

The meeting was started by the president at 7:04 CST.

Roll call was done with Bob West, Bruce Heiter, Leslee Masolotte, Matt Weldele, Steve Cosgriff, John Perry, Darlene Dow, Shawn Macleod, Ed Janulis, Phillip Thayer, Robin Tomasi, Linda McCartney, Ron Gulembo and Paul Renius in attendance.

We also had Doug Tighe, Tim Smith and Teresa Richmond attend the meeting.

This meeting was called to focus on reviewing and approving the Finance committee's budgets for the 2026 season. The board debated whether to approve the audit report, with some members questioning the implications of accepting the recommendations versus simply acknowledging the report. Tim and Doug explained that the recommendations were procedural suggestions to improve financial processes, not mandatory policies. The discussion then shifted to the 2026 budget, with board members expressing concerns about whether event chairs had adequate opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed budget numbers. The meeting also touched on the ongoing challenges with the magazine's financial performance and the need for better financial discipline at the organizational level.

With the magazine being the biggest drain on the ABC finances, losing thousands every month, ideas were being put out on a way to make it breakeven or make it more sustainable. The way things are going now the magazine would bankrupt the ABC.

After various ideas and multiple discussions about each idea it was decided by the board of directors with a vote of confidence from the finance committee that moving the magazine to a digital format was the best answer. There will be a way for members that still want to get a print copy to receive it. The price will be added to the membership for a printed copy. Otherwise, the digital copy will be available on the website under the members only area.

A notice will be sent out to the membership about the change; this will be done on the new system. This will be the first official use of the new system. Peggy has been working hard on converting all of the old information into the new system and thinks it is ready to go.

Motion #1

Made by Robin Tomasi

Seconded by Leslee Masolotte

I make a motion to accept the finance committees 2025 audit report.

YES: Linda McCartney, Bob West, Darlene Dow, Bruce Heiter, Matt Weldele, Paul Renius, Ron Gulembo, Phillip Thayer, Robin Tomasi, Shawn Macleod, John Perry, Leslee Masolotte, Steve Cosgriff

NO: Ed. Janulis

Motion passed

Motion #2

Made by Robin Tomasi

Seconded by Paul Renius

I make a motion to approve the 2026 event budgets.

YES: Linda McCartney, Phillip Thayer, Bruce Heiter, Steve Cosgriff, Matt Weldele, Shawn Macleod, Paul Renius, Leslee Masolotte, Bob West

NO: Ed Janulis, Ron Gulembo, Darlene Dow, Robin Tomasi, John Perry

Motion passes

Motion #3

Made by Robin Tomasi

Seconded by Darlene Dow

I make a motion to approve the 2026 General budget.

There was an amendment to the motion.

An amendment to the magazine to go digital and let the magazine committee figure out how to implement this. There is a possible cost recovery fee for a hard copy of the magazine. With recommendations within 30 days.

YES: Linda McCartney, Bruce Heiter, Ron Gulembo, Phillip Thayer, Darlene Dow, Steve Cosgriff, Matt Weldele, Shawn Macleod, Paul Renius, Leslee Masolotte, Robin Tomasi, Bob West

NO: Ed Janulis, John Perry

Motion passes

With this amendment added to the original motion of approving the budget was passed. With the votes going

YES: Linda McCartney, Bruce Hieter, Phillip Thayer, Ron Gulembo, Steve Cosgriff, Shawn Macleod, Leslee Masolotte, Paul Renius, Robin Tomasi, Bob West

NO: Darlene Dow, Matt Weldele, Ed Janulis, John Perry

Reminder was given for the quarterly meeting of June 9, 2026

Meeting was adjourned by Paul Renius and seconded by Phillip Thayer.

Adjourn time was 9:38pm

Sincerely Submitted by

J. Brooke Burlingame

ABC Executive Secretary