

National Congress of Old West Shootists

Minutes of the 48th Congress, Davenport IA

March 27, 2026

6:30 PM

Senate and Representative Caucus

Representative Caucus: Five Representatives were present and six Representatives by proxy (see Roll Call). Representative Tom Spanton was elected to the position of Chair of the Territorial Representatives.

Senate Caucus: Twelve Senators were present and three Senators by proxy (see Roll Call). Senator Dave Scott was elected as Chair of the Territorial Senate.

6:48 PM

Anastasia Hope moved to start Congress Meeting early, Seconded by Henry Schlein.

Motion passed unanimously.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Marshal John Hoker called the Congress meeting to order at 6:49 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call

Senators present: Dan Borer, Bryan Buck, Caroline Buck, John Hoker, John Irons, Jim Kakavecos, Dart Liebrandt, Patrick Postell, Joe Ray, Dave Scott, Theresa Scott, Mike Tatham

Present by Proxy: John Covert (proxy is John Irons), Glen Kreilein (proxy is Dart Liebrandt), Paul Weller (proxy is Rhonda Tomlinson)

Territorial Representatives present: Anastasia Hope, Henry Schlein, Mike Scott, Thomas Spanton, Reed Van Ness

Present by Proxy: Ted Beechler (proxy is Patrick Postell), Gary Davison (proxy is John Newton), Duane Butt (proxy is John Liford), James Gommenginger (proxy is Patrick Postell), Cliff Fendley (proxy is Joe Cacciatore), Larry Quattlebaum (proxy is Patrick Postell)

Installation of New Senators and Representatives

John Hoker presided over the swearing in of new Territorial Representative James Gommenginger and new Territorial Senators Dan Borer, John Irons, Jim Kakavecos, Dave Scott, Mike Tatham.

Election of Officers

Henry Schlein moved to nominate the existing officers for one year by acclamation.

Mike Tatham seconded the motion.

There being no objections, the motion carries unanimously.

Elected Officers are John Hoker for Marshal, Bryan Buck for Deputy Marshal, Patrick Postell for Secretary, Joe Ray for Banker, and Dart Liebrandt for Judge.

Dave Scott was elected to be Chair of the Territorial Senate by the Territorial Senate during the Senate Caucus.

Tom Spanton was elected to be Chair of the Territorial Representatives by the Territorial Representatives during the Representatives Caucus.

John Irons agreed to serve as Editor for another year.

Presentation of Minutes of the 47th Congress

A call to read the minutes from the 47th Congress was made.

Henry Schlein moved to have Congress accept the minutes as posted and published in the magazine.

Bryan Buck seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Marshal Report

John Hoker said NCOWS needs to be looking for new younger members to keep the organization growing. Current membership is getting older. If one out of every three members could recruit a new NCOWS member, our membership would grow.

John said he would organize the Convention for another year at Davenport, IA. Costs will increase next year but be at a reasonable level. A \$200 increase for banquet and exhibit rooms, \$100 for bartender, \$103 room rate (two-dollar increase), free parking.

Rhonda Tomlinson provided some information on holding the convention in Topeka Kansas at a future date.

It was moved and seconded to authorize the Executive Committee to book the convention at Davenport Iowa next year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Marshal Report

Nothing presented

Judge Report

Dart Liebrandt reminded everyone that Scarlet Mask Vigilant Society (SMVS) will be hosting the NCOWS Nationals this year. Information is available at both the SMVS table and the ncowsnationals.com website. Things are going well.

Thomas Spanton thought that WOWS should be able to host the NCOWS Nationals in 2027.

Banker Report

Banker Joe Ray prepared reports on NCOWS finances.

The profit shown in the Annual Report is larger than expected due to only 3 out of the 4 invoices for the Shootist were paid in 2025. The 4th payment missed being included in 2025 by less than one week.

Marshal John Hoker had Dan Borer and John Covert review the reports and they found nothing suspicious or inappropriate in the reports.

Reports that were presented and disseminated by Joe Ray included:

1. 2025 Banker's Annual Report
2. 2025 National Convention Report

The 2025 National Shoot report was a single line on the Annual Report.

Copies of the report are appended to these minutes as Appendix A.

Motion to accept the bankers report was made by Henry Schlein, Seconded by Dave Scott.
Motion carried unanimously.

Chair of the Territorial Senator Report

Nothing presented

Chair of the Territorial Representative Report

Nothing presented

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Marshal John Hoker addressed agenda items for the 48th Congress, 2026 in the order of the published agenda.

1. Amendment to Articles of Incorporation Article III to update the mailing address, submitted by Patrick Postell

We changed our mailing address last year.

Section 3.01. The principal place of business shall be Cedar Falls, Black Hawk County, Iowa, with the mailing address of **4225 Fleur Dr. Suite #207, Des Moines, Iowa 50231**~~P.O. Box 221, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613~~. The registered office shall be Grefe & Sidney, 2222 Grand Avenue, P.O. Box 10434, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. The registered agent shall be Stephanie Glenn, Grefe & Sidney, P.O. Box 10434, Des Moines, Iowa 50206.

Bold text is new, ~~Strikethrough~~ text is deleted.

Thomas Spanton moved to accept the proposal.

Bryan Buck seconded the motion.

Bryan Buck moved to amend the proposal to replace “Black Hawk County” with “Polk County”.

Thomas Spanton seconded the motion to amend.

Amended motion:

Section 3.01. The principal place of business shall be Cedar Falls, ~~Black Hawk~~ **Polk** County, Iowa, with the mailing address of **4225 Fleur Dr. Suite #207, Des Moines, Iowa 50231**~~P.O. Box 221, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613~~. The registered office shall be Grefe & Sidney, 2222 Grand Avenue, P.O. Box 10434, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. The registered agent shall be Stephanie Glenn, Grefe & Sidney, P.O. Box 10434, Des Moines, Iowa 50206.

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

During discussion, it was explained that a new address in Iowa was needed because the old address was no longer in service and we needed an Iowa address since NCOWS is incorporated in Iowa.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

2. Addition of a new document “The Circuit Rider’s Handbook”, submitted by Patrick Postell

Marshal John Hoker created a committee to review and refine items 11,13-20 from the 46th Congress meeting. The committee consisted of Dave Scott, Bryan Buck, and Mike Tatham. The committee created a document named “Circuit Rider’s Handbook” and presented it at the 47th Congress meeting. This document is a Quick Reference Guide to NCOWS Safety Rules, Regulations and Recommendations for Judges and Members. It consists of three parts from the Tally Book which are: “Range Rules and Regulations”, “Safety and Procedure Rules”, and “NCOWS Rules

for Air Horns and Flags”. The last part of this new document is a “Best Practices” incorporated from items 11 and 13-20 from the 46th Congress meeting.

Accept the new document “The Circuit Rider’s Handbook” presented at the 47th Congress.

John Irons moved to accept the proposal.

Reed Van Ness seconded the motion.

During discussion, it was explained that this document was a best attempt to provide guidance for posses. It will be added as an appendix to the Tally Book.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Addition to the Not allowed are the following: Revolvers list, submitted by Dart Liebrandt

Adding 10mm and .45ACP to the not allowed list.

*Revolvers chambered in 9x19mm Parabellum (9mm Luger), **10mm, and .45 ACP***

Bold text is new.

Dave Scott moved to accept the proposal.

Rhonda Tomlinson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Addition to the Not allowed are the following: Rifles list, submitted by Dart Liebrandt

Adding 10mm and .45 ACP to the not allowed list.

*Rifles chambered in 9x19mm Parabellum (9mm Luger), **10mm, and .45 ACP***

Bold text is new.

Rhonda Tomlinson moved to accept the proposal.

Joe Ray seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Addition to the Not allowed are the following: Revolvers list, submitted by Dart Liebrandt

Adding outside threading at muzzle to the not allowed list.

Barrels with outside threading at muzzle to possibly accept a suppressor or similar device

Bold text is new.

Bryan Buck moved to accept the proposal.

Rhonda Tomlinson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Addition to the Not allowed are the following: Rifles list, submitted by Dart Liebrandt

Adding outside threading at muzzle to the not allowed list.

Barrels with outside threading at muzzle to possibly accept a suppressor or similar device

Bold text is new.

Dave Scott moved to accept the proposal.

Joe Ray seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Addition to the Not allowed are the following: Shotguns list, submitted by Dart Liebrandt

Adding outside threading at muzzle to the not allowed list.

Barrels with outside threading at muzzle to possibly accept a suppressor or similar device

Bold text is new.

Mike Tatham moved to accept the proposal.

Rhonda Tomlinson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Addition to Safety and Procedure Rules For All National, Regional and NCOWS Posse Shoots, submitted by Dart Liebrandt

How stage disqualification will be documented and scored for a match.

26. A 'Stage Disqualification' will result in that person's stage time being indicated in scoring with 'Stage DQ'. The person's final time for all the stages will reflect 'DNF (Did Not Finish)'.

Bold text is new.

Bryan Buck moved to accept the proposal.

Jim Kakavecocos seconded the motion.

During discussion, it was brought up that some posses score a Stage Disqualification as a large time, such as 500 or 999 seconds. A question was asked what is a 'Stage Disqualification'? A dropped unload gun is one example of a Stage Disqualification.

Mike Tatham moved to amend the proposal to score a Stage Disqualification as a time penalty of 500 additional seconds.

Henry Schlein seconded the motion to amend.

Amended motion:

26. A 'Stage Disqualification' will result in that person's stage time being indicated in scoring with an additional time of 500 seconds.

The motion to amend passed 23 Aye, 3 Nay.

Nay: Dan Borer, Jim Kakavecocos, Reed Van Ness.

Additional discussion still had questions about what is a 'Stage Disqualification'.

Dave Scott moved to amend the proposal by striking 'Stage Disqualification' and inserting a dropped unloaded firearm.

Rhonda Tomlinson seconded the motion to amend.

Amended motion:

26. A dropped unloaded firearm will result in that person's stage time being indicated in scoring with an additional time of 500 seconds.

The motion to amend passed unanimously.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Tatham moved to adjourn,
Henry Schlein seconded the motion.
Marshal John Hoker adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

Appendix A – Banker’s Reports

NCOWS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2025

INCOME

25-Convention	\$	4,287.25
25-Nationals	\$	525.00
25-Posse Renewal	\$	220.00
26-Convention	\$	764.92
26-Posse Renewal	\$	140.00
Donations	\$	290.00
Interest Income	\$	1.90
Membership	\$	14,055.68
Merchandise	\$	163.47
Shootist Advertising	\$	780.00
	GROSS INCOME	\$ 21,228.22

EXPENCES

Insurance	\$	(7,933.24)
Merchandise Postage	\$	(17.76)
Office	\$	(1,968.19)
Recruiting	\$	(36.00)
Shootist	\$	(6,540.01)
Shootist Postage	\$	(10.44)
	GROSS EXPENSES	\$ (16,505.64)
	INCOME	\$ 21,228.22
	EXPENCE	\$ (16,505.64)
	NET INCOME	\$ 4,722.58

2025 CONVENTION REPORT

INCOME

12/10/2024	Registration	3 Conventioneer, 2 Vendor	\$ 610.00
1/2/2025	Registration	4 Conventioneer	\$ 335.00
1/13/2025	Registration	2 Conventioneer	\$ 160.00
1/27/2025	Registration	4 Conventioneer, 1 Vendor	\$ 355.00
1/30/2025	Registration	4 Conventioneer, 5 Vendor	\$ 780.00
2/7/2025	Registration	4 Conventioneer, 5 Vendor	\$ 1,010.00
2/21/2025	Registration	8 Conventioneer, 3 Vendor	\$ 890.00
3/1/2025	Registration	10 Conventioneer	\$ 755.00
3/1/2025	Raffle Tickets	40 Tickets	\$ 160.00
3/14/2025	Registration	6 Conventioneer, 3 Vendor	\$ 620.00
3/14/2025	Raffle Tickets	91 Tickets	\$ 390.00
3/29/2025	Walk-ins	Walk Ins	\$ 865.00
3/29/2025	Raffle Tickets	Sold at door	\$ 1,580.00
3/29/2025	Ladies Tea Donations	Cash	\$ 70.00
3/29/2025	Ladies Tea Donations	James County Mercantile Sponsorship	\$ 202.00
3/29/2025	Silent Auction	Cash	\$ 445.00
3/29/2025	Change For Convention	Cash	\$ 100.00
3/29/2025	Raffle	Tombstone Picture Raffle	\$ 290.00
			\$ 9,617.00

EXPENSE

8/2/2024	Double Tree Hotel	Convention Deposit	\$ (1,000.00)
3/20/2025	Change For Convention	Debit J. Ray	\$ (100.00)
5/20/2025	Double Tree Hotel	Convention	\$ (4,619.75)
			\$ (5,719.75)

INCOME	\$ 9,617.00
EXPENCE	\$ (5,719.75)
NET	\$ 3,897.25