Monterey Bay Area Roundup (MBAR)
2026 Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 11, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Zoom ID: 330 100 7207 | Password: 2026
Recorder: Michael B.

I. Opening

a. Ali, covering for Chair Jen during a family commitment, called the meeting to order.
b. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Cindy read the Twelve Traditions, emphasizing personal recovery and group autonomy.
c. Ali read the safety statement and emphasized maintaining a secure and welcoming environment for all attendees.

II. Approval of Prior Minutes

a. The minutes from the prior general committee meeting were presented for approval.
b. Chris moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved; the seconder and vote count were not identified in the raw record.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. Ali facilitated the meeting in Jen's absence and guided discussion toward fundraising, registration, and preparation for the May Bingo Night.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Leslie

a. Leslie presented the March Treasurer's Report and reviewed the month's financial activity.
b. The cash balance increased by $2,363.58.
c. The current cash balance was reported as $22,005.24.
d. Leslie noted an increase in registrations and the anticipated budget needs for Bingo Night.
e. No separate motion accepting the Treasurer's Report was identified in the raw record.

V. Committee and Officer Reports

a. Fundraising - Samantha provided a general follow-up regarding the St. Patrick's Day event and reported on planning for Bingo Night on May 17, 2026, at the Moose Lodge. The raw record did not include attendance, income, expense, or net-proceeds figures for the St. Patrick's Day event.
b. Bingo Night - Samantha requested a $650 event budget. Her initial volunteer request identified setup, concessions, and registration; the action-item discussion later expanded the roles to include setup/cleanup, bingo card sales, door contributions, concessions, and registration. No motion, vote, or group-conscience outcome concerning the requested $650 budget was identified in the raw record.

c. Registration - Edwin reported on paper registration materials for the English- and Spanish-speaking communities while emphasizing online registration as the primary process. Carolyn explained the creation and distribution of the paper registration form. The later motion specifically addressed English-language paper forms; the status of Spanish-language paper forms was not conclusively documented in the raw record.
d. Outreach - The committee requested a complete report identifying central offices and communities outside Monterey County that have been contacted and how registration information is being distributed. The raw notes did not identify the person responsible for preparing the report; assignment remains to be confirmed.
e. Registration support - Members emphasized meeting participants where they are and assisting individuals who have difficulty using technology rather than allowing registration to become a barrier. Edwin and Leslie offered to help individuals complete the online registration process.

VI. Old Business

a. Samantha provided a general follow-up regarding the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. No attendance, income, expense, or net-proceeds figures were recorded in the raw notes.
b. Current registration numbers are to be compared with the prior year's end-of-March totals and summarized for the committee.

VII. New Business

a. Bingo Night planning focused on the requested $650 budget and distinct volunteer duties for event setup, the concession stand, onsite attendee registration, and the separate registration/contribution table. Ali and other members volunteered to assist, but the raw record did not identify each person's exact assignment. One action item specifically called for a volunteer to serve in both setup and the concession stand. No decision on the requested $650 budget was recorded.
b. Carolyn explained the creation and distribution of the paper registration form. Samantha and Edwin expressed concerns that English-language paper registrations could create confusion, duplicate data entry, and payment-reconciliation problems. Members also emphasized meeting participants where they are and providing direct assistance with online registration. The motion concerned English-language forms only; the status of Spanish-language forms was not conclusively documented. The overview's statement that "46 voted against paper forms" was interpreted using the more specific outline, which records 46 votes in favor of the motion not to use English-language paper forms and 2 opposed.

VIII. Motions / Votes / Group Conscience Outcomes

#	Motion / Decision	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote / Result	Follow-Up
1	Approve the prior general committee meeting minutes.	Chris	Not identified	Approved; vote count not recorded	None recorded
2	Do not use English-language paper registration forms; online registration remains the primary method, with assistance offered to participants who need it. The motion did not conclusively determine the status of Spanish-language paper forms.	Not identified	Not identified	Passed: 46 in favor, 2 opposed	Registration team to support online entry. The raw notes state that any paper forms used are to be entered into the online system, but do not define authorization, language, circumstances of use, mailbox retrieval responsibility, or other backup procedures.

Documentation note: The raw overview summarized the paper-form vote as “46 voting against them.” The detailed outline is more specific and records the motion as not using English-language paper registration forms, with 46 in favor and 2 opposed; that detailed account is used in these minutes.

IX. Action Items

#	Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Status / Notes
1	Prepare and circulate a complete outreach report identifying central offices and cities outside Monterey County contacted and the method used to distribute registration information.	To be confirmed; the raw notes do not identify an assignee	Before next meeting	Open
2	Compare current registration totals with the prior year’s end-of-March totals and send a summary to the committee.	To be confirmed; Edwin/registration team is a possible assignment but was not expressly identified in the raw notes	Before next meeting	Open
3	Prepare the full Bingo Night volunteer-role list, present it at the next committee meeting, and help assign attendees to setup/cleanup, bingo card sales, door contributions, concessions, and registration.	Samantha	Next committee meeting; final assignments before May 17	Open
4	Recruit Annie and additional volunteers to staff the front-desk registration and contribution table alongside Leslie.	Volunteer coordinator to be confirmed	Before May 17	Open; Leslie is identified as the primary front-desk participant.
5	Be present at Bingo Night to handle attendee registration onsite.	To be confirmed	May 17, 2026	Open; retained as a separate role from staffing the registration/contribution table.
6	Staff the Bingo Night registration and contribution table at the Moose Lodge.	Leslie, Annie, and additional volunteers	May 17, 2026	Open
7	Serve as a Bingo Night volunteer for both event setup and the concession stand.	Ali and/or another volunteer to be confirmed	May 17, 2026	Open; the raw notes do not conclusively identify which volunteer accepted both duties.
8	If any paper registration forms are authorized and received, retrieve them from the mailbox and enter each registrant into the online system.	To be confirmed	As received	Open; authorization, permitted language, use circumstances, mailbox retrieval, and data-entry responsibilities remain undefined.
9	Clarify whether the requested $650 Bingo Night budget was approved, denied, deferred, or left without action.	Chair / Treasurer / Samantha to confirm	Before next meeting	Open; no motion or outcome was identified in the raw record.

X. Announcements and Important Dates

a. Bingo Night - Sunday, May 17, 2026, at the Moose Lodge. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup, concessions, bingo card sales, door contributions, and registration.
b. The date and time of the next Steering Committee call were not identified in the raw record.
c. The date and time of the next MBAR Committee meeting were not identified in the raw record.

XI. Adjournment

a. Before concluding, Ali summarized the group conscience: online registration would remain the primary process, direct assistance would be provided to anyone needing help, and some form of backup paper-registration process appeared to remain available. The raw notes state that, if paper forms are used, they are to be collected and entered into the online system; however, they do not define who may authorize a backup form, which languages are permitted, when a paper form may be used, or who is responsible for retrieving it. The meeting concluded with a focus on ensuring a smooth registration process for the upcoming MBAR event. The adjournment time was not recorded.
b. A closing prayer or reading was not identified in the raw record.

XII. Attendance

a. Members identified in the raw record included Ali, Cindy, Chris, Leslie, Samantha, Edwin, Carolyn, and other committee members. Jen was absent because of a family commitment.
b. A complete attendance roster was not included in the raw record.

XIII. Approval Record

a. Minutes prepared from the April meeting raw notes by Michael B.
b. These minutes remain in draft form pending committee review.
c. Approval date and any corrections: ________________________________.