

## National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.

#### **Regular Annual Meeting**

# Minutes – approved at the National Convention in Louisville KY July 21, 2016 Louisville KY

## Thursday, June 18, 2015

## **Chattanooga TN Convention Center**

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The Regular Annual Meeting of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc. was called to order by Chair Phil Gregory at 8:00 am. He offered a thank you to the team for putting together a successful convention.

Chair Phil Gregory welcomed all in attendance to Chattanooga and thanked them for their participation. Chair welcomed Chris Martin, General Chair of the Convention. Next he introduced the new Board of Director Members, Richard Newman, Board Treasurer, Carroll Wolfe and Jay Holloway, Secretary of the Board. The next group to be recognized was the NAWCC Staff: Steve Humphrey – Executive Director, Nancy Dyer – Librarian/Archivist, Noel Poirier – Museum Director, Kim Jovinelli – Curator of Collections, Therese Umerlik – Editor.

Chair next recognized all the Old Timers, Fellows, and Star Fellows.

Jay Holloway, Board Secretary, announced that we had a quorum.

Motion: Made by Judy Drucker and seconded by Frank Ingraham: To suspend the reading of the minutes of the 2014 NAWCC Regular Annual Meeting and to approve the minutes as printed and distributed to the members.

Motion: Carried

Certification of Election Results – NEC - Ruth Overton

Outgoing Chair: Ruth Overton spoke about her term as Chair of the Board of Directors. Her 3 goals and how they worked to achieve them. The areas were to improve Education, Finance and Membership.

Outgoing Treasurer: David Lee was not able to attend and Richard Newman, the new Treasurer spoke. He noted the need to improve our returns from our investments and to establish a good budget moving forward.

Executive Director: Steve Humphrey reviewed the officer report seen in the Bulletin. He discussed the work of Mike Dempsey to establish on line training courses, the support we have had from Mr. DuPont with grants from their Crystal Fund to upgrade our heating and cooling systems totally over \$250,000. Steve noted that we lost 449 members last year which was an improvement from prior years losses. The operating budget has a loss of \$65,000. An area of change was to add a portion of the cost for postage to our international over 900 members. Staff changes over the last year were Carter Harris retiring from the museum, Therese Umerlik taking on the job as Editor and the establish oft the Endowment Fund campaign.

Chair Phil Gregory noted the 2018 National Convention would be held in York PA for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NAWCC. Other items were the Symposium for 2019 to be held in Germany. He asked for members to help in the improvement drive on our web site and for a general commitment on education at the local level as well as at the National. He noted how local chapters that promote education have had an increase in membership. In conclusion, Chair Gregory invited everyone to the 2016 National to be held in Louisville KY on July 20 – 23<sup>rd.</sup>

The floor was opened for question and comments.

Comments ranged from stability of Columbia staff and not wanting to see the staff reduced, a breakdown of membership in US and International, breakdown of youth and student membership, question of youth members not being able to have a guardian attend with them, need to have the internet improved to attract younger members, thank you to the Chapter Relations Committee and in chapter newsletters to add articles that may have only a relationship to horology which may help encourage people to have interest in clock and watches.

Doug Collins made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by multiple members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Multiple door prizes were distributed to attendees including an Ingraham clock donated by John McCullan.