



## Board Meeting 2/4/2026

### Seabrook Island Cooper Room

Attendees	Title
President	Chris Stephenson
President Elect	Lisa McDonald absent
Treasurer	Ed Heskamp
Secretary	Phyllis Barber
Committee Chairs	Bill Nelson, Ed Leary, Jack Wilson, Charlie Septer, Rich Gwyn

### Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 5, 2026

**Time:** 4:30 PM

**Recorded by:** Phyllis Barber

#### Call to Order

Chris Stephenson called the meeting to order at **4:30 PM** and proceeded through the agenda.

#### Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- **Motion:** Rich made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous Board meeting.
- **Second:** Jack
- **Outcome:** Motion passed.

#### Committee Reports

##### Treasurer – Ed HesKamp

- Still searching for some missing tax forms.
- Proceeds from **November 2024 race:** \$15,000.
- **November 2025 race:** No funds received yet; Bill Nelson estimated it could be \$15,000 or more and believes a check for 2024 may have been received.
- Financials are currently balanced.
- **Website access issue:**
  - Bill Nelson and Jack noted that some members are being locked out of the website system.
  - Chris will address this when presenting ideas for a new system.

##### Youth & Education – Ed Leary

- Students of the Month for the fall semester have been awarded.
- Scholarships are currently being worked on.
- **Education Dinner:** May 4.
- Chris added that National is requesting a scholarship name (likely “Youth of the Year”).
  - Kitty and Cathy from National will attend the dinner, and Chris will follow up with them.

##### Health & Housing

- No update.

##### Hunger & Mentoring

- No update.

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### Child Abuse – Charlie Septer

- Request for new committee members to assist with visiting locations.

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### Americanism – Jack Wilson

- Todd Anderson is leaving the committee; volunteers are needed to help organize flag distribution.
- No current activities; flags are being maintained.
- Chris noted National is pushing “America 250” merchandise.
- Jack expressed concern about purchasing merchandise that may not be relevant long-term.

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### Membership – Jack Wilson

- Estimated **7–8 new members**, with **2 possibly leaving** (net gain ~5).
- Bill reported total membership at **109**, with possible minor changes.
- **New Member Orientation:**
  - Scheduled prior to the **February 18 dinner meeting** in the Atlantic Room.
- Emphasized the need for new members to volunteer and get involved to support current active members.

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### Push for Volunteers / Events

#### Jack

- **Angel Oak Award Dinner (May 20):**
  - Venue secured for a \$5,000 donation in exchange for a full-page ad at Wingate.
  - Catering in progress; backup option identified.
- **Chili Cook-Off:**
  - Awaiting approval for use of the Ace Hardware parking lot.
  - Power availability is the biggest challenge.
  - Chris suggested Deanna Forsythe as a possible committee chair.
  - Need to determine ticket pricing, alcohol availability, and overall event logistics.

#### Chris

- Golf outing fundraising ideas need further discussion.

#### Bill

- Suggested sending a member survey to identify skills and interests.
- Jack noted new members are already being asked about this.
- Chris suggested updating member profiles (including photos) and providing instructions to members.

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### Website Update – Chris

- Presented idea for a new website system that better meets organizational needs.
- Recommended exploring a change before the **April/May MemberClicks renewal**.

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### Reminders & Next Steps

- **New Member Orientation:** February 18 (before dinner meeting).
- **Next Board Meeting:** March 4.