Monterey Bay Area Roundup (MBAR)

2026 Committee Meeting Minutes

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Committee Meeting Notes

I. Meeting Details

a. Date: August 1, 2026

b. Recorder: Michael B.

II. Committee Support

a. The committee emphasized the importance of supporting one another and supporting each individual committee as MBAR approaches.

b. Committee members are encouraged to help outside their specific assignments when additional hands are needed. Upcoming opportunities where support will be especially important include the Coastal Rally, birthday meetings, and other events leading into MBAR.

III. Treasurer / Financial Update

i. Bank balance: $34,371.40

ii. Total cash: $35,121.78

iii. Seventh Tradition contributions collected during MBAR ultimately go back into supporting the community.

iv. A lockbox/bucket will be placed at the back of the room for Seventh Tradition contributions rather than passing a basket around the room.

IV. Registration Update

i. 234 people are currently registered for MBAR 2026.

ii. Carolyn noted that in 2024 there were approximately 289 registrations before the doors opened.

iii. 2024 MBAR ultimately had approximately 418 total attendees.

iv. Online registration has made registration and financial reconciliation significantly easier.

v. Special thanks were given to Edwin and Philip for their work helping make the online registration process successful.

V. Bingo / Breakfast

i. Bingo is $10.

ii. Breakfast burritos cost approximately $12.

iii. The planned charge is $15.

iv. Breakfast will be available on-site, improving on the setup used previously.

v. Danny will serve as the Bingo liaison.

VI. Silent Disco

a. The committee discussed the Silent Disco proposal.
    i. Headphones are available, but additional headphones will be needed.
    ii. Approximately $350 was discussed in relation to the additional headphone expense.
    iii. Approximately $600 was discussed for the Silent Disco setup including glow sticks.
    iv. The committee voted to approve the Silent Disco.
    v. The dance floor will be set up to allow a seamless transition and encourage attendees to remain at the event rather than leaving between activities.

VII. Temporary Tattoos

i. Madison will assist with temporary tattoos.

VIII. Speaker Meetings

a. The Speaker Committee would like people available to introduce the speakers.
b. Secretaries and/or other committee members may be needed to handle speaker introductions.
c. The committee also discussed the timing of the Saturday night speaker meeting, including whether it should conclude around 8:00–8:30 PM, to coordinate properly with the remainder of the evening schedule.

IX. AA / Al-Anon Scheduling & Room Setup

a. The committee reviewed AA and Al-Anon schedules and discussed potential conflicts between meetings, workshops, and louder activities.
b. Particular attention should be given to activities such as line dancing, since noise could interfere with nearby meetings or workshops.
c. For the grief workshop, the room should not simply be filled entirely with round tables.
d. One possible configuration discussed for the Stevenson room:
    i. Approximately 2/3 of the room theater-style
    ii. Remaining portion with round tables
    iii. This would create a mixed setup similar to what was successfully used during the International Festival.
e. Additional feedback will be gathered before finalizing the room configuration.

X. Facility Tour

a. Facility tour scheduled:
   August 5, 2026 at 10:00 AM
b. The tour will provide an opportunity to finalize room layouts, event flow, signage, and other facility needs.

XI. Signage

a. Signage still needs to be finalized.

i. The Marriott can assist with signage.

ii. The committee can also produce DIY signage where appropriate.

iii. Signage needs should be evaluated during the August 5 facility tour.

XII. Merchandise

a. Merchandise ordered by attendees will be available for pickup on-site at MBAR rather than being shipped to attendees' homes.

XIII. Volunteer / Committee Needs

a. As MBAR gets closer, many hands will be needed.

b. Committee members should continue encouraging participation and supporting other committees when possible, particularly at upcoming community events where MBAR can recruit volunteers and build awareness.

XIV. Decisions / Action Items

i. Silent Disco approved by committee vote.

ii. Determine final Silent Disco headphone needs and associated cost.

iii. Danny to serve as Bingo liaison.

iv. Madison to assist with temporary tattoos.

v. Identify secretaries/committee members to introduce speakers.

vi. Confirm Saturday evening speaker-meeting end time.

vii. Review AA/Al-Anon schedule for noise and room conflicts.

viii. Finalize grief workshop room configuration.

ix. Attend August 5 at 10:00 AM facility tour.

x. Determine Marriott-provided signage versus DIY signage.

xi. Continue recruiting volunteers and encouraging cross-committee support.

xii. Prepare on-site merchandise distribution.

xiii. Set up Seventh Tradition lockbox/bucket at the back of the meeting room.