

Activities



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING **Tuesday July 8, 2025**

The Executive Board meeting, held in the Memorial Room at the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, New Jersey, was called to order by President Tom Donch at 9:30 AM.

Members in attendance:

Tom Donch, President

Gaspar Lesznik, 1st Vice President

Adolph Galluccio, 2nd Vice President

Doug Cooper, Treasurer

Gabe Carifi, Assistant Treasurer

Marty Valerio, Secretary

Jim Webb - Membership Chairman

Jim Atieh, Immediate Past President

Harry Bennett, Outgoing Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to WRC

President Tom Donch requested a motion to approve the minutes for the June 10, 2025, Executive Board meeting. Motion was made by Jim Atieh and seconded by Adolph Galluccio. Motion approved.

- Survey Study – Gaspar Lesznik presented a five-point Action Plan based on data from the survey.
 1. Move the start time of the General Meetings to the morning, 9:00 AM. A meeting with Reverend Andy will be scheduled for September. If this new starting time is accepted by WRC, it would be implemented for the January 2026 meeting. This would eliminate the Band. If this proposal is not acceptable to WRC, a search for an alternate meeting place with WRC's approval
Meet with the Band to promote entertainment at offsite locations. The Board would provide assistance to the Band to ensure a smooth transition.
 2. Optimize communications between clubs and membership. A discussion identified the issue as content not the platform to issue notices.

3. Get Club chairs on board with new plan. Meet with Club chairs, individually or in small groups, to review the Action Plan. Write a short description of what their club offers and update the Website with this new information.
The timing of the Luncheon Club announcements is a big concern of membership. A meeting with the chair to have more uniformity in the announcements or select one day a month to meet.
 4. Trips & Tours/Social Committee. Meet with leaders to share study findings and their input. What does membership want?
 5. Other actions. Marketing team to focus on recruitment. Work with Webmasters Committee on updating the Home page of AU's website.
- Treasurer's Report – Doug Cooper reported that June Financials were essentially in line with the budget. Most notable comment was the May Spring Luncheon after final bills and refunds resulted in \$475 loss versus Budget. However, the June BBQ was \$719 favorable to Budget. Therefore, Board Sponsored events are \$244 underbudget for the rest of 2025. The October Annual Breakfast and the Holiday party are both budgeted to be subsidized this year.
 - Assistant Treasurer's Report – Gabe Carifi reported those who did not pay their 2025 dues and those who resigned their membership have been removed from the active roster.
 - Cares and Concerns – Tom Donch provided a report for John Toth. For the period, June 11th to July 7th, 2 get well, 2 condolence and 3 thank you cards were sent. Birthday cards will be sent to the members celebrating a birthday in July. A list of celebrants can be found in the July Newsletter. Tom Donch spoke to John Toth regarding his request for a co-chair for this committee. It was agreed John will make an announcement at today's General Meeting.
 - Membership – Jim Webb received six applications since the June Board meeting. There are thirteen new members for 2025. The current roster indicates 312 active members.
 - Speaker Program
 - The guest speakers for today's General meeting are Dr. Lori Nuzzi and Dr. Daniel Yoo from Valley Hospital Speakers Bureau. Their topic is the benefits of alternative medicine.
 - In September, Victor La Beu will present his Antique Road Show. The social hour will start at 12:15 PM with the General Meeting starting at 1 PM. Shortly afterwards, the Antique Road Show will start. To meet this schedule, the band will not perform.
 - No speaker for the October Breakfast.
 - November, Harry Bennett will provide a tutorial on the AU website.
 - Marketing Program – A committee meeting for June was cancelled due to a majority of the members were not available to travel or other summer activities. Gaspar Lesznik will schedule another meeting in the Fall.
 - Webmaster
 - Website and Bulletin Board - Harry provided an update on the year-to-date activity on the Website and Bulletin Board. The Website is trending at 24/25% and the Bulletin
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Board is trending at 17%. It appears there is an increase in members opening the Website.

- Webmaster Committee - Harry plans to have a committee meeting in September.
- Events

Golf Outing – Jim Webb reported the first golf outing for the year will be held tomorrow, July 9, 2025, at Farmstead Golf Course in Lafayette, NJ. The second outing will be held September 16th at Apple Green Golf Club

October Breakfast – Gaspar expects to receive a price from The Brick House by Friday. along with the guaranteed minimum attendance. Recent years, the Board has provided a \$4.00 pp subsidy. Assuming The Brick House charge is \$25.00 the subsidy may be \$5.00 to \$7.00 per person. The Board will determine the ticket price after The Brick House issues their cost.

Christmas Dinner/Dance – Tom Donch spoke to the John Murphy and Bill Mastellone about a two-tiered pricing for this event. The committee was not in favor of this suggestion from the Board. The ticket price will be \$118.00 per person. The Board will subsidize the ticket price approximately \$10.00 per person. Seasons requires a minimum attendance of 150 people. If there is difficulty in reaching this number, the Board will subsidize all costs, so the event happens.

- By Law Amendments – Marty Valerio reported we have met the requirements to vote on the proposed amendments at the October Breakfast. The amendment must be listed in two Newsletters, June and July, and announced at one General Meeting, June.
- Nominating Committee – Harry Bennet has completed his search for the five members for this committee. The members are Rich Bernarde, Marc Bernhardt, Scott Japko, Mike Kelley, and George Lewis. Harry will advise the Board, at the October Board meeting, the slate of new Board members for 2026 and to AU members at the October Breakfast. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in November. The positions to be filled are 2nd vice president and possibly 1st vice president.
- Distinguished Service Award – Nominations are presented to the Board members at the November Board Meeting. The Board will make the selection which will be announced at the Christmas Dinner/Dance.
- The Board discussed Jim Atieh’s proposal to use the VFW Hall for a Gourmet Meal Club once a quarter. The club has Hobbyists and Activities Unlimited Members. Dishes will be prepared prior and warmed at the Hall. The Board suggested that Jim contact Ron Gimbert at VFW to review all liability concerns and report to the Board in September.
- Tom Donch advised the Board he had received a note from Joe Pullaro about providing transportation to AU members who need a ride to AU events. The Board unanimously agreed Activities Unlimited should not sponsor this program. Members should be made aware of the Roster by Town on the website so they can ask for assistance on their own. Tom will speak to Joe Pullaro.

- Adolph Galluccio advised the Board his concern of the contentiousness he noticed at the Public Discussion Club. Some topics are very confrontational which is affecting relationships among members. This environment is not in accordance with Activities Unlimited Mission. Adolph will address this issue at the next Public Discussion Club meeting.
- The Board voted not to have a meeting in August.
- The Board meeting concluded at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty P Valerio
Secretary