

**ABATE OF VA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES
8008 WEST BROAD ST
RICHMOND, VA
JAN. 18, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Executive Director Stan Bryant.

Stan recommended dispensing with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the minutes from the last BOD Meeting.

Chapters represented are: Blue Ridge Back Roads; Chapter 99; Dragon's Claw; Flatlander; Halesford Brigade; Highland, Iron Horse Cavalry; Mountain Thunder; Purgatory Mountain.

STATE RALLY

Stan said there was no meeting held after the 2025 State Rally to follow up and make decisions about the next rally. It was reported that we may have brought in \$2343.

Tony said that Chuck may have said he would want out of State Rally business after 2025; the Rally Committee members supported Chuck and hope he will continue to stick with it.

OPERATIONS

John noted that we need to reach out to other riders and "blanket" the state since our limited membership would not be able to reach every member of the General Assembly with our lobbying attempts.

He also noted that with the shift in legislators following the election in November, we will need to introduce ourselves to the newly elected legislators in Richmond and let them know what ABATE is about.

MRF / NCOM

John spoke about some of the goals of the MRF this year and said that his goal this year is to get more ABATE members to sign up for the MRF. There will be an NCOM Convention in Ohio, May 8 – 10 and the MRF Bikers Inside the Beltway on May 18 and 19.

TREASURY

Joe was not at the meeting, but he is expected to show up tomorrow.

MEMBERSHIP

Maryann was not at the meeting, but she was also expected to show up tomorrow.

LEGISLATIVE

Dave "Prof" Sutton will have an open facebook page to increase visibility and he will monitor the page.

ADVERTISING

Stan said we are still looking for someone to handle advertising.

OPEN FLOOR

Chapter Events:

April 11- Iron Horse Cavalry Chapter- Vets Run

May 30- Purgatory Mountain

June 13- Blue Ridge Back Roads- Jamie's Ride

June 27- Mountain Thunder- FRAME Ride

There was a discussion about possibly needing a calendar for our events.

"Prof" said Sharon is the admin for the state facebook page.

David Lester said that each site and / or page should have at least 2 administrators.

Marci said we should be able to coordinate and add items from chapter pages to the state page.

David also said that the younger crowd is tuned in, but the website is lacking.

Tom said we do need to get more younger riders involved.

"Retro" said he would like to have a ride just for a ride that doesn't cost \$30 to attend.

Eddie asked if there was anything above the State ABATE? Tom said we have the MRF which helps the states.

John added that any MRF member who is interested should consider becoming an Assistant Rep.

David asked if we would be meeting in the morning? Tom said he would be in the building lobby at 8:00.

ADJOURNMENT

Stan does not have a date for the next BOD meeting yet. A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved.