



Board of Directors Meeting- June 8, 2026

Ledo's Pizza- Lynchburg, Virginia

Meeting called to order 11:10 am. State Director Stan Bryant presiding

Pledge of Allegiance

Quorum established- 49 members present

Motion to dispense with the reading of minutes from pervious meeting was seconded and unanimously approved.

Chuck Sitton and The Professor, Dave Sutton reported on organizational meeting of proposed Star City Chapter in Roanoke area. Chuck confirmed that two Directors were in attendance and Dave confirmed that the chapter had fulfilled all requirements for new chapters per state by-laws. Motion to charter Star City Chapter as an ABATE of Virginia Inc. chapter was seconded and approved.

John Bilotta has stepped down as Operations Director and MRF/NCOM representative. Stan announced that Dave Sutton had been appointed to fill until state elections in September. Dave requested and received board approval of his appointment. Joe will update Dave's access to the state webpage.

State Treasurer Joe Wagner reported a positive bank balance of \$32,000.00.

Legislative Director, Dave Sutton, reported on Lobby Day and the 2026 session. Lobby Day was a success to be built upon and, though not passed, our bills made positive progress. Dave announced that Lobby Day 2027 will be on January 18, with the pre-meeting the previous day.

Dave outlined goals for next year. He requested the legislative budget be increased to \$2500.00. The increase was approved.

An increase to \$1000.00 for products budget was approved. Prices are going up and two vendors are being used.

There will be a State Rally Committee meeting immediately following today's BOD meeting.

Chuck has designed business cards and started a Facebook page for membership recruiting.

Tom McGrath announced that VCOM will again pursue the lane filtering/shoulder surfing bill, which ABATE supports.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Submitted by Dave "The Professor" Sutton
Operations Director