

American Truck Historical Society

Minutes of the Special Meeting

Board of Directors – Kansas City, MO

October 25, 2025



Call to Order

Chair Marty Glomb called the ATHS Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2025. The meeting was held hybrid in Kansas City, Missouri, and via Zoom.

Officers Present

Marty Glomb, David Schnautz, Rick Knox, Craig Vogel, Mark Vassallo .

Board Members Present

Wade Beck, Brian Blaylock, Rocco Chianelli, Joe Constance, Bob Davis, John Doll (v), William Irvin, Ken O'Brien, Glenn D. Martin, Dean McWhirk (v), Stephen L. Rosemond, Edward Shepard, Jr., Steve A. Siemen, II, Richard Snedaker, Russell Spawn, Jr., Scott Spear, Shane Tinsley, Frank Vandruff (v), Bill Wagner, Peter Wild, Ralph Wilkerson (v), Jeff Wright, Tim Wright, and Ex-Officio Executive Director Dr. John Gravley.

Past Presidents Present

Michael Gully, Tom Mullen, Mark Schroyer, John Vannatta, Lenny Wild

Board Members At Large Present

Chris Budke (v), Shelby Kirkham (v), Denny Postma, Erich Reiselt, Jerry Wessel

Staff Present

Courtney Cesar, Marina Spexarth, Brandy Cavallaro, Brad Patterson, Darin Burt

Guests Present

Dale Bridge (v), Sandy Chianelli, Jerry Crume (v), BJ King (v), Amber McWhirk (v), Owen Pacquette (v), Bobb Williamson (v),

Quorum

A quorum was established, with 38 voting members being present.

Approval of Minutes

Wagner (Spear) moved "to accept June 5, 2025, board minutes as amended." Motion passed.

Wagner (Wild) moved "to accept the July 19, 2025, board minutes as amended." Motion passed.

Reports

President's Report – David Schnautz:

Schnautz summarized the week's activities and reported that the Hall of Fame Ceremony was held at ATHS headquarters. He noted ongoing discussions regarding opportunities in Mexico, with a follow-up meeting scheduled for December, and reported continued progress in organizing the library. He encouraged Regional Vice Presidents to work on establishing new chapters, get out and listen more to members, and stay active in their role, referencing a 1975 newsletter for guidance.

Executive Director's Report – Dr. John Gravley

Gravley reported on recent activities and thanked committees, volunteers, and donors for their contributions to the Hall of Fame, the library, and facility maintenance. Proceeds from Thursday's dinner were directed to the Plan Forward Fund. He provided updates on the Kenworth Archives project, which is supported by Kenworth funding for an archivist, and noted preliminary discussions with Peterbilt. He also clarified the organization's relationship with Women In Trucking and reported on plans for a potential Mexico chapter with approximately 80 prospective members. Gravley stated that the organization remains financially stable, having gone five months in 2025 with balanced income and expenses versus one month in 2024. He also highlighted continued member engagement. He reaffirmed that staff's role is to support the Board and ATHS operations.

Report & Recommendation from the Executive Committee – Marty Glomb:

Glomb acknowledged the challenging decisions facing the organization and thanked the Board for their continued commitment and collaboration. He emphasized the importance of transparency and teamwork in decision-making and expressed confidence that these principles will guide ATHS in its future work. He stated that there are no recommendations from the Executive Committee at this time.

Treasurer's Report – Craig Vogel:

Vogel reported that ATHS completed an overhaul of its financial reporting system, resulting in improved clarity and transparency. He noted that the organization received an unqualified audit with no issues identified and continues to operate within the approved budget, with a year-end surplus projected. Vogel stated that developing the next fiscal year's budget will depend on board decisions made during this meeting and that membership dues remain an ongoing concern.

Standing Committee Reports

Rosemond reported that the Awards Committee reviewed five award nominations, approving three and declining two. The committee updated eligibility forms to include a certification statement confirming that

nominators have read and agree to all requirements. Staff will provide the committee with reports indicating pass or fail status for each nomination and will add PDF versions of the award forms to the website for download.

Wild reported that the Convention Committee reviewed plans for the 2026 Convention and held a question-and-answer session with attendees. Topics included approval of a \$19,000 tourism grant, removal of ATHS-run tours, advertising improvements, and hotel contracting. The committee briefly discussed preliminary ideas for the 2027 Convention, and staff will contact local chapters for truck recommendations to feature on the event poster.

Siemen reported that the Volunteer Committee met in conjunction with Convention and there were no board actions at this time.

Glomb reported that the Nominating Committee discussed board attendance and dues requirements. Attendance requirements will be distributed to the full board, with records reviewed annually from October to October. The committee recommended appointing Tim Wright as Second Vice President effective immediately. The committee also presented the full slate of officers for the upcoming term.

Wagner (Spear) moved "to appoint Tim Wright as the 2nd Vice President immediately." Motion passed.

Vannatta (Wagner) moved "to approve the Slate of Officers as presented." Motion passed.

Special Committee Reports

Vogel reported that the Bylaws Committee did not meet and had no action for the board at this time.

Mullen reported that the 2025 Hall of Fame event was successful, with the ceremony running smoothly and inductees expressing appreciation. The committee will review future ceremony dates to avoid scheduling conflicts and plans to contact state trucking associations regarding participation. The committee recommended using the current ATIL website as the platform for the new digital Hall of Fame. Members were asked to share any personal connections with state associations to assist outreach efforts. Wessel requested that a press release be sent to state and national trucking associations.

Irvin presented potential design concepts for the Hall of Fame and shared preliminary ideas for future development.

Mullen reported that the Life Members met to discuss activities held during the convention and expressed appreciation for their support of the digital Hall

of Fame. He announced that a new Life Member newsletter will be distributed to all life members.

T. Wright reported that the Library Committee discussed long-term plans for the building and collections, including reorganizing library and archival spaces, improving storage and display, and addressing funding and volunteer needs. The committee emphasized balancing preservation with visitor experience and noted the need for a full inventory and updated catalog. Discussion also included the use of archival materials, exploration of a fire suppression system, and recognition that improvements will require additional staff and funding. The committee reviewed the ATHS Collection Plan, which will be further evaluated to determine a process for future vehicle acquisitions.

Vannatta inquired about the status of the film digitization project. Gravley reported that the digitized films have been completed and will be uploaded to the public library catalog. Wright added that staff will send the link to the photo catalog to board members and encouraged volunteers to assist with identifying photographs in the collection.

Spawn reported that the Membership Committee discussed vehicle registration and licensing issues, including plate transfers and documentation concerns. The committee also reviewed membership challenges, particularly within Australian chapters, and considered strategies to improve engagement and retention across different member groups. Additional discussion addressed member benefits, expansion plans in Mexico, and a January 2025 campaign targeting former members. Spawn reminded the board that all members are welcome to attend committee meetings and participate in discussions.

Vannatta asked for clarification on the membership issues in Australia. Gravley explained that ATHS is awaiting a proposal from Australian representatives outlining their recommendations for moving forward.

Doll reported that the RVP Committee discussed the upcoming truck show season, including chapter contributions to offset truck show insurance expenses and show kit materials. The committee also reviewed membership challenges, such as annual report compliance by chapters. Doll invited board members interested in serving as RVP Delegates to submit their names for consideration.

Irvin asked about the cost of truck show insurance. Gravley reported that as of October 2, 2025, ATHS had spent \$14,946 on truck show insurance, with total chapter operations expenses in the United States amounting to \$46,440.

Knox reported that the committee reviewed building costs, maintenance needs, and the facility's long-term role as the organization's headquarters. Roof repairs were completed through a donation from Past President Michael Gully, with parapet sealing pending, and the windows and HVAC systems under review. The committee is exploring fundraising opportunities and recommends featuring the ATHS building and a donation wish list in Wheels of Time to encourage member support. The committee further recommended that ATHS remain in its current facility, maintain it appropriately, and plan for future needs. During discussion, Gully inquired about the realtor contract, and Vannatta asked about a building fund. Gravley confirmed that the Plan Forward Fund serves that purpose.

Blaylock (Wagner) moves "to accept the recommendation of the Home of Our Own Committee to stay in the building." Motion passed.

New Business

Knox requested that board members submit suggestions regarding the Society's future direction to President Schnautz or Vice President Knox by November 10, 2025. Discussion followed regarding potential facility use and Hall of Fame space.

O'Brien (Postma) moved "to move the Hall of Fame to suite 102." Motion failed (13 to 17).

Shepard (T. Wright) moved "that the board investigate conceptually moving the Hall of Fame to suite 102." Motion passed.

Mullen (Irvin) moved that "the board approve the replacement of the Trinity sign out front with a sign for the Hall of Fame." Motion passed.

Announcements

Glomb announced that the January 2026 meeting will be January 24, 2026, will be held hybrid in Kansas City, Missouri and Zoom.

Blaylock moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:59pm