



ALTOONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

The Altoona Historical Society met at the Museum located at 506 - 9th Street West, Altoona, WI. President Vicki Iverson called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Iverson, President, Roger Rasmussen-Vice President, Mark Quam-Treasurer, Karen McCoury-Secretary, Tim Wagner-Parliamentarian, Lee Lundgren, Dan Hanson

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Judy Harris, Nathan Harris, Jim Klingbeil, John Glassbrenner

MEMBERS/GUESTS: Herb Ruscin, Jim Hager, Don Winrich, Dawn Severson, Kathy Colvin, Tim Hobart, Dan Gorell

Vicki Iverson presented the agenda for May 2026 Board Meeting -- Mark Quam motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Dan Hanson second the motion. Meeting agenda approved.

Minutes from April 2026 Board meeting presented. Lee Lundgren motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mark Quam second the motion. Minutes approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Vicki Iverson sent a welcome letter to Mark LaPage of Eau Claire (family heritage from Altoona) who was at our presentation at the library. Steve Haugen of Tomah (grew up in Altoona) called Vicki Iverson and requested some calendars.

Jim Hager presented a plaque of appreciation to Don Winrich from the Altoona Historical Society for his many years of service.

FINANCIALS:

Mark Quam presented reports and explained all line items. Roger Rasmussen motioned to approve the financial report as given, Lee Lundgren second motion. Financial report approved.

GREG KOCKEN PRESENTATION:

Positive feedback was given on Greg Kocken's presentation at the library. Judy Harris, Tim Wagner, Dan Hanson, Mark Quam and Karen McCoury volunteered to assist with the presentation. Judy Harris asked Greg Kocken how to grow our membership and he advised social media. Vicki Iverson will send a Thank You note to Greg Kocken for his presentation,

9th GRADE VOLUNTEERS:

The Altoona High School 9th grade volunteered to help with many tasks around the building from landscaping, outdoor cleaning, washing windows, replacing numbers on building, historical documentation and recording. It was an event that went very well and our hope is to continue it yearly.

JUDY HARRIS FUNDRAISER ANNOUNCEMENT:

Judy Harris was not at the meeting but did call in to make an announcement, the VFW Altoona Post 10405 is giving AHSI a donation of \$2000, which we have received. The Altoona Post is dismantling at this time Roger Rasmussen suggested we provide documentation to Judy that gives her authority to represent AHSI when soliciting money so there are no questions asked. Executive board will discuss this further at a future date.

Dan Gorrell gave a donation at the meeting for \$500

CINDER CITY DAYS - 06/06/2026

It was determined, due to such a short amount of time, AHSI will not have a concession stand. Tim Wagner will pull the speeder/float with help from Herb Ruscin. Eric Harris provided 15 bags of candy for the parade - Vicki Iverson, Tim Hobart and Dawn Severson will walk the parade and hand out candy. Vicki Iverson, Dawn Severson, Steve Burkart, Kathy Colvin and Herb Ruscin will help at the Open House. Things to be done are setting up museum, filling coolers with water, hand out ice cream. Judy and Eric Harris will provide games and prizes. Ice cream will be given out, Vicki Iverson purchased/donated the ice cream. 4 Altoona High School students have signed up to help with games. The Museum will hold their Open House that day from Noon-4:00 PM.

FALL CREEK FUN FEST PARADE 06/14/2026:

Tim Wagner and Herb Ruscin will pull the speeder/float in the Fall Creek parade. Vicki will complete registration form and send it in. Vicki Iverson and Herb Ruscin will walk the parade route and hand out candy. Theme of parade is patriotic to co-inside with America's 250th Birthday.

AUGUSTA BEAN & BACON DAYS PARADE 07/05/2026

Tim Wagner and Herb Ruscin will pull the speeder/float in the parade. Candy will be handed out during the parade; volunteers are needed.

OPEN HOUSE 07/11/2026 1:00-4:00

Herb Ruscin and Mark Quam volunteered to work at this Open House; Vicki Iverson will take care of advertising

OPEN HOUSE 09/12.2026 1:00-4:00

Volunteers needed

NEWSLETTER

Don Winrich is taking care of the newsletter; articles need to be submitted by mid-June. Newsletter will be done and ready to distribute 07/01/2026. 500 copies will be printed.

2027 CALENDARS

Mark Quam motioned to proceed with doing a 2027 calendar using the same printer. Lee Lundgren second motion. Motion passed and Vicki Iverson will head this up the same as she has done in past years. Mark Quam motioned to keep the price for ads the same as last year, Lee Lundgren second the motion. Cost of ads will remain the same price.

AHSI PAMPHLETS

Altoona Historical Society pamphlets will be updated with current board members. It was discussed to print 500 of these pamphlets for future use. Vicki Iverson's husband prints these for free for AHSI.

UTILITY WORK BUILDING ACCESS

Don Winrich has been letting city workers in the museum who have been doing utility work. Thank you Don for doing this. Same workers put a new tree in our lot; Vicki Iverson will send a thank you for the tree the City of Altoona placed at the museum.

WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINI GRANT:

Vicki Iverson submitted the Mini Grant application. She completed this and had Janet Seyour and the Outreach Team review before submitting. The maximum amount you can request is \$700.

Mark Quam completed and filed the Annual IRS Filing Report 990N on May 12, 2026. Karen McCoury completed and filed the Local History Affiliate Annual Report on 02/18/2026. These were items that needed to be completed before applying for the Mini-Grant,

INSURANCE UPDATE

Vicki Iverson gave update of insurance policy. Property insurance for the speeder was cancelled; this will be covered by anyone pulling the speeder. The annual cost of insurance for AHSI is \$1369.00

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER 09/27/2026

Vicki gave update on fundraiser. Judy continues to ask for gift cards and donations; many are being collected. Vicki Iverson is applying for donations online, Erin Mullens of Golden Spike is heading this up. Vicki Iverson applied for a Class B Raffle License, cost is \$25.

SERVICES TRANSFER

Internet has been completed and transferred over to AHSI account. We received a new modem and with that found our laptop is too old it will not hook to Wi-Fi. Purchasing a new Laptop will be discussed at a future meeting. Cost of internet is \$50 per month, a \$5.00 savings.

Blink Camera has been completed, Vicki Iverson has it set up on her phone, Mark Quam and Tim Wagner will complete set up on their phones.

Web Page is being worked on by Nathan Harris and Mark Quam.

FACEBOOK FUN FACTS:

We have 697 followers on our Facebook page. Vicki Iverson had requested information on Veterans from Altoona on Facebook and did get some feedback.

Next AHSI meeting will be June 24, 2026

Tim Wagner motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lee Lundgren second motion.
Meeting adjourned

Respectfully,
Karen (Sloat) McCoury
06/01/2026