

ACBS Mid-Atlantic Chapter
General Assembly Meeting via Zoom
January 13, 2026

Attendance

Dave Bernard	President
Steve Ingraham	Vice President
Jack Brooks	Treasurer
Ed Andrews	Director
Carmen DeLeo	Director
Georgette Luna	Director
Robert Tabas	Director
Pat Ahearn	Director
Bill Murphey	Director

Also in attendance

Brian Gagnon, Joe Gartner, Chris Stock,
Robert Meseck, David Luttenberg, Nick Rosa,
Richard Bundy, Richard Hughlett



Action Items

Carmen DeLeo:

- Forward PayPal account info and login to Steve for review
- Draft and send out 2026 event calendar
- Draft and send out Nautical Mile Coordinator recruitment brochure

Brian Gagnon:

- Ask Tim Shade about the availability of past Nautical Mile digital files
- Share historical advertising materials with Nautical Mile team
- Provide data from back issues of Nautical Mile for digitization
- Send updated grant request form to Steve

Steve Ingraham:

- Meet with Georgette to discuss PayPal interaction with website
- Update the grant request form on the website once received from Brian

Ed Andrews:

- Check with AC show organizers about space availability for duck boat

Bill Murphey:

- Follow up with last year's junior Sea Scout members
- Encourage renewal of membership & new members

Chris Stock:

- Connect with Carmen to schedule Delaware River dock gathering event

Group:

- Discussion of administrative rights to private FB page to be had

The November 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

Carmen presented the Treasurer's report. Jack highlighted a significant gain in the investment fund, emphasizing the importance of balancing spending and maintaining reserves. A strategic plan will be formed to effectively use the invested resources to benefit the chapter over the next three years. Carmen will lead an effort to adapt the chapter's banking arrangements; specifically streamlining account access down to one credit card.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

2026 Chapter Events covered:

- Feb 25 – Mar 1: Atlantic City show, volunteers needed
- May 30: Mahogany & Steel @ Bristol Wharf
- July 11: Collaboration with the Chesapeake Bay Chapter in Chesapeake City. Including food trucks, vendors, and land displays.
- More discussion and events to be added throughout the year

Nautical Mile Overhaul:

Carmen and Ed presented a new way forward for the Nautical Mile. Their plan includes four issues per year. The first three will be digital. The fourth printed. Costs have been estimated to be lower than the previous arrangement. There will be oversight to maintain consistent writing style, event highlights, etc.

Social Media: Georgette committed to update the public FB page for 2026.

Meeting adjourned. **The next meeting will be on March 10th @ 7:00 pm EST.**