

Minutes for
The Elongated Collectors (TEC) 2025 Member Meeting
World's Fair of Money (WFOM) – Oklahoma City, OK
Recorded by Terri Ventresca, Secretary - TEC #4447
August 22, 2025

- **Call to Order:** The Board meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM by President Tyler Tyson.
- **Thank You:** Tyler extended his thanks to all Board members for assisting on the projects that TEC was able to undertake this year.
- **Welcome:** Tyler welcomed all TEC members to his home town and hoped that their time in Oklahoma City has been good so far. He reported that dealers are very happy with their sales and the ANA reports that attendance has been excellent. Richard Josiafek suggested that the ANA could do more outside advertising.
- **Introductions:** Vira Hora, Cindy Calhoun, Bob Frazier, Scott Eddy, Bob Fritsch, Tyler Tyson, Eddie Swanson, Alex Mruk and Dee Drell. Then Tyler asked all attendees to introduce themselves and share what they collect.
- **Activities over the Past Year:**
 - ✓ *Auctions:* The club held 2 auctions, one live auction at the WFOM and one online auction. These continue to be fun for the members and contribute financially to the club. Club members have been very generous with donations. We do not advertise accepting pre-bids, but will accept them if you contact Terri Ventresca when the catalog is released. Please, no bids on the day of the auction.
 - ✓ *Tenure Awards:* Tyler awarded Tenure Award coins to members on their 5, 10, 15 and 20 year anniversaries.
 - ✓ *Life Membership:* Les Holbrook, former Secretary and current Historian is being awarded the honor of Life Membership in recognition of all his years of service to TEC.
 - ✓ *Die Engraving* – two of our members did the die engraving this year, Alex Mruk and Wichita Peng. As VP, Alex will be coordinating designing and rolling the coins for next year. Both Alex and Wichita generously contributed to the club by engraving dies for free. Alex also expressed an interest in returning to hand-made ribbons for the badges as he has done hand-made ribbons for another organization and TEC's original badges were hand made. .

- ✓ *Coloring Contest*: was administered by Bob Frazier and there were a total of 15 entries. We are hoping for a greater number of entries this year so the deadline was extended to August 23.
- ✓ *Design Contest*: the 2025 theme was Treasure Trivia. There were 32 entries, 20 in the Adult category and 12 in the YN category. The adult winner was Dana Byer was the YN winner was Brooklyn Gilger.
- ✓ *Newsletter Mailing*: Scott Eddy is the new coordinator. He is using index cards that are free to him and is using more of the small denomination stamps to save additional cost of postage.
- ✓ *TEC News Editor*: a total of 4 issues of TEC News were printed in January, April, July and October
- ✓ *Governor's Update (Vira Hora)* – has attended both the National Money Show and the WFOM show and plans to attend two shows in 2026, either FUN or NMS and the WFOM. Vira coordinates the YN raffle at the WFOM and assists with the live auction.
- ✓ *TEC Store*: Store manager Uni Marbut reported that income after expenses was \$1,123. Extra badges are available for sale at the TEC booth.
- ✓ *Secretary Update*: The total membership has increased by 28 members since the last meeting, for a total of 752 members. We have members from every state, except Rhode Island and Vermont. Our foreign members are in Australia, Canada, Japan, Germany, Mexico and the United Kingdom. Approximately 1/3 of members receive TEC News in a digital format and 2/3 received it in print format. We have 662 adult members and 90 members under the age of 18 (YNs).
- ✓ *Treasurer's Update*: TEC ended the year with a net income of \$335. The largest expense was printing and mailing newsletters. We had donations of approximately \$3,000, including cash to sponsor new YNs, gifts in kind for the auctions, etc. Booth sales were \$1,200.
- ✓ *Press Agent*: was the auctioneer for both the in-person and online auctions
- ✓ *Outgoing President*: Tyler promised that he is not going away but will continue to be a TEC presence. He also rolled Merit Awards on golden dollars for all TEC Board members.
- ✓ *Reports*: all reports will be uploaded to the TEC website if anyone wants to read them.
- ✓ *Conclusion*: the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM. Members were encouraged to return after a 10 minute break to start the live auction.

**2025 TEC Membership Meeting
Attendees - August 22, 2025**

Tyler Tyson

Tim Witucky

Cindy Calhoun

Niko Braun

Terri Ventresca

Lindsay Steiner

Bob Frazier

Burton Strauss

Scott Eddy

John Wilson

Simcha Kuritzky

Nancy Wilson

Bob Fritsch

Jerry Jordan

Tambra Eddy

Jim McNally

Wichita Peng

Richard Jozefiak

Brandon Feller

Eddie Swanson