

2024-2025 ABA Executive Board and General Membership Motions

New Executive Board Meeting Friday, June 28, 2024, in Pittsburgh, PA

Presidential Appointments

The **appointments of President** Bonnie Tippery were approved.

Online Meetings

National Bell Festival Organization

July 15, 2024, Carl Zimmerman was appointed to serve as ABA's **delegate to the National Bell Festival's synod.**

Convention Coordinator – Monica Wagner

July 28, 2024, Monica Wagner was appointed **Convention Coordinator for 2026** in Springfield, Missouri.

Convention Committee Appointment – Lariss Franczak

November 20, 2024, Larissa Franczek was appointed to be the seventh voting member on the **Convention Committee.**

Second Vice President approved – Sue Goebel

November 22, 2024, the President filled the vacancy of **Second Vice-President** by appointing Sue Goebel as ABA's Second Vice-President for the 24-25 term

2025 Convention Bell approved – Wilkerson Glass Co.

December 3, 2024, the board accepted the chosen bell and approved the Wilkerson Glass Company contract for the **2025 Covington Convention Bell.**

Special Committee

March 10, 2025, Bruce Clayton, Kathleen Collins, Sue Goebel, Tim Koehl and Carl Zimmerman were appointed to serve as the members of a **Special Committee** to explore ways ABA could collaborate with other bell or collectors' organizations. The chair was to be chosen by the members at the first meeting of the committee.

The Bell Tower Committee Appointment- Diana Meaney

March 28, 2025, Diana Meaney was appointed to **serve on the Bell Tower Committee** and to serve as the coordinator for the Collins Fund.

Executive Board Zoom Meeting June 9, 2025

Audit Committee Appointments

Greg Keurian was **appointed as Audit Committee Chair** for the 2024-2025 term, with Cindy Knoblauch, and Janie Hendzlik serving as Committee members with Sue Moore as an alternate if needed.

Special Committee – disbanded

The **special committee** to explore ways ABA can collaborate with other Bell or Collector's Organizations was discharged.

The Bell Tower Budget approval

The Bell Tower budget for the 2025-2026 term was approved and Figures will be incorporated into the overall ABA Budget for approval by the members.

The Bell Tower editor recommendation

The recommendation of *The Bell Tower* Committee that Marilyn Grismere continue as **Editor of The Bell Tower** for the 2025 - 2026 term was approved.

Membership Coordinator recommendation

The recommendation of *The Bell Tower* Committee that Nancy Kirk continue as **Membership Coordinator** for the 2025-2026 term was approved.

Budget Approved

The **2025-26 Budget** was approved for presentation and approval of the members at the business meeting.

2026 Convention Bell Approved – Via Graceffo Collection

The contract between The American Bell Association, International, Inc. and Via Graceffo Collection for the **2026 Convention Bell** to be held in Springfield, MO was approved.

ABA articles of incorporation

The motion to hire “Connecticut Registered Agent LLC” (ConnecticutRegisteredAgent.com) to serve as **ABA’s Resident Agent** in Connecticut and to authorize the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer (if extant), as they decide, to file the Annual Report instead of paying that firm to do so was approved.

Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday June 24, 2025, Covington, KY

Minutes approved 2024-2025

The **Minutes of the ABA 2024 - 2025 Executive Board**, as corrected, were approved by unanimous consent.

Motions approved 2024-2025

The **Motions approved by the Executive Board from June 28, 2024 – June 9, 2025**, were ratified. (Foreman/Boldenow)

Kids’ Corner published on ABA website

Motion: To allow “**Kids’ Corner**” as published in *The Bell Tower*, be allowed to be posted on the ABA website immediately after publication. Approved

ABA Business Meeting, Friday June 27, 2025, in Covington, KY

Audit Committee – membership accept report

Motion: To accept the report of the **Audit Committee for 2024-2025**. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Budget – membership accepts report 2025-2026

Motion: To accept the proposed **Budget for 2025-2026**. The motion was adopted by the membership.

Bylaws – amend Special Meetings

Motion: to **amend ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES SECTION 2 MEETINGS** Each committee shall hold a meeting *around* the time of the annual convention.

Special Meetings may be held by electronic means, including email, under the procedures set forth in the Special Rules of Order. Motion adopted.

Bylaws to amend Special Rules of Order

Motion: to **amend by Substitution the SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER**. Motion adopted.

