



Richmond ALA Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

Virtual

12-1:30 pm

In attendance: Christy Purgason, Billie Jo Brooks, Danielle Dann, Kathy Scourby, Abigail Davis-Hess, Liz Coleman, Jennifer Hobson, Dave Cumming, Michael Keatts

Not Present: Erin Polley, Catherine Jacquemin, Joe Loving

President's Comments – Christy Purgason

- Nominating Committee
 - The Nomination Committee: The President must identify members for the Nominating Committee which shall consist of President, President-Elect, and 3 members who are actively involved in the chapter
 - Open Positions: President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Committee, Program Education Committee
 - Abby to send out to membership with response date of 1/31/26
 - The Nominating Committee (Tasks): The Nominating Committee shall contact potential board member candidates and present those names for discussion.
 - Meet with the Nominating Committee: The President works with the Nominating Committee to identify candidates to put forth for election:
 - The Nominating Committee will review each candidate.
 - The Nominating Committee will put forth a slate for election.
 - Once candidates have been identified, President will contact each individual and ask if they will accept the position.
- Adopting Western VA Chapter-
 - Michael advised we are awaiting guidance from National
- Member survey- Need to recirculate
 - Need to generate participation
- President's award – all Board members to review for completion of relevant tasks
- Scholarship winner – Robin Ruleman & Jill Bryant, Runners Up – Barbara Allen & Jenn Hobson

Membership – Billie Jo Brooks

- Renewal- 33 Renewals, 2 new members
- Awaiting payment information from Erin
- Essentials of Chapter Leadership March 13 + 20
- Annual Conference
- Polo Event – Brian Berkey would like a date in June – will propose June 14

Secretary's Report/Approvals – Danielle Dann

- Board Meeting Minutes – 9.9.25 - APPROVED



- Board Meeting Minutes - 10.14.25 - APPROVED
- Member Meeting Minutes – 10.16.25 - APPROVED
- October Survey Results
 - 7 Responses – 3.5/4 Rating
 - Great venue – but difficult to hear speaker
- Member Meeting Minutes – 11.13.25 (Virtual) - APPROVED
- Member Meeting Minutes – 12.4.25 – APPROVED
- Awaiting notes from Board Members for Nov Board Meeting to finalize Minutes

Business Partner Liaison – Liz Coleman

- Conflict with time for BP101 on 1/28 – Dave will try to move time at Willow Oaks to 8am or move to another date
- Truist/Layer9 will not be returning
- Awaiting commitment responses from 10 BPs.
- Have Platinum and Diamond Commitment

Treasurer's Report – Erin Polley

- Treasurers report- Deferred
- Star Chapter renewal will auto renew in August (\$1,243)

Programs & Education Chair – Dave Cummings (attached)

- Draft calendar
 - Jan – BP 101 @ Willow Oaks
 - Feb – Westin Breakfast meeting
 - Mar – CyberSecurity (hybrid)
 - Apr – Virtual
 - May - Abby/Jen
 - June – Kiki - Networking
- Christy needs someone to cover Jan meeting- BJB taking

CLM Education Chair – Abby Davis-Hess

- Renewal CLM – Submitted to National
- Applied all CLM credits for Retreat programming

Communications – Catherine Jacquemin/Abby?

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Community Outreach and Caring Chair – Kathy Scourby / Joe Loving

- Tech4 Troops (Apr/May)
- Jame River Event (September FeedMore)
- Other possibilities: Dress4Success, Fostering Hope RVA, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Sportable, VCU Hospitality House, Speak Up No 5K, Legal Food Frenzy

DEI Committee Update: Jenn Hobson



- Need to resurface program ideas from Jenn

Virginia Statewide Retreat Chair – Michael Keatts

- Slow BP renewal in RVA = behind budget for BP retreat commitments
- \$15K budget shortage
- 30 booths sold – 12 short of last year
- 20 members short of last year's registration