

Activities



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday May 11, 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, 1st Vice President
Doug Cooper, Treasurer
Gabe Carifi, Assistant Treasurer
Winston Lau, Secretary
Tom Donch, 1st Past President
Jim Atieh, 2nd Past President
Jim Webb - Membership Chairman
Jim Mallen, Liaison to WRC

Members Absent:

The Rev. Andy Kadzban, Chaplain
Jack Warner, 2nd Vice President

Invited Committee Chairs in attendance:

Marty Valerio, Communications

Invited Committee Chairs Absent:

John Toth, Cares and Concerns
Harry Bennett, Webmasters

President Gaspar Lesznik requested a motion to approve the minutes for the April 13, 2026, Executive Board meeting. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

- a. Doug Cooper pointed out that there is an outstanding balance of \$4,100 for the Yankee outing in July. He already has \$2,620 which he will deposit in May.
- b. Jim Webb said that he had purchased 40 Yankee tickets for \$2,600 on the debit card. He has sold 32 so far. He was able to book a bus for \$1,500, charged on the debit card. At this level of attendance, he would use \$500 of the T&T surplus. If there is a surge of attendance he could buy another 10 tickets, then he would use only \$250 of the surplus. Jim Webb mentioned that many people are waiting until the last minute to sign up, since the Yankee outing is in July.

Assistant Treasurer's Report

- a. Gabe Carifi mentioned that he had spoken to Jack Warner last week and the attendance to the May Luncheon was at 106. Doug Cooper had spoken to The Rev. Andy Kadzban, and he and his wife will not be attending the May Luncheon as they will be away. Several people indicated that they would come and pay at the door. This event is turning out to be very successful, compared to an attendance of 84 last year.
- b. Gabe Carifi reported that the last unpaid member, who was in Florida, has now paid his dues. Also, 91% of the initial list of members paid their dues and 23 members were made inactive

Membership

- a. Gaspar Lesznik mentioned that there was a person at the Science Club meeting who had not paid his dues for last year and this year. He claimed that he did not know where to send the money to. Gaspar Lesznik followed up with him with an email.
- b. Jim Webb reported that there are 2 new members in March:
 - Robert Ochipinti
 - Mike AguilarWe have added 16 new members so far this year.
- c. Jim Webb mentioned the low attendance for the golf outing, with only 24 participants.
- d. Gaspar Lesznik mentioned a meeting with Joy Vottero at the Wyckoff YMCA with regard to potential partnership on a variety of activities. Joy Vottero will develop a plan on how we can move forward together.
- e. Gaspar Lesznik discussed plans to promote AU membership at a blacksmith demonstration at his house in June, hosted by the Wyckoff and Midland Park Rotary Club.
- f. A group discussion evolved into making connection with the Rotary Club and possibly the Kiwanis Club. It appeared that the President of the Wyckoff and Midland Park Rotary Club, Mike Aguilar, had just become an AU member.

Cares and Concerns

John Toth was absent. There was no report this month.

Speaker Program

- a. In June, the speaker in the General Meeting is Rick Pascal on Broadway Blockbusters. Jack Warner has seen his presentation before.
- b. No speaker yet for July.
- c. No General Meeting in August.
- d. Gaspar Lesznik has confirmed the arrangement with the Ridgewood Symphony for our General Meeting in September.
- e. In October, we have the Breakfast at The Brick House. Entertainment will be provided by the Barbershop Quartet, a part of the Blue Chip Chorus. The cost of this appearance is \$150.

Events

- a. The date for the June BBQ is June 12 to be held at the Red Barn at the Crestwood Park in Allendale, NJ. The cost is \$45 per person. Gaspar Lesznik will follow up with John Murphy and Joe Pullaro.
- b. Gaspar Lesznik mentioned that Wyckoff is having a Centennial event on June 27 on Main Street. Wyckoff YMCA is not having a Wyckoff Day. Gaspar Lesznik and his wife will be attending the Planning Commission meeting on the Centennial event and see how AU can get involved. We would like to get a booth during the Centennial event since that is our biggest recruiting event of the year. Gaspar Lesznik showed an AU pamphlet that was printed for last year's Wyckoff Day, which did not take place because of rain. This pamphlet showcase the various activities at AU and has a sign-up form on the reverse side. The membership dues at the Centennial event will be reduced to \$30.
- c. Gaspar Lesznik will connect with John Murphy and Joe Pullaro regarding the Fall Social.
- d. Doug Cooper mentioned a Doo Wop concert last weekend and it was attended by about eight. This was a T&T event.
- e. Gaspar Lesznik encouraged Board members to be present at the May Luncheon by 11:30 AM or earlier.
- f. There were discussions regarding the staffing and logistics at the May Luncheon.

By Laws, Policies, Practices and Procedures

- a. Gaspar Lesznik brought up the issue of proxy voting in the event we do not have a quorum. Marty Valerio had drafted an amendment to the Policies, Practices and Procedures to enable proxy voting. A motion was made to add the amendment to the Policies, Practices and Procedures. The motion was approved. The Policies, Practices and Procedures will be updated and sent to John Abrahamsen for archive. Gabe Carifi was the one dissent vote as he feels strongly that the amendment should be made to

the By Laws, and appointing a proxy precludes the absent Board member from participating in the discussion of the issue.

Open items

- a. Gaspar Lesznik reported that he and Jack Warner continued their meetings with Club Chairs and they got some valuable information from these meetings. He and Jack Warner will summarize their findings.
- b. Jim Webb presented color name tags to the Board Members.
- c. Winston Lau reminded Tom Donch that he was going to develop an email survey by which we could get feedback on meeting attendance, speaker, and recommendation for future speakers.
- d. Gaspar Lesznik said that the AU Dashboard is a work in progress and has nothing new to report.
- e. Gaspar Lesznik mentioned that we will work on getting various clubs to present their charter and activities during the General Meeting in order to increase awareness of the various club activities.
- f. The group had a follow-up discussion on the contingency plan for refreshments at the General Meeting. Adolph Galluccio said that he was the back up, and, if he was not available, he would make arrangements and appoint someone to fill in for him.
- g. The group had a follow-up discussion on the issue of survivor support in the event our members are survived by their spouse. We realized that we may not have a complete and up-to-date database of our members' spouse contact information. In addition, the group thought that it was a good idea to maintain this list and send the Newsletter and AU events emails to the member as well as his spouse. Gaspar Lesznik will talk to Harry Bennet and Tom Van Lenten on this.
- h. Gaspar Lesznik will follow up with AARP for potential speakers.
- i. Doug Cooper mentioned that we have to nominate new Board members for 2027 by October so that the slate can be voted on during the November General Meeting.

The Executive Board meeting concluded at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Winston Lau', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Winston Lau
Secretary