

**American Council of the Blind of Maine
Board Meeting
January 4, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

Attendance: P= Present; E=Excused; A=Unexcused Absence

**Amanda Frost – P
Linda Porelle – P
Nathanael Batson – E
Cheryl Peabody – P
Roger Fuller – P
Linda Richards – P
Nichole Sukeforth – P
Courtney Tabor – P
Bruce Archer – P**

Acceptance of Minutes waere tabled; Need to draft several minutes.

Treasurer’s report was accepted.

Proposed budget for 2024 was accepted.

Convention Recordings – An item will be edited out of ACB Convention recordings because there was a statement made that does not reflect the mission, philosophy or values of ACB Maine.

ACB National will go over Constitution & Bylaws. Jeff Thom and John McCain will suggest changes. Of note: ACB Maine does not have to adopt all recommendations.

Committee Compositions:

**Constitution & Bylaws – Linda P (Chair), Cheryl and Linda R
Finance - Cheryl and Nichole
Convention – Linda P and Courtney for Programming; Cheryl and Linda R for Location/hotel.
Mary Ellen will also help.
Fundraising – Bruce and Amanda – Can we apply for grants? Christine Brino – Pampered Chef Party?
Legislative – Roger (wish we could focus on the things ACB Maine wants to change); Linda P recommended Pauline Lamontagne. Nichole will also serve on this committee.
Membership – Roger and Amanda.
Newsletter – Roger and Courtney.
Website – Cheryl and Nichole; and Nathanael?**

Meeting schedule was gone over February 1st; April 4th; June 6th; August 1st; October 3rd; November – TBD; December 5th.

**Allowing members to attend meetings. Ground Rules were discussed:
Send zoom invite to all members – yes.**

Allow members to speak for two minutes either at the beginning of each meeting or at the end.

Try for a couple of meetings and then reevaluate.

Adjournment: 8:35pm