

WARD FRANCILLON SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

Annual Report May 14, 2010

The December 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors saw the NAWCC reconfirm its support for the Ward Francillon Time Symposium as its premier educational event and distinguished it as an educational event as opposed to a profit center. The Board established a revolving Symposium Fund with allowances for permanent restricted contributions in addition to other forms of income. Jim Cipra (CA) was selected as the new Symposium Committee Chair. The new Committee is comprised of members Frank Del Greco (OH) and Jack Goldberg (TX).

The 2010 Time Symposium will be held at historic Williamsburg and encompasses the discussion of the conservation and restoration of horological items. The Symposium opens on Thursday evening, October 28, with the James Arthur Lecture. On Friday and Saturday, live demonstrations and workshops will be presented on various aspects of the conservation, restoration, and repair of timepieces. A visit to a Colonial Williamsburg venue, to learn about conservation and preservation practices, is included in the Symposium program. The Symposium will conclude with a banquet and closing presentation on Saturday evening. Program details will be published in the August MART.

Cincinnati, OH is the site of the 2011 Time Symposium with the theme of Ohio Clocks. It will commence the evening of Thursday, October 20th with the James Arthur Lecture, and features lectures on Friday and Saturday, ending with a banquet the evening of Saturday, October 22. The agenda and the schedule of speakers and events are in place and confirmed.

Tentative plans are proceeding for the 2012 Symposium. Additional discussions are underway for sites and themes for the 2013 Symposium.

The Symposium Committee is currently drafting a Symposium Survey Questionnaire for distribution to the membership.

Jim Cipra