



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2026

Call to Order

Meeting convened at: 4:02 PST / 7:02 EST

Attendance

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

E-Vote Records

No e-votes have been initiated or recorded since the last board meeting.

Approve Prior Minutes

April 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Sharece
- Second: Becky
- Yay: 10
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Absent: 3 (Cassie, Graham, Sandy)

Announcements

- Newsletter Deadline: 15th of every month, just a reminder!
- Reminder: Calendar Invite for committee updates and slides deadlines are on board members' calendars for the full calendar year.

Kudos

- Taylor, Kati, and Cortney: for working on the auction!
- Mandi and Becky - awesome job on Comms!
- Sharece: for everything!

Committee Business

Pre-Submitted Committee Updates

May 2026 Committee Updates

- **Committee Leads:** Updates are due the Monday (for a Saturday meeting) or Friday (for a Tuesday meeting) before the board meeting each 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 gave an update on Advocacy.
- May 24th: 90 day Op-ed Challenge will start! Ends on Ukraine's Independence Day (August 24th)
- We will use the **Razom Toolkit**
- Two trainings will be scheduled throughout the summer
- We can also write letters to elected officials and our local publications.

Communications

- Becky gave an update on Comms
- Mandi is stepping down from her newsletter volunteer role. She already completed training to help Becky transition to creating the newsletter. Thanks Mandi!
- Becky plans to have the Newsletter out every first Wednesday of the month, test newsletter will go out the first Sunday prior.

- Communications Metrics are available, they can be added to the Committee Updates each month

Babusya's Kitchen

- Sharece gave an update on Babusya's Kitchen in Sandy's place.
- BK is in their first Retail Food Market - Stanley's Market!
- Stanley's Market purchased 20 copies to sell at their food market.
- Kati would like to discuss the rate at which the books should be sold for future opportunities. Sharece shared that the BK team should be present when we move forward with this discussion.

Equity & Social Justice

- No updates were discussed

Finance & Fundraising

- Chloe gave a Finance update.
- Revenue is slightly down but we are hopeful that things are on the up with the upcoming campaign.
- Incoming for May: Auction proceeds will be added to our account.
- Kati gave a fundraising update.
- The Auction for Action raised close to 3k!
- Planning to reach out to groups for donation asks:
 - AUA Board Members (past/present)
 - Former Grant Recipients
 - BK Committee or Grants Committee
 - PC directors
 - USAID/Embassy staff (Ukraine)
- Merch Sale coming up for 2026!
- Member data review coming up
- 35 for 35 Campaign and Calendar sales are coming up!

Impact/Grants

- Natasha gave an update on Grants.
- We need to finalize the timing and funding for Round 10 Peremoha Grants
- Two Grants Committee members are stepping down, six are remaining
- Natasha explained that consistency and at least five grants per round may make the most sense, given the amount of work required per grant round
- Eligibility criteria will be expanded to include indirect relationships with the

Ukrainian partner

- Seven grants committee members voted on limits for grants applications: four members voted to keep as is with no limits or frequency limits for applications.
- If anyone has questions/concerns about these proposals for Natasha, please contact her or share concerns before June!

Membership Engagement

- Julianne gave a membership engagement update.
- We have an event on Sunday: Our Ukrainian Picnic (virtual)
- A watch party is scheduled for July and an Academic Panel is scheduled for October!
- The committee is creating Summer Social Toolkits.

General Discussion Items

Topic #1: AUA Inclusion in Ukrainian Embassy Initiative

- Should the Alliance for Ukraine attend an event for the Initiative?
- We may create more partnerships and gain recognition via this opportunity!

Vote to Apply for the Ukrainian Embassy Initiative

- Motion to approve: Sharece
- Second: Adrienne
- Yay: 9
- Nay: 0
- Abstain: 1
- Absent: 3 (Sandy, Graham, Cassie)

Topic #2: Volunteer Recruitment

- **Volunteer Recruitment** is planned to take place **May 20 - June 30, 2026**
- **Board Recruitment: July 14 - Aug 19, 2026**
- Committee Volunteer descriptions will be updated before the push.

Action Items

- No action items were shared

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: 5:14 PST/ 8:14 EST

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on: Jun 13, 2026 8am PST/ 11 EST

Jake (our in-country advisor) will attend our next call!

Approval of Minutes

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

Board Member	Initials	Date Read
Chloe Alexander	CBA	06/07/2026
Kati Bell	KB	05/18/26
Cassie Brooks Cairns		
Sharece Bunn	SMB	05/19/2026
Julianne Dunn	JD	5/16/26
Myroslava Fisun		
Sandy Jacobs	SJ	5/18/26
Madison Jansen	MJ	5/16/26
Adrianne Johnson	AJ	5/18/26
Taylor Reynolds	TTR	5/12/26
Graham Salinger	GS	6/10/26
Natasha Wanchek	NW	6/10/2026
Becky Wegscheid	RLW	5/16/26

Addendum