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## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **Wednesday January 7, 2026**

The Executive Board meeting, held in the Memorial Room at the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, New Jersey, was called to order by President Gaspar Lesznik at 10:00 AM.

### Members in attendance:

*Gaspar Lesznik, President*  
*Adolph Galluccio, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*  
*Jack Warner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*  
*Doug Cooper, Treasurer*  
*Gabe Carifi, Assistant Treasurer*  
*Winston Lau, Secretary*  
*Tom Donch, 1<sup>st</sup> Past President*  
*Jim Atieh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Past President*  
*Jim Webb - Membership Chairman*  
*Jim Mallen, Liaison to WRC*

### Invited Committees:

*Harry Bennett, Webmasters*  
*John Toth, Cares and Concerns*  
*Marty Valerio, Communications*

President Gaspar Lesznik requested a motion to approve the minutes for the December 9, 2025, Executive Board meeting. Motion was made by Doug Cooper and seconded by Adolf Galluccio. Motion approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- a. The month of December was an active month as we close out the year.
- b. Doug Cooper reviewed the 12/31/2025 Balance Sheet with comments on the CD, renewable in February, the payment of the 2024 surplus of \$703, supplemented by \$797 from prior year Board Level Reserve, for a total of \$1,500, that will be presented to Pastor Andy Kadzban at January's General Meeting.
- c. Trips and Tours has a surplus from prior years as well as from 2025 of \$2,128. The Board discussed ways to reduce the Reserve amount. It was agreed Doug would discuss

with Tom Van Lenten, Chair of Trips and Tours, to reduce the reserve to approximately \$1,000. This could be done by subsidizing their events.

- d. Notable items in the Budget Status Report included distribution of \$600 each to WRC and the Food Pantry from the 50/50 raffle held at the Christmas Dinner Dance, payment of the annual WRC contribution of \$2,000, the Club Chair luncheon and the Christmas Dinner Dance. Most notably the Board Sponsored events were \$1,545 under budget for the year. Partially offsetting positive gains versus budget was the cost associated with establishing a new host for our website and domains totaling \$702 - for the hosting for the next three years and the migration of 3 sites. The surplus carried to the balance sheet to be paid to WRC at the end of 2026 was \$1,800.
- e. The 2026 budget was also discussed and implemented.

### **Assistant Treasurer's Report**

- a. Gabe Carifi reported that 181 members have paid their 2026 dues at this time, and 79 have not. He will follow up with those who have not paid and will bring the delinquent list to the February Board Meeting for follow up individually.

### **Membership**

- a. Jim Webb reported that our membership is at 320 with 26 new members for 2025.
- b. AU hat and shirt sale concluded with \$44 in profit and one white hat left over.
- c. Current count for the Beefsteak dinner is at 46. There is going to be a change in entertainment. John Pizzi has accepted a more lucrative engagement and said that he has gotten us somebody.
- d. Marty Valerio raised the question regarding the validity of the over-90 members. Harry Bennett said that we are going to try to do an update around March to the whole roster and the membership for each club. If some of these names disappear from any of the clubs, that maybe an indicator that we should reevaluate their status.

### **Cares and Concerns**

- a. John Toth led a discussion on clarifying condolence actions for the Cares and Concerns Committee so that the Committee does not have to make decisions on a case-by-case basis.
- b. Much discussion regarding the Bylaws and Policies, Practices and Procedures, as well as definitions of active, inactive, and possibly past member.
- c. John Toth suggested that maybe we should think about this whole subject over the next month or two and then make a decision.
- d. Gaspar Lesznik stated that an officer from AU should attend the wake/funeral of a deceased member, representing AU.

## **Speaker Program**

- a. January – Jack Warner will speak on Food Glorious Food. Significant Others are invited.
- b. February – Rita Berzine, who was the Associate Medical Director for Becton Dickinson, will be talking about diabetes.
- c. No speaker for March and beyond. Gaspar Lesznik brought up the need of a Backup Plan in case a speaker cancels at the last minute.
- d. Adolph Galluccio brought up the idea of doing a Trivia as a backup. He had done this at the History Club and was well received.
- e. Jack Warner, as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in 2027, will be responsible for sourcing speakers. We have many competitors from various organizations in this area for good speakers and we have to be active in sourcing. Also, we need to promote these speakers not just on the topic, but WIIFM (What's In It For Me), i.e., what benefits will the member derive from attending a presentation.

## **Webmasters Committee**

- a. Harry Bennett reported on the website migration to Bluehost, noting some technical issues that need to be resolved.
- b. Harry Bennett discussed the need for coordination with John Abrahamsen and Bluehost to ensure that website updates are properly coordinated and managed.

## **Events**

- a. Gaspar Lesznik asked if we have any deposits we have to make.
- b. Doug Cooper said that the only deposit we will have to make between now and June would be for the Barbecue. We have to decide on the date and reserve the location. That will properly be done by Joe Pullaro and John Murphy. Gaspar Lesznik will talk to them about it.
- c. Jack Warner, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, is responsible for the Spring Luncheon and the Fall Breakfast. Gaspar Lesznik will work with him on that.
- d. The Christmas Dinner Dance was handled by Bill Mastellon and John Murphy. Bill indicated that he wanted to step back from it. We will have to have someone to step in and work with John Murphy. We have signed a contract and made a deposit to Seasons for 2026. Gaspar Lesznik will be looking for volunteers who would want to be involved.
- e. The timing of the monthly Board Meeting was discussed and a decision was made to have the Board Meeting on the Monday before the General Meeting, at 10:00 AM at the Memorial Room at WRC. The next Board Meeting will be on February 9.

The Executive Board meeting concluded at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Winston Lau  
Secretary