 3:59 PM Pacific.