



IMPROVEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION & NETWORKING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2024

Board Members present: President Mike Movius; Vice President Dr. John Bamberl; Vice President Carol VanOrnum; Treasurer Bill Miller; Secretary Andrew Mizsak; Directors Craig Apperson; Jared Peatman; Steven Rauschkolb; Melissa Winn.

Absent: Director Dr. Curt Fields

I. WELCOMEMike

President Mike Movius called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM EST.

II. CORPORATE BUSINESS

- President Mike Movius sent out the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2024 prior to the start of this meeting. Without objection the minutes were approved.
- Treasurer Bill Miller moved to adopt the report of the Treasurer. John seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mike provided a summary of the final amount raised for Giving Tuesday as of the date of the meeting: 98.4% of our goal was met.
 - Steve asked if we had a breakdown of Giving Tuesday donations.
 - Mike said that the contributions were mostly individuals; 2 Round Tables contributed as organizations; No corporate donations.
 - Andrew will be sending in a contribution of \$125: \$75 from the Quincy Gillmore CWRT, and \$50 from him and Dana ASAP.
 - Bill asked for a possible goal amount to be set for next year. It was agreed that the amount is yet to be determined.
 - Mike also stated that the CWRTC will be conducting an Annual Fund development campaign again.
- Carol reported from the Communication Committee that the schedule for the ECW Blog is set with Craig being next (due in January for the February blog); Melissa will be writing for the March 2nd posting (due in February). Carol also reported that ads are set in 3 Historical Publications. Carol shared that she is currently plugging away at the February *Light Post*, and that is her #1 priority. She is also considering a different format of presentation for the Annual Report.
- With regards to the Awards Committee: Distribution of Awards Information will take place in February. Appropriate revisions have been made.

- Andrew thanked everyone again for their support of Giving Tuesday. He also mentioned that per Mike’s request, he reached out to Wendy Lunko regarding grants. Andrew raised the issue of the Federal Grants-Funding Agencies that could assist CWRTC (and our efforts) could be facing a budget zeroing-out in FY 2026, but more details will follow. Andrew shared that grants.gov is being made more user friendly by the US Government, and that he is in contact with Attorney Adam VanHo regarding writing an *Amicus Curiae* brief to the Virginia Court of Appeals relating to Prince William Digital Gateway case and its status in the appellate court.
- Steve discussed sponsorships briefly, regarding where they could be effective and how to engage potential sponsors (document distributed).

III. CORPORATE INITIATIVES

- CWRT Data UpdateAll
 - Mike would like to resolve this issue by January 1, 2025, and asked for updates and information to be submitted by then.

IV. 2025 EVENTS

- Discussion was held relative to regional trainings in 2025.
- Andrew was asked by Mike to share information about potentially holding a training in the Cleveland area (document was shown). Andrew recommended the Cuyahoga County Public Library in Strongsville, Ohio (with a back-up site being the Cuyahoga County Public Library in Brecksville, Ohio), with a date TBD.
- Mike directed Andrew to send out a poll to RT’s (and allied groups) from that area to inquire which topics would be of interest to them, and which dates would be amenable.
- Mike said he would reach out to Chris Mackowski and Drew Gruber to serve as facilitators.
- With regards to a session in Gettysburg, Jared suggested the Auditorium at Seminary Ridge. He said he will also talk to Matt Callery, as well as look into the logistics and details of using Seminary Ridge, including a Cupola Tour.
- For the Richmond Area Regional Training, it was suggested that the Library south of the City be used.
- Discussion continued regarding possible venues. Steve inquired about Chimborazo NHS (NPS Site), as well as Fort Fisher NHS (NPS Site) – as they are new facilities that are very nice. Bill inquired about the expected size of possible attendance. Mike estimated 30-45 attendees.
- Steve made an announcement regarding the copy of the sponsorship proposal:
 - We would like to share this material and distribute it after the first of the year.
 - Discussion took place in more detail.

V. CLOSE

- a. Carol had no additional business.

- b. **Andrew** wished everyone a happy Festivus and said he will get on his homework.
- c. **John** said the information for Sustainability Challenge will be available (with revisions) by mid-January; Awards by mid-February.
- d. **Mike** said he will be in Scottsdale for their December 21 RT Meeting.
- e. **Steve** had no additional comments.
- f. **Craig** had no additional comments.
- g. **Jared** had no additional comments
- h. **Melissa** had no additional comments
- i. **Bill** wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

There being no further business, President Mike Movius adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Mizsak
Secretary