

Activities



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday March 11, 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

Harry Bennett, Outgoing Past President

Jim Mallen, Liaison to WRC

Absent:

Jim Atieh, Immediate Past President

- President Tom Donch requested a motion to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2025, Executive Board meeting. Motion was made by Jim Mallen and seconded by Doug Cooper. Motion approved.
- Treasurer's Report – Doug Cooper reviewed the Balance Sheet and Budget Status reports both dated February 28, 2025. Doug also reported that the month of February had few transactions except for dues deposits.
- Assistant Treasurer's Report – At February's Board meeting, Gabe Carifi reported 60 members did not pay their 2025 dues as of January 31st. Gabe presented an updated spreadsheet on the efforts made since the February meeting. Twenty-nine members paid, 10 resigned, 8 agreed to pay but payment not received, and for the remaining 13 there was no response nor information provided.
- Cares and Concerns – Tom Donch provided a report for John Toth. For the 30-day period, February 8th to March 9th, 1 get well and 1 thank you cards were sent to members. No

condolence cards were necessary. Birthday cards will be sent to the members celebrating a birthday in March. A list of celebrants can be found in the March Newsletter.

- Membership – Jim Webb reported there are 49 members at least 90 years of age, as of February 28, 2025, who do not pay dues. Each Board member was assigned 5 names to contact to determine if they want to maintain their association with AU. Jim suggested sending an email first, then call. Reports are due at the April Board meeting. Jim received one application for membership since the last Board meeting in February. The application was submitted without money for dues.
- Speaker Program – Gaspar Lesznik presented a schedule of potential speakers for April, June, and July General Meetings. There will not be a General Meeting in May at the Spring Luncheon. The speaker for today's General Meeting is Dr. Daniel DeFeo from Osteopathic Family Medicine in Wyckoff. Gaspar has contacted Valley Health Speaker Program, and they are amenable to have a guest speaker for either the June or July General Meeting. The speaker for April's General Meeting will be Jeffrey R. Bascelli, Esq. who has practiced Elder Law for more than 30 years.
- Marketing Program – Gaspar Lesznik reported Jim Atieh and Jack Warner prepared a questionnaire which will be sent to membership next week and will be posted on the Bulletin Board. The questionnaire is designed to determine what is needed to increase attendance at club meetings and the General Meeting. The Marketing Program will also explore new avenues to advertise AU to increase membership. Gaspar has discussed with the Hobbyists Board about a joint venture which they are agreeable to.
- Storage Cabinet – Marty Valerio suggested not to display the items in the storage closet at the General Meeting. The items have no value to anyone other than for use at the General Meeting. Most of the electronic equipment is obsolete. The Board agreed.
- Webmaster – Harry Bennett reported the next committee meeting will be held on March 26th. All club chairs have provided a list of active members. This information is now posted in the A – Z menu on the website. Club chair and co-chairs on the Club menu have been updated. The Board reviewed a spreadsheet Harry provided which indicates a modest growth of views on the website (16%) and a slow growth of views on the Bulletin Board (4%). The data does not differentiate unique hits from a member with multiple views. It was agreed by the Board to keep the Bulletin Board active.
- The discussion, from February's Board Meeting, regarding the need for a backup for Data Base Manager, Webmaster, and Editor continued. Each of these positions are unique and should have a trained member available to step into the role in case an event occurs which requires the backup to temporarily perform the required responsibilities. It was agreed a procedure should be established to search for candidates these positions.
- Events
 - Mystery Night – Tom Donch reported for Tom Van Lenten. Maggiano's has cancelled the event which was scheduled for April 24th. Trips & Tours may have a replacement event for April if possible.

Spring Luncheon – Adolph Galluccio spoke to two DJ's and thought Eldon Reynoso is an excellent choice for this event. The cost is \$400 for 3 hours of entertainment. Adolph requested a motion to approve Eldon Reynoso as the DJ for the Spring Luncheon. Jim Webb moved and Harry Bennett second the motion. Nine Board members approved the motion. Jim Mallen opposed. Motion passed.

- Special Interest

April General Meeting – Tom Donch will announce again at the General Meeting this afternoon, the April General meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. An announcement will be emailed to all AU members the week of March 17th and the week of March 31st. It will also be announced in the April Newsletter. The AU Guys Big Band will provide entertainment.

Bowling Club – Twenty-two members signed up for the Bowling Club which had its first roll on Friday February 28th. Twelve attended. Subsequent sessions will be the second and fourth Friday of the month.

- In 2026, the Township of Wyckoff will celebrate their 100th anniversary this year. The Board will have two booths on Wyckoff Day, one for marketing and one for the Band.
- Gabe Carifi mentioned he has received several spam emails requesting money. The emails appear to be sent from Tom Donch. Harry mentioned all personal information on the website is password protected except for the Newsletter. Marty Valerio will contact Tom Van Lenten, Editor, about removing all email addresses in the Newsletter.
- The Board meeting concluded at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty P Valerio
Secretary