

**ACBS Mid-Atlantic Chapter
General Assembly Meeting
November 11, 2025**

This bi-monthly meeting was held via Zoom at 7:00 pm EST. We would like to thank all our veteran members for their service defending this great country. Thank you!

Chapter Board members in attendance (pre-2025 election Board):

President	Carmen DeLeo	P
Vice President	Dave Bernard	A
Secretary	Austin Berndlmaier	P
Treasurer	Jack Brooks, Chris Stock	A, A
Directors	Ed Andrews	P
	Steve Ingraham	P
	Georgette Luna	A
	Mark Marsilio	A
	Joyce Turner	A

This meeting was also attended by Brian Gagnon, Bill Murphy, Chad Brenner, Chris Simmons, David Luttenberger, Robert Meseck, and Robert Tabas.

There were eleven total members in attendance.

Carmen called the meeting to order.

The action items from September were reviewed.

Brian:

- [Amendment to the grant request revision](#)
- [Nautical Mile development](#)

Chris Stock:

- [Continue researching PayPal & Venmo](#)
- [Meet with Jack & Carmen when ready](#)

Georgette Luna:

- [Continue researching Dropbox](#)
- [Evaluate the practicality of a domain switch](#)

Steve Ingraham:

- [Reach out to Bill Murphy for his 2025 grant request](#)
- [Update grant request button on the website \('24 to '25\)](#)

Ed Andrews:

- [Request generic chapter officer email addresses from Lora](#)
- [Meet with Steve to fill the rest of the nomination committee](#)

Carmen DeLeo:

- [Finalize holiday party details and distribute invites](#)

Austin Berndlmaier:

- [Member retention outreach](#)

2026 Nomination Committee:

- [Meet and determine which positions are up for election this year as well as who will be featured on the ballot](#)
- [Due by our next meeting \(November 11th, 2025\)](#)

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report from September carried.

* This had not been done at the last meeting and needed to be resolved

The minutes from September were approved.

Carmen presented the November Treasurer's Report, filling in for Chris and Jack.

The November Treasurer's Report was approved.

The 2025 election slate and final ballot count were accepted by the Board.

Ed presented the 2026 Officers and Board of Directors:

President	Dave Bernard
Vice President	Steve Ingraham
Secretary	Austin Berndlmaier
Treasurer	Jack Brooks
New Term Directors	Carmen DeLeo
	Patrick Ahearn
	Robert Tabas
Continuing Directors	Ed Andrews
	Mark Marsilio
	Joyce Turner

Ed communicated with the AC convention center that our chapter would like to participate in the winter show again. (Feb 25 – Mar 1) 2026

Carmen is meeting with the Bristol Board to confirm hosting of Mahogany & Steel on the wharf again in 2026.

Carmen presented the VP Report for Dave.

Austin presented the membership report: (as of 11/11/2025)

- Total membership: 96
- Primary / Secondary split: 74 / 22
- Expired last 12 months: 16
- Expired last 30 days: 1
- In danger of expiry: 23
- Renewed membership: 6
- New/Returning members: 1
- Junior membership: 12

Brian shared that the Nautical Mile is at the printer (as of 11/11/25)

Brian is also stepping down as editor of the chapter newsletter. We thank him for putting in 25 years of excellence as editor.

No social media updates.

Steve is working to repair the chapter website.

The chapter paid respects to Chip Paradis who passed away on Nov 6. He was a great friend and captain and will be terribly missed.

Carmen recapped his term as President and thanked the group for an amazing year.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm EST.

The next general assembly will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

We wish a happy new year to everyone and don't miss out on the action items below. Thank you!



-- Action Items --

Brian:

- Review grant request language

Ed:

- Confirm AC winter show booth for chapter

Carmen:

- Attend upcoming Bristol board meeting

Austin:

- Update membership retention letters for 2026

Steve:

- Continue to work on repairing the website

Group:

- Board of directors vote to accept the Sea Scouts grant request
- Board of directors vote to accept the 2025 election results
- Brainstorm the future of the Nautical Mile