

October 17, 2024  
Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association  
Board Meeting

**Attendees**

Nick Pedersen	George Knutson	Mike Titus
Barry Tonkin	Jerry Couchman	Peter Gantt
Al Ashley	Don Mason	Bill Pierce
Christi Brua Weaver	King Dahl	Chuck Barnett

Call to order: 7:03 pm

**Treasurer's Report - Al Ashley**

- See Al's report for details
- About \$1,700 more in the bank than at this time last year
- 261 members - most ever (230 in 2023); 48 new members this year (30 in 2023)
- Turners paid us \$523 (50% for picnic)
- Expenses included school rental and presenter fee plus ferry and mileage reimbursement

**Website and Email Lists**

- Email distribution - Al sends out the emails to membership in 4 batches but there are mail services available
- Goal is to avoid putting the responsibility on just one person and simplify the process
- Email backups - Christi and King
- Options:
  - Club Gmail account - can easily import email addresses but can only send out 500 emails/day. With 260 members, that means just one per day so no mistakes can be corrected until the next day.
    - Mike will check if it's a calendar day or 24-hour time frame
  - Mailgun - already used to notify Membership committee when someone joins club on the website. Drawback is people will have to agree to be added to the mail list, and it's unlikely 100% of membership would do. Would have to alert membership beforehand.
- Likely will go the Gmail route for all emails, not Wave Cable
- Mailing lists need to be updated monthly
- Al will send out an email notifying membership that we will be using Gmail primarily

**2025 Officers**

- Earl Kessler has accepted Vice President nomination
- Nominees will be announced in November and voted on in December

**2025 Members at Large**

- Appointed by president - two openings (two-year terms); Nick Pedersen has accepted one position

### **2024 Spirit Award**

- Nick will spearhead the search

### **Programs Committee**

- New members - Dave Weisenhorn, Earl Kessler, and Bill Keeler
- Craig Edwards will be the 2025 Board Chair, but Earl will represent committee at Board meetings
- November – Titebond glue chemist
- December - Annual recap
- Ideas for a future program - clamping, luthier who built his own tools and travel trailer, tool refurbishing/rehab
- Discussion about compensation for members who present, consistent with outside presenters
- Membership Committee can discuss a budget ask and bring to the Board

### **2025 Budget Initial Review**

- Initial review and discussion, some changes made
- Unanimous vote to approve the 2025 budget

### **Membership**

- Continued growth every month
- New member has been helping Jerry and David and providing ideas on how to improve membership committee

Adjourn: 8:58pm

Next Board Meeting: November 21, 2024