

American Council of the Blind of Maine

Board Meeting

Date : October 9, 2025

Time: 7:30PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Frost at 7:31PM

A: Attendance

Amanda Frost P

Linda Porelle P

Courtney Tabor P

Sherry Belka A

Julie Welch P

Nathanal Batson P

Nicole Sukeforth P

Roger Fuller P

Bruce Archer P

Linda Richards P

Pauline Lamontagne P

Ginger Kutsch P

B: Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented

C: Secretaries Report

No corrections were mentioned therefore August 7, 2025 minutes were accepted as distributed

D: Treasurers Report

Bangor savings balance as of September 30, 2025 \$6,440.58

E: State Farm bonding insurance

Linda Porelle amends the previous vote to obtain blanket coverage for Bonding Insurance. Instead ACB Maine will obtain the basic Bonding insurance covering those who have access to the banking account.

Linda R seconds motion passes

F: Nomination of officers

Nicole has not had success confirming President, Vice President or Treasurer positions for 2026

G: Committee's

1 Constitution and Bylaws

No changes will be made to the Constitution and Bylaws this year

2 Convention

logistics Amanda, Julie and Linda Richards

Convention Date and time: November 8, 2025 9am to 4pm

Location: Homewood sweets Inn 377 Western Ave in Augusta Maine 04330

Confrence room has been reserved for 300 This includes the Evening of November 7, for set up.

Food: Light pastries and fruit for morning and Olive Garden will Cader lunch.

Bruce motions for Registration to be \$10

Linda Porelle seconds, motion Passes.

Reservations for motel room are required before October 15

Linda Richards motions to cover the motel stay for Board members attending the Convention.

Nichole seconds,

1 abstained, motion passes

programming Amanda and Linda Porelle

The final program for the convention is complete and will be e-mailed and large print paper copies will be available at the Convention

Business meeting minutes for Convention 2024 and the business meeting Agenda for Convention 2025 will be e-mailed and large print paper copies will be available at Convention

Roger and Nichole will staff registration

3 Finance

Amanda

Bret Jenson from One River stated expect between \$1900 to \$2500 to prepair taxes for 2026

Locating a cost efficient accountant to file 2026 taxes

4Fundraising

Amanda, Linda Richards, Bruice and Julie

Thank you Linda Richards for hosting the Scensey party raising \$300

Little Caesars Pizza will be the next fund raiser

5Membership

Amanda, Bruce, Roger and Linda Porelle

As of September 2025 39 members

=740dues paid

6 News letter

Roger

7 Bud Lewis Community Service award

Amanda, Courtney, Bruce and Nichole

Thank you Ginger for designing the eligibility criteria for the Bud Lewis Community Service Award

We have 2 Nominations

Sue will present the Bud Lewis Community Service award

Roger motions to give a \$100 gift card to the Bud Lewis Community Service Award recipient

Linda R seconds, motion passes.

8 Website

Roger

H: Next meeting November 8, 2025 at 2:30PM

I : meeting adjourned at 8:38PM