

Dear Friends,

We are in unprecedented times due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus no matter what the perspective; world, country, community and family. Our top priority is the safety of our employees and world-wide community. I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and well. As you know from prior communications on the website, the National Watch & Clock Museum and Library & Research Center were closed as a precautionary measure earlier in March, and as of the 20th the offices are also closed following the direction of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf until further notice.

I'm proud to relay that our leadership team and Oversight & Advancement Committee have been working tirelessly to arrange for key staff to work from home and making other accommodations to continue to provide services to our members worldwide. Huge thanks to Director Jim Price and our leadership team of Jennifer Byers, Sarah Gallagher, Christiane Odyniec and James Campbell for all their long days and nights of hard work.

While many chapters are also unable to meet during these times, please continue to support your NAWCC network of colleagues and friends by reaching out and staying in-touch. If there is anything HQ can do to help, please contact us.

I have already been reading predictions that many non-profit organizations will be unable to make it through the economic stress that is forecasted and many of us are already personally experiencing. I want you to know that your Board of Directors and the leadership staff are meeting regularly and attempting to evaluate short-term and long-term contingency plans to be prepared. The team is committed and up to the challenge.

Thank you for your continued support. Born during the chaos of World War II, the NAWCC is resilient for one reason and one reason only, YOU.

Stay safe.

Kind regards,

Rich Newman

Chair, NAWCC