

Approved Minutes

Board of Directors Special Meeting

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 8:00 am – 8:30 am CT

Location: Alamo Room, Springhill Suites, 524 S. St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78205
(Teams link provided for Board Members and participants not in attendance)

1. **Call to Order –Chairman, Carl Cordes:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Carl Cordes, at 8:01 A.M. CDST.
2. **Roll Call – Secretary:**
 - a. All the sitting officers and the CEO were present.
 - b. All Regional Directors were present except MA-RD, Craig Gauger and RM-RD Christopher Benoche.
 - c. AT-DRD Ron Jones was present
 - d. Nominations Chair, Robert Buzolich was present via MS Teams.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by AT-RD Karen Kaufman. The motion was seconded by PA-RD Holly Pelking. The agenda was approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes of April 29, 2025, Board Meeting:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by NE-RD Carol Giesecke. The motion was seconded by AT-RD Karen Kaufman. The minutes were approved.
5. **Approval of Minutes of April 30/May 2, 2025, Membership Meeting:** A motion was made to approve the minutes by SC-RD Terri Tyler. The motion was seconded by NE-RD Carol Giesecke. The minutes were approved.
6. **Report from the Nominating Committee – Robert Buzolich (via Teams):** Nominating Committee Chair, Robert Buzolich, reported that during the nomination period, only one candidate had been presented. The nominee was Seth Werner, President of the York White Rose Wanderers of Pennsylvania.
7. **Candidate Comments – Seth Werner:** Seth spoke to the Board stating that
 - a. Seth started volksmarching in the 1990s with his grandparents.
 - b. He stopped walking when he went to college but later picked it back up by walking with his neighbors, who also walked with his grandparents.
 - c. He is looking forward to sharing ideas with the organization. I want to be involved.
 - d. My wife has a background in management and marketing. I have a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Technical Theater and a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education English. I taught math for 10 years. I got back into the theater and then was a college professor. I am now a Senior Project Manager for a company, United Disabilities Services, providing services in



the Atlantic region to help disabled stay in their homes. I have an MBA in Project Management and hold a PMP Certification.

8. **Election of Finance Chair:** After confirming that the nominations were closed and there were no other candidates, Chair, Carl Cordes stated that since there was only 1 nominee, per Roberts Rules, the Chair declares that the nominee is elected Finance Chair by Acclamation.
9. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by NE-RD Carol Gieseke. The motion was seconded by AT-RD Karen Kaufman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 A.M. CDST.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. CDST

Respectfully Submitted
Leslie Stone,
Secretary,
AVA: America's Walking Club

