



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2026

Call to Order

Meeting convened at: 8:04 am PST/11:04 EST

Attendance

In Attendance	Absent
Board Members Chloe Alexander Kati Bell Sharece Bunn Julianne Dunn Madison Jansen Taylor Reynolds Graham Salinger Natasha Wanchek Rebecca Wegscheid Sandra Jacobs Adrianne Johnson Guests Russell Andrews	Myroslava Fisun Cassie Brooks Cairns

E-Vote Records

[Motion to purchase an affiliate group fair table at NPCA's Peace Corps Connect in July 2026.](#)

- Motion to approve: Adrianne on 25 March 2026.
- Second: Sharece Bunn on 25 March 2026.
- Yay: 11
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: 2 (Becky Wegscheid and Myroslava Fisun)

Motion passed. The Alliance for Ukraine voted to purchase a table at the Peace Corps Connect in July 2026. **April 2026 Update:** We were not able to purchase this table since there were no available spaces remaining, even though we voted to do so.

Approve Prior Minutes

March 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Sharece
- Second: Kati
- Yay: 10
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: 2 (Myroslava/Cassie)

Announcements

- **Social media engagement**

Board members: please share our events! We can model sharing our events and engaging with the community and our membership on social media. Our AUA auction is ongoing until April 26, 2026.

- **Peace Corps Connect**

Adrianne shared an update on the upcoming conference. We were not able to secure a table since there was not one available to book. However, we are still encouraged to sign up to attend the conference. NPCA cannot share member demographics. Taylor and Kati are considering attending alongside Sandy.

Kudos

- Mandi Chukin: for helping so much with the newsletter!
- Kati: great job distributing 9 Peremoha grants despite challenges
- Adrianne: for continuing the work to build our connection to the National Peace Corps Association as the NPCA liaison

Committee Business

Pre-Submitted Committee Updates

April 2026 Committee Updates

- **Committee Leads:** Updates are due the Friday before the board meeting every month. This document is for those updates that board members should know but that do not have to be shared aloud in the meeting.

Advocacy

- Becky shared the Advocacy update for the month.
- April 27th: Annual Peace Corps funding day
- More info coming about the op-ed challenges!

Communications

- Becky will have our engagement numbers at our next meeting in May!
- On social media, Becky has been pushing the Auction for Action.
- Mandy is working on the newsletter with a May 1 launch date: if you have anything, add to the newsletter folder asap!
- Thanks to everyone for posting about AUA on social media!
- Sandy asked for a photo to be posted of the auction itself.
- Becky confirmed that we have communication for the auction lined up for the final 24 hours of the auction.
- Sandy confirmed that we can share the auction via BK social media channels as well.

Equity & Social Justice

- Madison shared an update. The DEI survey has been updated with a goal of being sent out to members in May 2026.
- Reached out to re-engage with Orgs in Solidarity
- Sharece asked that the team let her know if we should review the survey before it is officially sent out

Finance & Fundraising

- Chloe gave a finance update. Our revenue is declining while expenses remain consistent.
- There was a \$75 loss due to rejected disbursement of grant funding.
- Kati added additional notes to the finance update and gave a Fundraising update. The final disbursement ultimately went through!
- We need to push out engagement for the auction to be successful. Please push

out the posts on social media and let your local community know!

- After the auction, we will work on a direct giving campaign, another merch sale, and a calendar sale this year.
- We do not currently have the funds to secure the next round of Peremoha grants.
- We are looking for donors that are interested in funding a full \$1500 grant as well!
- We are looking to launch our **35 for 35: Stand for Ukraine** campaign. (The goal is to raise 35k to honor Ukraine's 35 years of independence).
- We will talk about Membership data soon.

Impact/Grants

- Natasha gave an update on this committee.
- **Round 8:** All 7 reports received and acknowledgement letters for partners sent
- **Round 9:** All 10 grants disbursed
- **Round 10 (Fall 2026):** Timing and funding for this round are still TBD. We want to make the eligibility requirements clearer for applicants.
- **Round 11(Spring 2027):** We will need to determine who will coordinate Round 11. One committee member should plan on working with Natasha thru Round 10 and take over for Round 11 coordination.
- Natasha shared charts and presentation examples of Grants data that are currently in progress. We could potentially share these data images, in full or in part, for communication/newsletter. Natasha would like to find around 10 data points to share.
- In our May meeting, we can discuss the dates for Round 10 Peremoha Grants. We will take time to gather information/make decisions as a board about priority of applications and clarifying the criteria questions for applicants.

Membership Engagement

- Julianne shared an update. We canceled the April event since it was a busy month and too close to other events. The event has been moved to May.
- There is an AUA event tracker. We also have an event evaluation. We are using this information to engage with our membership in better ways. Please use the evaluation, especially since we have a few overlapping events.

- We need to create an event calendar that is events based only so that events don't get lost. Julianne would like the committee to create a template that everyone can use to track events.
- Discussion about improving engagement was mentioned to take place during the general discussion, later during this board meeting.

General Discussion Items

Topic #1: Next Board Recruitment

- Julianne shared the update.
- We may have 5 people rolling off the board at the end of this year. We have a max allotment of 15 board members.
- This question was discussed: Should we recruit two board members over the summer or 5-7 new board members in the fall?
- Adrienne asked about pros and cons of earlier recruitment. Julianne shared pros of allowing new board members to become acclimated to the board if recruitment happens more often/earlier. Julianne shared that a con may be that most of the new members may want more time to feel comfortable enough in their roles to train others that join later.
- Sharece shared that late summer/early fall may be a good time to recruit with all of the ongoing projects. Very involved volunteers may have more context before joining the board.
- Sandy shared that we could recruit strong volunteers and use an RPCV Ukraine meet-up to recruit volunteers during the Peace Corps Connect event in DC.
- Kati supported the idea of recruiting strong volunteers and encouraging members to volunteer on committees since the committees could really use the help right now!
- Julianne summarized our plan at this point: push for recruitment for volunteers now and have one large push for new board members in the fall. We will continue to ask volunteers about board recruitment in the meantime.

Topic #2: Member Data!

- Kati opened this topic. We could establish a Membership Data Committee to better understand membership.
- A question was asked: Do we have a CRM strategy to support this effort? Could we combine all information about our members, across committees, and have it available in all places?
- Sharece mentioned that we have used Raiser's Edge for this data in the past.

- Julianne shared a brief update about how we define membership (which is that anyone who is connected to us via email, social media, or through Connect+ is a member). She also shared that she does not have access to the number of people who have ever served in PC Ukraine. This makes it difficult to track potential membership data. Sharece encouraged Julianne to reach out to Zhanna who still works for PC Ukraine.
- Adrienne had to leave the meeting during this discussion.
- Sandy shared information about the public data available on the PC website and updated BK information based on public numbers. We do not know how the numbers are broken down. (PCVs vs. Response vs. Virtual volunteers)
- Sandy offered to reach out to the country director for Ukraine to see if they can share details about membership.

Topic #3: Partnership Opportunity

- **Rebuild Our Ukraine:** a nonprofit organization that works on Mobile Water Purification Systems (a Ukraine based organization)
- The org reached out to ask to partner with us to help raise 10k
- Ideas include: sharing the opportunity to donate with our members, or we could aim to fundraise with them
- Several members agreed that we can share on social media, but we will not help fundraise for them directly.
- Becky commented that we might want to help the potential partner find grant opportunities that align with their goals instead of helping raise funds for the potential partner.
- If they are connected to an RPCV, they may be a good candidate for an AUA grant in the future.
- Becky plans to connect with them regarding general grant information. Sharece will respond to the org and Becky will copy her on the response.
- Russell asked if AUA has considered encouraging groups like this to connect with Rotary Clubs across the country.

Action Items

- Open Discussion with Guests: Sharece encouraged Russell to ask questions for the board.
- Russell confirmed that he is interested in learning what we do and supporting Ukraine!

- Graham and Sandy suggested a virtual panel discussion where we would include medical professionals that have worked in Ukraine! We could invite members and the general public to this potential virtual event.
- Chloe had to leave the meeting a few minutes early during this discussion.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: **9:38 PST/12:38 EST**

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on: **May 12, 2026: 7pm EST/4pm PST**

Approval of Minutes

Please add your initials and the date when you have read the minutes:

Board Member	Initials	Date Read
Chloe Alexander	CBA	8 May 2026
Kati Bell	KB	1 May 2026
Cassie Brooks Cairns		
Sharece Bunn	SMB	5/5/2026
Julianne Dunn	jbd	5/1/2026
Myroslava Fisun	MF	05/09/2026
Sandy Jacobs	SMJ	7 May 2026
Madison Jansen	MJ	30 April 26
Adrienne Johnson	AJ	Apr 30, 2026
Taylor Reynolds	TTR	Apr 29, 2026
Graham Salinger	Gs	5/4/26
Natasha Wanchek	NW	30 April 2026

Becky Wegscheid	RLW	5/4/2026
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Addendum

- Sharece (on May 12, 2026, after May Board Meeting): The following was recorded in the minutes: "Sandy offered to reach out to the country director for Ukraine to see if they can share details about membership." Sandy responded, "Happy to send an email, but would need contact info from someone who knows folks at PC HQ." Here is the Country Director's LinkedIn profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sara-chesters-ma-lmft-lpcc-157455/> Her email should follow the general Peace Corps email address functions: schesters@peacecorps.gov.