

**American Romney Breeders Association**  
**Final Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Held on Zoom**  
**Tuesday January 20, 2026, 7:30pm Eastern Time**

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm EST by President Rick Trojanoski.
2. Attendance: The following members were in attendance: Rick Trojanoski, President; Marianne DiTaranto, Vice President; Anne Wishart, District 1; Patricia Sanville, District 2 Not Present, Stacy Schmoll, District 3; Sue Kalina, District 4; Tracy Haslem, District 5; Ethan Kennedy, District 6, Stephanie Booren, At-Large; Charlene Carlisle, At-Large; Penny Swearingen, At-Large and Secretary/Treasurer; Jodi Rametes
3. Old Board Meeting minutes were reviewed and corrected. Sue moved to approve as corrected. Marianne seconded. All were in favor motion passed. Review and approval of minutes from New Board Meetings from November 20, 2025 were reviewed and corrected. Sue moved to approve as corrected. Marianne seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.
4. Secretary Report: Had a phone call to Eric to see how I was going to get the memberships forms that will now be going to them. He will set up a file and scan them in. Once a month they will be sent to me. Memberships are coming in there was 37 in so far. There was correspondence via email or phone calls from members. It was moved to accept the Secretary report and seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.
5. Treasurers Report: Junior Savings account \$11,068.00 CD \$16,983.52. General checking account \$6,784.99 it was moved and seconded to accept the report. All were in favor, motion carried.
6. District Reports.

District 1: No Report given. Report provided by Anne Wishart.

District 2: No report given, Patricia Sanville not present.

District 3: Stacy reported it's cold and lambing has started. Stacy reported that they have had Cache Valley hit their ewes this year and explained that it is transmitted by mosquitoes. Lambs are either born crippled or are aborted. Reported by Stacy Schmoll.

District 4: Sue stated that there is a lack of Lambs. Many breeders in Oregon have open ewes. She went to a meeting and at the meeting they were talking about how Voles carry leptospirosis and it can be transmitted to sheep. She only has 5 ewes bred out of 21. There are a lot of flocks' different breeds affected. It might not be the issue, but it also may be a large factor. Next show is Black Sheep Gathering in June. Fiber events are starting up with Abernathy in March. Report provided by Sue Kalina.

District 5: Tracy is also finding that lambing is spread out more this year. It is cold and clear but no mud! Shepherd Extravaganza in April in Enumclaw Washington. Report provided by Tracy Haslem.

District 6: Ethan is back in New York. It was a great National Show with Romney winning Supreme Ram for the second time in NAILE history. Congratulations to Marianne. Spring fiber show in NC in March. Getting through lambing season. Report provided by Ethan Kennedy

7. Committee Reports.

AI/ET: Ethan has 4 recipient ewes due next week. Reported by Marianne DiTaranto.

Bylaws: Update has occurred and Stephanie has updated on website. Reported by Marianne DiTaranto.

Policy & Procedures: Will keep working on Facebook protocol and the update to the National Show procedures. Reported by Marianne Ditaranto and Stephanie Booren.

Education: Does not have anything prepared today. Is planning a meeting with group. If anyone has any ideas, please reach out. Cache Valley Virus. Stacy has been hit by it. It has been awful to experience. She is planning on researching it more and seeing if there are different management things she can do to keep it away. Report by Stacy Schmoll.

Membership: Looking at the 24-25 membership list that was sent to him. Once data is processed, he will send it out to group. Redistricting. Reported by Ethan Kennedy.

National Show: We had a really great show and Charlene is working with the National Sale in Ohio. Have not had a meeting yet with committee. Tracy reported that he had a meeting with the fair to verify pen situation we are in great shape. They have pens for 500 sheep. Still waiting to have a meeting with sheep superintendent as she is on vacation for Jr. show. There will be a mirror of All American Show. Discussing a Judge for the Jr show which is Scott Culver. 2027 & 2028 National Show on website. Chris Meyer will be the Judge and the National Sale in Ohio. Reported by Stephanie Booren and Tracy Haslem.

Ways and Means: Working on Jr savings account categorizing. She has 2023 and 2024. Jodi to send statements for reconciling. Will run by Charlene. Budget will be next things to work on. Reported by Sue Kalina.

Website: Stephanie has been doing cleanup on the website. All forms were updated and National Show updated. Updating lifetime members list. Reported by Stephanie Booren.

Youth: Futurity has been finished and updated. 32 sheep were nominated, which brought in \$640.00. 11 kids with 22 active sheep. 10 were nominated but we never received paperwork. Consistent for the last 3 years. Results have been sent out to kids. Sunday Selfies will continue. Sunday Selfies? Do we want to continue. Yes, we will continue. All American Jr Show price will be going up from \$1,400.00 will increase by \$200.00 to \$1,600.00. Show will be held July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>. NAILE will be splitting the white and

the NC for the Jr show so we will be charged more for that show also. NAILE has not specified how much the increase will be. We will continue with silent auction as we had a great turn out. Report by Charlene Carlisle.

Documentation & Data Control: Committee met in December. We propose a Google Workspace with 3 admins. Cost would be \$270.00 a year. That breaks down to \$7.50 a month vs pay in full. Current situation with google is under a different domain that we do not own. Stephanie is working on finding out who the domain belongs to. Stephanie is working with Google to recover the documents. She has asked Webmaster if he can find out who owns it and buy it back. Google was started with AmericanRomneyBreeders.org and we own AmericanRomney.org. The question was brought up on how to pay for Google Workspace. Penny moved to take approximately \$270.00 out of CD for Google Workspace for the first year and then moving forward it will be added as a line item in the budget. Sue Seconded the motion. Discussion was brought up to use the AmericanRomney.org domain. All were in favor, motion passed. Penny will be in charge of setting up the account with 3 admins. Reported by Penny Swearingen.

Advertising Committee: Board were made last year. I have the second set of prints to make board. Jodi asked what kind of budget does she have to purchase board? Trifold board on Amazon is \$135.00. Reported by Ethan Kennedy

8. Old Business:

Associated Registry has update membership form. Ethan talked to Eric in January the Hampshires are done and working on Texels and then they will be working on Romneys. Ethan will contact Doug and get final cost.

Penny shared with a friend that we do not have an editor so at this point the Ramblings is on hold. He expressed a little bit of interest in potentially maybe being the editor. He is a school teacher with a lot of science and technical background and his with is also a teacher with English writing. They would be interested but would like Penny to send him The information in terms of requirements and payment information. So there is an opportunity if we want to move in that direction. Penny will ask for a resume from him if he is interested.

National Show invoices / expenses that raised some concerns. Rick shared with the board that NAILE invoice for the Open and Jr Show. \$1,634.46. \$244.00 Jr Show premiums, Open show premiums were \$1,140.00. Open Show Judge \$250.46. No fee for Jr Judge. Charlene was able to offset the NAILE bills by fundraising.

9. New Business:

Rick explained that the National show is in August and it is time to start the nomination process for the upcoming year for Districts 2,4,6 and 1 At Large director. So, we need to convene the nominating committee which will be the other two At Large directors will be looking for candidates for 2,4, & 6 and then the 1,3, & 5 directors will be looking for the

At Large director position. Stephanie discussed in our Bylaw's we are supposed to have 3 At Large Director positions that are on a 3-year term so every year there is one. They are now expiring in the same year. Stephanie moved to extend Charlene's position to extend to 2027 to get back to our Bylaw's. Rick looked up expiring dates and that is correct.

Tracy Seconded the motion, all in favor, motioned passed.

Nominees need to be submitted by February 15<sup>th</sup>, Statement by March 1<sup>st</sup>, Ballots mailed by March 15<sup>th</sup>, Ballots due back by April 30<sup>th</sup>, Ballots counted by May 30<sup>th</sup> and candidates notified. Annual meeting in August. Tracy asked if there was a way to vote electronically due to postage costs. This was tabled until next meeting.

Fundraising for the National Show. Stephanie discussed having a meeting and start working on this with the committee. Securing rooms, Meeting location, Do we want to have a Banquet as the last 2 have not paid for themselves so do we want to have something else or not at all. Tracy met with marketing people from fair. They will reach out and get the block of rooms. There is a facility on the fairgrounds to hold the banquet and there are vendors at the fair one of them is an instructor at the Culinary Institute of the community college last time the lamb was brought in and they gave a very economical board meeting dinner and there is no cost to use that facility at the fair. Tracy did block out 2 evenings. Another option is 10 minutes from the fairgrounds, and they are willing to have us only for the night. Those are the 2 options for now.

The biggest expense right now is the awards for champion and reserve which is only eligible to ARBA members. Amy is doing felted banners and fair will be giving premium for champion and reserve. Also, there will be about \$400.00 for premiums just for ARBA members.

Marianne will be putting the National Flock Trophies on a base.

The meeting was adjourned by President Rick Trojanoski at 9:45pm EST.

Next meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:30pm EST by Zoom.