

American Romney Breeders Association
Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Held on Zoom
Tuesday March 17, 2026, 7:30pm Eastern Time

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm 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, not present; 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 for January 20th, 2026 were reviewed. Charlene moved to approve the minutes Stephanie seconded. All were in favor motion passed.
4. Secretary Report: Ballots where updated and mailed out. Corresponding with AR for inline registration. Futurity checks have been mailed out to juniors. Working with Dave the webmaster on memberships. Updated Oregon State Secretary with Rick and Marianne. Bank meetings for CD and withdrawal \$1,200.00 for online registrations. Working on getting Rick and Marianne on account. Took off past president and vice president.
5. Treasurers Report: Junior Savings account \$11,390.88 CD \$15,912.88. General checking account \$2,731.78. Charlene moved to put Treasurers report into record, Ethan seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.
6. District Reports.

District 1: It has been cold. Maine is getting ready for NELE Northeast Livestock Expo benefits of market lambs and wool breeds. Fiber Frolic First weekend in June. Anne promotes Romney fleece and sheep. New Hampshire couple lost home and did not get to barn. Enjoying Jr with new lambs. Connecticut Festival last Saturday in April. New Hampshire Sheep and Wool May 10th & 11th. Report provided by Anne Wishart.

District 2: Maryland Sheep and Wool first weekend in May, Snow and cold. Youth Jackpot shows this summer. Reported by board members.

District 3: Penny shared last weekend fiber festival in Jay County Indiana. Ann Arbor MI that weekend in March. Fiber festival at least every other weekend. Stacy and Penny tag teaming for the Wisconsin and Michigan fiber festival for Romney support. Michigan fiber festival Romney breeder judging. Reported by Penny Swearingen.

District 4: Several fiber festivals starting up. Jodi is going to Abernathy in Oregon City on March, the High Desert Wool Growers in April that Jodi, Stephanie and Sue will be at. May is Scio Lamb and Wool show and June will be Black Sheep Gathering, Ken Goddard will be the judge for BSG. Sue finished up lambing but not without its problems

from the Leptospirosis. 3 Dead lambs and some live lambs and mummy packages. Last ewe had a C-Section and got 2 live lambs. There was a new method of C-Section with just an epidural. Report provided by Sue Kalina.

District 5: April will be Shepherds Extravaganza, followed in June with Fiber Fusion, then get ready for fair season. Report provided by Tracy Haslem.

District 6: not much going on. Charlene attended NAILE meeting. Asking for separate Junior show, changed birthdates for classes that coincide more with other shows. More people in person and Willis on Zoom call. Asked in we can be put in different rotation with better dates since we had approx. 100 head. Report provided by Ethan Kennedy

7. Committee Reports.

AI/ET: Marianne doesn't have anything new. Did attend Washington ASI they are hoping to get the funding APHIS needs to continue to offer support for embryos and semen to come in from other places. Reported by Marianne DiTaranto.

Bylaws: Nothing new to report. Reported by Marianne DiTaranto.

Policy & Procedures: Nothing new to report. Facebook/Social Media Protocol is awaiting approval. National Show Procedure is awaiting approval to align with new show rotation. Reported by Marianne Ditaranto and Stephanie Booren.

Education: No report given. Report by Stacy Schmoll

Membership: Working on redistricting. Will be sending out a poll to general membership. One example is to have 3 districts, an East Coast, Midwest and West Coast each having 2 representatives and 3 At Large District Directors so the board will stay the same size. Other option 4 Districts total by geographical location and cutting the board by 2 seats and 3 at large. This will be very long process to get By Laws changed it will be voted on this summer then voted on at the next national meeting. Reported by Ethan Kennedy.

National Show: Charlene is getting National Sale rolling. Nation Show 26 Tracy had a meeting with committee still determining barn layout and meeting rooms, getting funds and awards together, everything moving along. Working with fairgrounds on hotels. For meetings trying for Old Board on Friday, Annual on Saturday and New Board on Sunday. Marrienne working on getting trophies mounted. by Stephanie Booren and Tracy Haslem.

Ways and Means: Working on Jr savings account. The districts have quite a bit of funds for Jr. \$600.00 for youth futurity for 23 needs to be moved to general account. \$230.00 Misc. account. \$870.00 for District 4&5 to help put on Jr show and awards. Sue would like to have a Ways and Means Committee meeting to finalize the budget. Reported by Sue Kalina.

Website: Bylaws changes have been made along with finalized minutes on Website. Reported by Stephanie Booren.

Youth: Preparation underway for the All American and Northeast Youth Show. Report by Charlene Carlisle.

Documentation & Data Control: Trying to set up meeting time to get Google set up. Reported by Penny Swearingen.

Advertising Committee: Working on board for West Coast. Gathering pictures. Reported by Ethan Kennedy

8. Old Business:

Associated Registry is still working out the bugs.

Penny Reported for Rambling Editor Candidate still needing to send info and connect.

Fundraising for National Show left up to committee members of National Show. National Sale is not closed yet. She will have coffee hour. All American in Maryland this Year.

Not a National Show. The Blum family from Maryland has agreed to host the social gathering at All American this year may it be pizza or whatever. Marianne said the New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Growers is helping the youth get to the show as possible.

Their goal is \$8,000.00 and Marianne has already donated \$2,000.00. Should be a good showing from New Hampshire.

9. New Business:

Stephanie explained about a couple of years ago there was a complaint about potentially some copyrighted info on color genetics particularly the Agouti. She was sure that she disabled that on the website however, somehow in the last year they have been discoverable. With the treat from a person that was talking of Sueing us the Agouti page was turned off.

Rick talked about the brochure and booklet that you can download from the website.

They really need to be updated by the advertising committee and the education committee.

I bought the ARBA Store. I have been getting request for Flock Books and I do not have any Stephanie will "Out of Stock" the inventory.

The meeting was adjourned by President Rick Trojanoski at 8:35pm EST.

Next meeting will be May19th, 2026, at 7:30pm EST by Zoom.