

The Association of the Century, Inc.  
Minutes of Board of Directors  
7 May 2025 – Fort Knox, KY

1. Call to Order: COL Abel, President, called the meeting to order at 1300 hours (EST) 7 May 2025.
2. Opening Prayer: MSG Bohannon gave the opening prayer.
3. Recognition of Guests: No guests present.
4. Meeting Minutes: MAJ Holland sent the minutes of the 11 February 2025 Zoom Meeting to the Board prior to the meeting. Motion by COL Cobb to approve, as presented, the minutes of 11 February 2025. Second by LTC Kapp. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report: LTC Kapp sent financial statements and Treasurer's Report to the Board prior to the meeting. LTC Kapp gave a summary of the 3/31/2025 financials. He highlighted the Balance Sheet activity regarding the Certificates of Deposit. MG Barron, COL Rowe, and LTC Kapp met with representatives from Abound and were able to redeem the five CDs without penalty and consolidate them into a single certificate. In addition, Abound agreed to backdate the interest rate thereby securing a favorable rate on the entire balance of \$100,483 dollars.

LTC Kapp noted the Museum and SOS accounts are paid interest at a 5% rate which he adds to the accounts each quarter.

LTC Kapp reported donations received through the AOC Website. One donation of \$10,000 was made to the scholarship fund, and another donation of \$500 was made to the museum by a donor in New York. An individual inquired about options for setting up monthly electronic donations to the Foundation. LTC Kapp confirmed the Foundation manages such transactions and a representative will contact the individual to set up auto-donation.

LTC Kapp thoroughly explained how funds are allocated to the Funds Available for Grantmaking. He noted that the Community Foundation employs a specific formula to calculate the grantable amount, and the AOC lacked an established mechanism to increase this figure.

Following a meeting with representatives from the Community Foundation, the Foundation Agreement can be amended to provide a permanent option for the AOC to make increases to the Funds Available. Subsequently, an amendment was prepared and sent to the Board for review prior to this meeting.

Motion by LTC Kapp to accept the amendment to the Foundation Agreement. Second by CW5 Diamond. Motion carried.

Motion by LTC Kapp to approve the 2025 operating budget as presented and found in Column C with the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements. Second by SGT Lamkin. Motion carried.

Motion by LTC Warren to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Second by COL Bland. Motion carried.

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6. Website: COL Cobb reported the website is functioning effectively, and the contract for its maintenance was renewed for another year. The cost of maintaining the site is \$1,200 annually, covering services such as bi-monthly updates, ensuring the accuracy of supply room information, and conducting surveys—like the recent member survey on the annual meeting location. Additionally, the Supply Room is operational, with merchandise being regularly updated to meet members' needs.
7. Membership Report: SGM Zimmerman provided membership reports prior to the meeting.
8. Newsletter: No report.
9. Scholarship Program: CW5 Diamond discussed a potential opportunity with Active Reservists regarding scholarships. She mentioned the application forms would have to be revised to distinguish Active Reserve applicants from non-reserve applicants. She suggested considering using the proposed Roy Sees Scholarship for Active Reservists. If no Reservist applies, the scholarship will revert to a high school applicant.

Motion by CW5 Diamond to continue to accept applications for advanced degrees for this year. Second by CSM Bethards. Motion carried.

Motion by LTC Warren that starting in 2026, restrict applications to undergraduate studies. Second by MSG Gerding. Call for vote – eight (8) votes in favor and eleven (11) against. Motion failed.

Motion by COL Cobb is to name one of the scholarships the “PVT Roy Sees Scholarship”. Second by MG Tindall. Motion carried.

10. Corridor of the Century: Nominations for the Corridor are due by June 1.
11. Fundraising: COL Cobb - no report. COL Abel informed the Board of receiving a \$5,000 check from Atmos Energy.
12. Historical Holding Center (Museum): No report.
13. Board of Directors: The Board has one vacancy, and anyone who has a suggestion for a potential candidate is encouraged to contact MSG Gerding.

MAJ Platt announced his retirement as General Counsel to the AOC, effective 30 September 2025. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and highlighted the importance of continuity in leadership as preparations begin for his successor.

14. SOS Pickle Jar: No updates.
15. Annual Reunion: COL Abel reported that preparations are continuing.

Bingo Activity: During the meeting, COL Abel called for a vote on whether to continue or discontinue the Bingo game. After deliberations, the Board concluded with ten (10) votes in favor of continuing the activity and eight (8) votes to discontinue it, thus deciding to keep the Bingo game operational.

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16. Old Business: Foundation Agreement for Scholarship Fund (Discussed in Item #5 above).
17. New Business: 2026 and 2027 Reunion. COL Cobb informed the Board that AOC members were surveyed recently regarding their preferences for the 2026 and 2027 reunion location. The options presented were Lexington, Danville, Bowling Green, and Owensboro. Voting remained open for six weeks and concluded at the end of April, with a total of eighty-one (81) responses. The majority favored Bowling Green as the reunion site.

Motion by MSG Bohannon to hold the 2026 and 2027 reunion meetings in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Second by CSM Bethards. Motion carried.

Motion by MSG Gerding to amend the language of the motion to read: “Based on the survey results, hold the 2026 and 2027 Association meetings in Bowling Green, Kentucky”. Second by MAJ Holland. Motion carried.

Next meeting is 5 August 2025, 1300 hours (EST), via Zoom call.

18. Adjourn: Being no further business, motion to adjourn by LTC Warren. Second by SGT Lamkin. Motion carried.

R. Craig Holland, MAJ, (Ret)  
Assistant Secretary