



WISCONSIN HISTORIANS ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
FRIDAY, JULY 17TH. 2026
Bond - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Hilton Paper Valley Hotel - Appleton

MINUTES

President PDC Greg Eirich called the meeting to order at 1:15 with the usual ceremony. Department Historian Morris Sadicario offered prayer.

Roll Call of WHA Officers: President Greg, VP John Edelbute, Secretary/Treasurer Denise Rohan and Dept. Historian Morris Sadicario.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Midwinter 2026 minutes made, 2nd and carried.

New members: Jocelyn Ford 1 year member (\$2.00) and Ryan Yantis life member (\$15.00)
12 members are present and 4 guests

Finance report: Martha Marlow CD balance is \$5,185.40 with an interest rate of 4.12% - maturity date of 9/12/2026. Balance in our checking account is \$5,433.56, which includes the Rosemarie Pitz stock buy out and dividend check from the Department of \$4,531.72.

Motion made by Mike Pook to renew the Martha Marlow CD for a year and put the \$4,531.72 Pitz funds into a CD that would be available for possible use around Midwinter. Second by John Edelbute, motion carried.

Denise will work with Morris for these transactions.

Motion by Christina Baurichter to approve the Finance Report, 2nd by Mike Pook, carried.

Department Historian Morris Sadicario handed out information on the Historian Contest. Talked about the due dates for physical and digital books. Reminder the Wisconsin Historians Association's website is still functioning (<https://talwha.org/>).

OLD BUSINESS. - Status of the Rosemarie Pitz Estate/Shares issue already covered.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Copies of Convention Resolution 5.2026 which details the Department Historian duties were made available. *(This resolution was brought before the Constitutional Amendment Committee at 2:00 and was passed by the convention body)*

- Nomination for 2027 Martha Marlowe Historian Award:
 - Historian Morris nominated Robert Wigod, past Historian for Oshkosh Post 70 you can see his work on our website: ([History of American Legion Oshkosh Post 70 - Communicating Your Post History](#))
 - Ryan Yantis suggested past Post 24 Lake Geneva historian, he will supply more details
- Department Historian and WHA President presented Mike Pooks with an award for his history book submission
- A certificate of appreciation was given to Denise Rohan for her work on the Pitz Estate

Historian Sadicario asked people to stop by the History Book showcase table and look at the submissions.

Our next meeting will be at Midwinter Conference in Middleton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 to allow members to get to the Convention Committee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Rohan
Secretary/Treasurer