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## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** **Tuesday June 10, 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 10:00 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*

Absent:

*Jim Mallen, Liaison to WRC*

President Tom Donch requested a motion to approve the minutes for the May 13, 2025, Executive Board meeting. Motion was made by Gaspar Lesznik and seconded by Jim Atieh. Motion approved.

- Survey Study – the Action Plan was not completed for this meeting. Gaspar will present the Action Plan at the July Board meeting.
- Treasurer's Report – Doug Cooper stated nothing dramatically has changed in the financial documents since the Treasurer's report at the May Board meeting. Remaining budget items have not changed. Costs for the Spring Luncheon were over budget by \$530 while it appears the BBQ the costs were within budget. A final report for the BBQ will be presented at the July Board meeting. Doug reminded the Board that an after-operation report must be filed with the state after each 50/50. The town where our event is held will require a copy of the license.

- Assistant Treasurer's Report – Gabe Carifi will review June's Membership roster to insure the 10 members who did not pay their 2025 dues have been deactivated. Gabe will also check the Spring Luncheon attendance list to ensure none of the 10 were at the event.
- Cares and Concerns – Tom Donch provided a report for John Toth. For the period, May 13th to June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 get well cards and 1 congratulation card were sent. Birthday cards will be sent to the members celebrating a birthday in June. A list of celebrants can be found in the June Newsletter. John Toth requested the appointment of a co-chair for this committee. The Board discussed this request and thought it best John should find the co-chair. Tom Donch will convey this message to John.
- Membership – Jim Webb received one application since the May Board meeting. The current roster indicates 308 active members; the new applicant is not listed in the roster.
- Speaker Program –
  - The guest speaker for today's General meeting is Karen Blick from Bergen Volunteers. Her topic is the benefits of volunteering.
  - For July, a representative from Valley Hospital Speakers Bureau will talk about alternative medicine.
  - In September, Victor La Beu will present his antique road show.
  - November, Harry Bennett will provide a tutorial on the AU website.
- Marketing Program – Wyckoff Day was cancelled twice due to inclement weather. Gaspar will keep the handout material he designed and printed for next year's event. Doug suggested using Patch to attract new members. Gaspar will schedule a marketing meeting with the main agenda item to formulate a recruiting plan. He also suggested a new home page for AU's website to attract new members.
- Webmaster
  - Website and Bulletin Board - Harry provided an update on the year-to-date activity on the Website and Bulletin Board. There is a 24% increase in views to the website and an 22% increase in views to the Bulletin Board.
  
  - Newsletter - Harry and Marty will publish the July Newsletter in Word format. Since Microsoft will no longer support Publisher after October, the conversion to Word will make publishing the Newsletter more user friendly.
  
  - In John Abrahamsen's absence, Harry has been sending the bulk emails and has not experienced any difficulties using Google. Harry recommended we continue to use the Google platform for bulk emails.
- Events
  - Spring Luncheon – Indian Trail Club billed for 84 guests; dinner costs plus the DJ were \$5,960.00. Eighty-six members attended; ticket price was \$55.00 per person plus \$10.00 per person Board subsidy. there was a loss of \$530.00 versus budget.

Summer BBQ – 116 members attended this event. Doug Cooper will provide a cost analysis at the July Board meeting.

Golf Outing – Jim Webb reported 32 golfers have signed up for the outing at Farmstead Golf Course in Lafayette, NJ. The outing will be held on July 9, 2025.

October Breakfast – Gaspar reported a room has been reserved at the Brick House.

Christmas Dinner/Dance – John Murphy requested the Board’s financial support for this event. The Board will provide \$3,500.00 as a subsidy.

- By Law Amendments – the proposed amendments were listed in June’s Newsletter with the announcement to membership at today’s General Meeting. The last item to conform to the By Laws requirements is publishing the proposed amendments in July’s Newsletter. Voting will be at the October Breakfast.
- At the Annual Meeting in November, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for calendar year 2026 for a vote. Per the By Laws, in July the outgoing past president, Harry Bennett, will form a five-member committee with the committee selecting the chair. Harry will report to the Board at the October Board meeting and to AU members at the October Breakfast the proposed new Board members for 2026.
- Jim Atieh presented a proposal for the Board’s consideration. The Hobbyist have a Gourmet Meal Club, (6 Hobbyists and 4 AU members) which meet once a month. Jim requested use of the VFW Hall to hold this club meeting. Dishes will be prepared prior and warmed at the Hall. The Board suggested that Jim contact the VFW to determine if the Hall can be used for this purpose.
- Tom Donch had a meeting with Fred Theile regarding Fred’s statement about stepping down as chair of the Garden Club. The issue was resolved and Fred will remain as chair.
- The Board discussed a request by a member who wanted to present a grievance he has with another member. Gaspar volunteered to talk to the member about the issue and provide the Board with a summary of the discussion at July’s Board meeting.
- The Board meeting concluded at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty P Valerio  
Secretary