



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes:
July 14, 2026**

Call to Order

Meeting convened at: 4:04 p.m. Pacific/7:04 p.m. Eastern

Attendance

In Attendance	Absent
Sharece Bunn Julianne Dunn Adrianne Johnson Natasha Wanchek Kati Bell Chloe Alexander Becky Wegscheid Taylor Reynolds	Sandy Jacobs Madison Jansen Graham Salinger

Record of Sandy's Proxy for this meeting:

On Mon, Jul 6, 2026 at 6:37 PM Sandy Jacobs
<sandy.jacobs@allianceforukraine.org> wrote:

Good evening,

Unfortunately, I will be unable to join the July AUA board meeting due to an international work trip. Sharece Bunn is tracking my positions on Babusya's Kitchen, grant funding, the board name issue, etc. Per the AUA bylaws, I would like to assign her my proxy to vote on any items that are raised at next week's meeting.

I'll be back in time to get Taylor the card reader, cookbooks, and BK display before PC Connect. If there are any AUA promotional materials beyond BK (would definitely recommend we promote the broader Alliance given the

reach of NPCA!!), those would need to be coordinated with Taylor and possibly Sharece, who will be there in her professional capacity.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the August meeting!

With thanks,
Sandy Jacobs

E-Vote Records

The following eVotes occurred between the June and July 2026 board meetings.

eVote for Mid-Year Transition Plan Role Changes

- Motion initiated by Sharece Bunn on June 13, 2026.
- Motion language: "I move to approve the leadership role switch up to instate Taylor as the Director of Strategic Planning from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for a full year term. I also move to instate Sharece as the Board Secretary from July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, when her board term ends."
- **Seconded:** Madison Jansen
- Yay: 8
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 2 (Sharece, Taylor)
- Absent: 3 (Graham, Cassie, Myroslava)

eVote for Mid-Year Transition Plan Role Changes

- Motion initiated by Sharece Bunn on June 13, 2026.
- Motion language: "I move to elect Kati Bell as our inaugural Director of Development for the term of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026."
- Second: Madison Jansen
- Yay: 9
- Nay: 0

- Abstain: 1 (Kati)
- Absent: 3 (Graham, Cassie, Myroslava)

eVote for Mid-Year Transition Plan Role Changes

- Motion initiated by Sharece Bunn on June 13, 2026.
- Motion language: "I move to elect Chloe Alexander as the Director of Finance for a full year term - from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027."
- Second: Madison Jansen
- Yay: 9
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 1 (Chloe)
- Absent: 3 (Graham, Cassie, Myroslava)
- Result: Motion passed. Chloe Alexander is set to become the Director of Finance from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

eVote to Establish Director of Communications Officer Role for remainder ...

- Motion to approve: Sharece Bunn on 19 June 2026
 - Establish Director of Communications Officer Role for remainder of 2026 and elect Becky Wegscheid as the Director through December 31, 2026.
- Second: Taylor Reynolds
- Yay: 8
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 1 (Becky Wegscheid)
- Absent: 4 (Graham Salinger, Cassie Cairns, Myroslava Fisun, Adrienne Johnson)
- A vote requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to pass. When the vote was initiated, we had 13 active board members. By the time the vote closed, we had 12 active board members as Myroslava Fisun had resigned from the board effective June 23, 2026.
- If we tally the votes according to the number of board members when the vote opened, the motion failed with a 61% yay vote.

- If we tally the votes according to the number of board members when the vote closed, the motion passed with a 66.6% (exact $\frac{2}{3}$ majority).
- In the abundance of caution and to ensure we maintain accountability, we will mark this motion as having not passed and will immediately move forward with a revote later today, June 25, 2026, when the second open motion closes.

[eVote for board member removal](#)

- Motion to approve: Sharece Bunn on 20 June 2026
 - "I move to officially remove Cassie Brooks Cairns from the RPCV's Alliance for Ukraine Board of Directors effective immediately for demonstrating an inability to follow through with the board contract, specifically preparing for, attending, and participating in AUA board meetings and joining at least one committee."
- Second: Madison Jansen
- Yay: 9
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: 4 (Graham Salinger, Sandy Jacobs, Cassie Cairns, Myroslava Fisun)
- A vote requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to pass. When the vote was initiated, we had 13 active board members. By the time the vote closed, we had 12 active board members as Myroslava Fisun had resigned from the board effective June 23, 2026.
- If we tally the votes according to the number of board members when the vote opened, the motion passed with 69.2% of the board in favor.
- If we tally the votes according to the number of board members when the vote closed, the motion passed with 75% of the board in favor.
- The motion passed. Cassie Cairns is officially removed as an AUA board member as of 25 June 2026.

[ReVote to Establish Director of Communications Role and Elect Becky Wegscheid into the role through December 31, 2026](#)

- Motion to approve: Sharece Bunn on June 25, 2026
 - I move to establish the Director of Communications Officer position as a formal officer role and elect Becky Wegscheid as the Director through December 31, 2026, when her current lead role for communications was set to end.
- Second: Madison Jansen
- Yay: 9
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 1 (Becky Wegscheid)
- Absent: 1 (Graham Salinger)
- Motion passes with 81% in favor. The RPCV Alliance for Ukraine has established the Director of Communications role and Becky Wegscheid is voted as the first Director from June 30, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

[eVote to Establish Grants Program Director Role and Elect Natasha Wanchek into the role through December 31, 2026](#)

- Motion to approve: Sharece Bunn initiated on June 25, 2026
 - I move to establish the Grants Program Director officer role as a formal officer role and elect Natasha Wanchek as the Director through December 31, 2026, when her current role as grants committee lead was set to end.
- Second: Madison Jansen
- Yay: 9
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 1 (Natasha Wanchek)
- Absent: 1 (Graham Salinger)
- Motion passes with 81% in favor. The RPCV Alliance for Ukraine has established the Grants Program Director Role and Natasha Wanchek is voted as the first Director from July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Approve Prior Minutes

 June 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Sharece
- Second: Julianne
- Yay: 9 (including Sharece as Sandy's proxy)
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: Graham, Madison

Sharece reminded the board that all e-votes exist in one folder on the Shared Drive.

Announcements

- Sharece is working on DC ProBono Law Center to make updates for new board positions to be added. An e-vote may follow at the end of the month. Depending on DC ProBono's timing, the vote could take place in August 2026.

Kudos

- From Julianne: For onboarding new committee members seamlessly!
- Sharece thanked all board members for continuing to show up and work together!

Committee Business

Pre-Submitted Committee Updates

July 2026 Committee Updates

Committee Leads: Updates are due the Friday before the meeting. 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 gave an advocacy update.
- The Op-Ed challenge is still ongoing (continues up until **August 24, 2026.**)

- An informational session on the Op-Ed challenge will be held at **6pm** CST on **July 29, 2026**.

Communications

- Becky gave a communications update.
- She's still deciding how to use our social media, but noted that we have a good level of engagement.
- Using Buffer to have consistent content scheduled to be released
- Reminder: Deadline for newsletter content is **Jul 15, 2026 !**

Equity & Social Justice

- No updates were given.

Finance

- Chloe gave an update on Finances.
- Revenue: \$1307.95 (Restricted)
- Donations: \$1000
- General Fund: \$100.86 (Unrestricted)

Chloe mentioned that we could discuss how cookbook funds are allocated in the future. (Restricted vs. Unrestricted funds) A discussion is planned for August 2026 after Chloe completes her audit of funds.

Sharece asked about tabling costs. (Patty/Cortney usually table, but they don't ask for much!) Chloe clarified that table costs mentioned referred to the NPCA table and Ukraine Action Summit Table

Development

- Kati gave an update
- \$3000 in sponsored grants (Commitments from FRUS and Jacobs Family)
- Summer Merch is off to a slow start, please promote on social media, friends and family, and in volunteer groups.
- Use development@allianceforukraine.org to contact Kati in her new role!

Impact/Grants

- Natasha gave an update. She is meeting with a new committee member/possible lead soon!
- We will need to finalize the budget and timeline for Round 10 (refer to general discussion below).
- An illustration of the impact/scope is now available. To see this, please refer to the committee updates.

Membership Engagement

- Julianne gave an update.
- Four events are planned for the remainder. Once a month between August and November.
- Members are reminded that membership efforts are being tracked. Taylor will reach out to make sure everyone has met their contract minimums.

General Discussion Items

Topic #1: Board Recruitment Timeline

- Julianne discussed two versions for possible board recruitment timelines.
- Application will include questions about 2 year commitment versus volunteering for six months before joining the board.
- A poll was taken to decide between two versions for the board recruitment timeline. Version 2 succeeded in the poll.

Topic #2: Grant Round 10

- Kati and Chloe led the discussion. They are proposing to carry out a truncated round of grants
- 5 grants will be awarded. Each grant will be up to \$1500 each.
- The goal is to keep momentum of having the round, but to be financially conservative based on current operating costs, donations, and goals for 2027.
- Sharece asked if it was possible to sponsor 4 grants instead, out of curiosity. (Plus two potential sponsored grants, for a total of 6 grants instead of 5 proposed for Round 10.)
- Kati outlined why we do not really have the margin for more grants. Chloe

outlined the revenue for 2026 and the reality of our operating costs.

- Natasha pointed out that each round takes a lot of work and though it's difficult, she is looking forward to moving forward.
- Julianne stressed that we really must have a round. She asked about the process: how much of this process can be automated to make it less labor intensive.
- Chloe asked if we have to tell applicants how many grants are available per round. (Natasha clarified that we do not have to tell applicants how many grants will be offered)
- If more funds come in, there is a possibility that we will have more grants funded by AUA.

Approve Holding a Truncated Round 10 for Grants

Motion to approve: Sharece

- Second: Julianne
- Yay: 9 (including Sharece as Sandy's proxy)
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: 2 (Graham, Madison)

Topic #3: Name/Trademark

- Alliance for Ukraine is another non-profit organization in VA
- We are currently infringing on their name by using it.
- Becky has been working on a communications audit to find out what we need to change. Posts, brandings, etc. would all need changed. The changes are tedious but doable.
- Sandy wanted to share that many don't understand that we are an RPCV affiliate organization, so she suggested going back to our previous name.

Action Items

- Official calendar invites will be sent by Julianne for upcoming events.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: 5:40 PST/8:40 EST

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on: August 22, 2026, 8am PST/11am EST

Approval of Minutes

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

Board Member	Initials	Date Read
Chloe Alexander	CBA	Aug 20, 2026
Kati Bell	KB	Aug 20, 2026
Sharece Bunn	SMB	22 August 2026
Julianne Dunn	JBD	Aug 3, 2026
Sandy Jacobs	SMJ	27.07.2026
Madison Jansen	MSJ	16/08
Adrianne Johnson	AJ	8/22/26
Taylor Reynolds	TTR	24.07.2026
Graham Salinger	GS	8/19/26
Natasha Wanchek	NW	7/24/2026
Becky Wegscheid	RLW	7/29/2026

Addendum