

American Council of the Blind of Maine

Board Meeting

Date: April 9, 2026

Time: 7 PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Frost at 7:01 PM

A: Attendance

Present – P Absence – A Excuse – E

Amanda Frost P

Linda Porelle P

Lolita Hodsdon P

Julie Welch P

Roger Fuller P

Linda Richards P

Nicole Sukeforth A

Bruce Archer P

Nathaniel Bastson E

Jim King A

B: Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda accepted as presented

C: Secretaries Report

February 5, 2026 meeting minutes as presented with no objection

D: Treasurer Report

Bangor Savings Bank balance at \$8,829.33

Ameriprise balance at \$204,293.00

Discussion Amanda and Linda P met with Ameriprise in March to request half of the \$10,000.00 divided interest with plans to request the remainder when the account bounces back

E: PO Box

Amanda Frost mentioned that she closed the old PO Box in Waterville and the new PO Box is located in Winthrop PO Box, 611 Winthrop, ME 04364

F: Outreach

Discussion regarding the trifold brochure was held. It was decided to email the draft to the board members will work to include the mission statement.

G: Committees

1. Constitution and Bylaws

No updates

2. Convention

Location confirmed at Embassy Suites at 1050 Westbrook St
Portland, Maine

Logistics 10 rooms have been booked for Friday and
Saturday nights

Amanda working on the food, catering at a buffet style well,
be able to serve us at the table appropriately \$19-25 per
person with two entrée choices

Programming ideas discussed include on guest speakers of
their personal experience with the ACB of Maine, New
England Technology, some one experienced in crafts/hobby
and ME site, Bits (Blind information technology solution)

3. Finance

Cutting down the cost and the Back River received the 2025
taxes documents

4. Fundraising

The Little Caesars pizza fundraising was closed on March 23,
2026.

We earned total of \$202.00 including \$100.00 by Carolyn
Bebe

Roger introduce the 100 women who care model as a
potential future funding avenue for the special projects

5. Memberships

Reported as of February 1 we were at 32 members up-to-date
now we're at 41 members and 2 new merit

6. Newsletter

Deadline for submission is April 17, 2026

7. Scholarships

Discussion on making the application more accessible, VIA
and online format and expanding eligibility to include post
secondary vocational training, not just four years liberal arts
schools

8. Website

Roger is coordinating with the national ACB to remove the old website address and working on updating on our new ACB of Maine website

H: Other business

Bruce Archer announced he is running for the Maine State House in District five he also expressed frustration regarding the process of volunteering to help blind clients through the division for the blind and discuss networking alternatives through regional groups like the BA VIP (blind and visuallyimpaired persons) in Androggin county

I: Next meeting will be on June 11, 2026 at 7 PM

J: Ajourned Meeting at 8:04 p.m.