

Board Meeting  
September 10, 2025  
Zoom

Attendees:

David Bear, Chairman  
Matt Sokolowski, Vice Chairman  
George Halper, Secretary/Treasurer  
Frank Schwiep, Member At Large  
Gentry Pelham, Member At Large  
Andrea Saputo, Member At Large  
Jacob Benton, Member At Large  
Jared Ross, President, FBWA  
Jordan Wheeler, FBWA

Chairman Bear called the meeting to order at 10:32am .

Mr. Halper presented the minutes from the June Board meeting and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Schwiep motioned to approve them, Mr. Sokolowski seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

Mr. Halper presented the financial update. Mr. Schwiep motioned to approve them, Mr. Benton seconded the motion and financials were approved.

Mrs. Wheeler gave the audit update.

President Ross presented the legislative and regulatory update. Issues discussed included repeal of the rule on breakage and the regulation of hemp beverages.

President Ross began discussing 2025 Annual Meeting. He gave an update on the sponsors and asked for input on what education sessions would be of interest. Discussion surrounded insurance and contract issues, as well as the typical political discussions.

President Ross brought up discussion about going out of state for 2026 Annual Meeting. We could do an earlier fundraiser and then do a meeting later. The group consensus was that Toronto, Ontario should be looked at as the location for 2026.

President Ross discussed the Bylaw committee. We will have them ready for the meeting.

President Ross presented our new Members Only Resource Hub on the website

It was asked if there was anything else for the good of the order. Mr. Benton mentioned that he is terming off the NBWA board. Lewis Maisel is going to represent Florida.

Chair Bear asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.