Mid Atlantic Barbecue Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet

I. Confirmation of Quorum

Board Member	Present	Absent
Joe Rouse - President	X	
Lee Evans - Vice President	X	
Brooke Weiss- Treasurer		X
Ron Vasold- - Secretary	X	
Bill DeHoff	X	
Stephen Hypes	X	
John Shirey	X	
Jacob Artz	X	
Richard Rybak	X	

II. Call to Order - *Meeting called to order at 7:02PM*

III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - *(Lee/Rich) motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on July 29, 2026. 8 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion Carries*

IV. New Business

A. Bylaw Revision Discussion and Votes - *Need to review and finalize a few topics.*
B. Memphis is May Partnership - *MiM offering to partner with MABA and provide an invitation to several member contest winners for contests in our region. Joe will discuss final details with MiM and provide final details for review and approval.*
C. Banking Update - *Situation is stable. Brooke has signing authority and ability to make electronic payments.*
D. Financial Update - *2026 Financial reports are updated and available. The board needs to properly account for the banquet in the budget.*
E. Banquet Update - *Committee meeting held to begin planning. Considering data change to January 30, 2027 to avoid conflict with other BBQ events. Added Lee, Rich, and Ron to the planning committee. Ron will evaluate sponsorship levels to provide alternatives for attracting sponsors. Considering a drum raffle. Invitation will be sent to teams who are being recognized. The next committee is scheduled for September 13.*
F. Contest updates- What Are We Hearing? - *MoCo Smoke Show is working to attract additional*

master teams. First State BBQ Bash is currently at 26 master teams and added a backyard contest on Sunday. No report on Keystone Classic. MD State BBQ Bash is currently at 26 master teams.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Annual Calendar
   a. *9/2 - Vote on Bylaws*
   b. *10/7 - Annual Banquet Save the Date*
   c. *11/4 - Call for Candidates*
   d. *12/2 - Open Voting*
   e. *1/6/27: New Board Joins Meeting*
   f. *2/6/27: Banquet and New Board Meeting*

B. Board Priorities/Initiatives
   a. Kids Q - *Still working on a plan. Will solicit help from membership.*
   b. Membership Works Replacement - *Investigating options. Looking for a complete package.*

C. Sausage Award - *Will be presented at the 2027 Ironman contest. Need to order a trophy and finalize the plan with the organizer.*

D. Election Buddy Update - *No action required. Results will be downloaded and archived with MABA documents.*

E. MABA History - *Working to get historical ToY results for archiving.*

F. Website Issue - *No additional site issues. The site has been scanned and cleaned.*

G. Points/TOY Discussion as it relates to Open Contests - *Will solicit member feedback.*

VI. Closed Session

A. *(Rich/Lee) Motion to enter closed session at 7:45PM. 8 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carries.*
B. *Review and discussion of final bylaws draft.*
C. *(Lee/Rich) Motion to return to open session at 8:24PM. 8 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carries.*
D. *(Rich/Lee) Motion to approve bylaws as reviewed and updated. 8 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion carries.*

VII. Committee Reports and Action Item Discussion

A. Strategic Planning & Sponsorship Committee - *Lee setting up a meeting to review with the committee and filter plans/goals to the applicable committee.*

B. Membership Committee - *Currently at 179 members compared to 167 one year ago.*

C. Publications Committee - *Ron has the team spotlight, judge spotlight, and special articles. Need updates from board members/committees by September 14. Jake to provide a recipe. The newsletter will be published at the end of September.*

D. Website/Technology Committee - *No additional updates.*

E. Finance Committee - *No additional updates.*

F. Banquet Committee - *No additional updates.*

G. Bylaws Committee - *Bylaws will be finalized for distribution.*

H. Nominations Committee - *Need to add a posting to the newsletter to solicit interested candidates.*

I. Social Committee - *The event at Edinburg was well attended. Planning a social for Frosty Butts and Red, White, & Que.*

VIII. **Adjournment** - *(Lee/Stephen) motion to adjourn. 8 in favor / 0 opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:31PM.*

Respectfully submitted by Ron Vasold - Secretary, Mid-Atlantic Barbecue Association