



Torch Club of Columbus
Board of Directors Meeting Summary
Thursday, January 6, 2022
Location: OSU Faculty Club

Torch Club Board Members 2021-2022

TITLE	NAME	Present (Y) or Absent (N)
President	Nancy Wardwell	Y
President-Elect	Susan Tilgner	Y
Past President (Nominating)	Susan Warrener Smith	Y
Secretary	Thom Seelbach	Y
Assistant Secretary (Fellowship)	Diane Selby	Y
Treasurer	Howard Gauthier	N
Assistant Treasurer	David Lenz	Y
Newsletter Editor	Steve Sterrett	Y
Region V Director	Liz Short	Y
Director-at-Large (Membership)	Dorothy Driskell	Y
Director-at-Large	Paul Niswander	Y
Director-at-Large (Website Editor)	Rai Goerler	Y
Director-at-Large	Christina Atzberger	N

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Wardwell at 4:30 pm.

The minutes of the November 4, 2021, meeting were distributed. Susan Tilgner moved to approve the minutes. Rai Goerler seconded, and the motion carried.

Secretary Report

Thom Seelbach reported that he is still working on writing down the duties of the Secretary. He is also working on contacting the Faculty Club to reserve meeting dates for the coming year. Two Torch members who were not able to attend the meeting tonight asked if notes could be shared. Thom will follow-up with tonight's speaker to see if we can share their PowerPoint presentation.

An updated list of paid members is needed from Howard Gauthier to determine who has paid their dues so the membership roster can be finalized. Liz Short shared that IATC now offers an option for clubs to update their membership rosters online. This will create efficiencies for clubs and allow access to membership status in real time. IATC sent the password to each club President and Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Howard Gauthier was not present at the meeting but sent the Treasurer's Report by email prior to the meeting. The checking account balance as of 12/31/2021 was \$32,529.03 and there were no pressing items to discuss with the Board.

Fellowship Report

There will be a Member's Moment at tonight's meeting. Dick Meyer will be presenting Jerry Ladman, who will have several family members in attendance. It was suggested that the Fellowship Committee may want to send a card to Dave Hammond.

Membership

Dorothy Driskell reported that Michael Wilkos will be inducted as a new member this evening.

Newsletter

Steve Sterrett did not have anything new to report at this time.

Website

Rai Goerler reported analytics for the website use since its inception. In 2021 there were 323 visits to the site, of which 275 were unique visitors. For the most recent month (December 8, 2021 – January 6, 2022), there were 12 visits, all unique. The web address is columbustorch.org.

District V and IATC Reports

Liz Short updated the Board on activities in our region. COVID-19 is still a problem for all clubs in Region V and all are experiencing fewer members because of the pandemic. Some clubs are not zoom friendly because members do not use the technology.

Liz also reminded Board members about the IATC Fireside Chats on Sunday afternoons. The last one was held on December 5th and another one will be

coming up soon. Details about dates/times and how to join will be in the Newsletter.

Liz also reminded the Board about the IATC convention scheduled for June 16-19, 2022 in Saratoga Springs, New York. The new Torch magazine has information about the convention, and it is also posted on the website. Early bird rates are available for registration. The Holiday Inn has a special rate for Torch members who are attending, and if booked now, the rooms are refundable if it turns out you can't attend.

Old Business

The Faculty Club asked that tonight's meeting be moved upstairs for all our activities to accommodate social distancing. This includes the cocktail hour, presentation, and dinner. The Board agreed and will evaluate how well it works after the meeting.

New Business

There was discussion about the quality of the sound system for Torch papers. It was suggested that our club approach the Faculty Club about contributing to purchase a new sound system. No decision was made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. At 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Tilgner, on behalf of Diane Selby, Assistant Secretary