

Torch Club of Columbus
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 5, 2023
Location: OSU Faculty Club

Torch Club Board Members 2023-2024

TITLE	NAME	PRESENT (Y) or ABSENT (N)
President	Rai Goerler	Y
President-Elect	Don Larson	Y
Past President (Nominating)	Susan Tilgner	Y
Secretary	Thom Seelbach	Y
Fellowship – Recording Secretary	Diane Selby	Y
Treasurer	Dave Lenz	N
Newsletter Editor	Steve Sterrett	Y
Region V Director	Nancy Wardwell	Y
Director at Large (Membership)	Dorothy Driskell	Y
Director at Large	Paul Niswander	Y
Director at Large	Christina Atzberger	Y
Director at Large	David Hansen	Y

The meeting was called to order by President Rai Goerler at 4:30 pm. The agenda was reviewed, and no personals were reported. Rai did congratulate Steve Sterrett on his recent publication in Torch Magazine.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes from August 3, 2023, were approved by consensus.

Old Business:

1. The Nominating Committee will present the slate to the general membership for a vote tonight. Susan Tilgner will preside.
2. Nancy Wardwell moved that the charge for inactive membership this year will be \$75. Steve Sterrett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Discussion ensued regarding the option of holding one meeting next year via zoom. Several suggestions were offered:
 - a. January or February as zoom might be a good idea for those who travel and could view from anyplace.
 - b. Zooming in a month of questionable weather might be better so people don't have to worry about transportation.
 - c. Skip the February meeting and add a June meeting.

- d. A zoom meeting would save money.
- e. A zoom meeting would mean we could use a speaker from another Torch Club.
- f. A negative is that the social interaction would be greatly missed.
- g. The social aspect with interesting discussions is what makes the club unique as there are many ways to view talks online – pod casts, and special zoom programs, as well as TV documentaries, etc.

The consensus of the Board was that we ask the membership for their preferences. Steve Sterrett will send an electronic question to the membership and Rai will mention this tonight at the meeting.

- 2. The Checklist for Torch Club Dinners previously circulated by President Rai Goerler was approved by consensus with a slight change in timing of moving the start of the meeting to 6:00 pm rather than 6:15 pm and dinner speaker ends at 7:15 pm rather than 7:30 pm.
- 3. The I.A.T.C. has forwarded to all clubs a call to change the bylaws on October 15. Rai will be the voting delegate. The Board approved a vote in favor of the proposed change regarding the international board's business meetings going into executive session when needed.
- 4. Rai reported that he has two volunteers to be at the registration desk before each event, but he needs someone to oversee collecting and storing the nametags following the dinner. It was decided that a board member would volunteer at each board meeting to do this task. Thom Seelbach volunteered for this evening.

Secretary's Report

Thom Seelbach shared the new directory that is being distributed at the event tonight. There are 57 members currently. He mentioned that the club has asked that our registration number be given to them earlier so Thom will move up the reservation deadline to be by the Friday preceding the Thursday event. He reported that he was unable to obtain a response from Tom Sweeney this time. There are several guests for this evening.

Treasurer's Report

David Lenz was absent from the meeting and his brief treasurer's report stated that the balance in the treasury is under \$9,000, however, dues are being collected tonight which should replenish that balance soon.

Fellowship Report

Diane Selby reported that the Member's Moment honoree for this evening is Bill LaFayette with his presentation by Joe Bluno.

Membership

Dorothy Driskell presented two applications for membership.

1. Dorothy moved to approve the application of Maria Teresa (Tere) Beck. The motion was seconded by Chris Atzberger. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Dorothy presented the application for Sally Dellinger. Nancy Wardwell moved, and Diane Selby seconded to approve the application. Motion passed unanimously.

Newsletter

Steve Sterrett reported that the newsletter was compiled and distributed without problems.

Website

Rai reported 27 unique visitors to the website in the last month.

District V and IATC Report

Nancy Wardwell reported that a new club is possible in Dayton but IATC is likely to lose the club in Lima. The latter has not paid dues in several years and seems disorganized.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 2, 2023, at 4:30 pm at the Faculty Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Diane Selby, Recording Secretary