

Albany County Historical Association



ALBANY COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Agenda

June 11, 2026

Agenda

N. B. This meeting will start promptly at 5:30 pm Thank you.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Linda Weiss, President
 - a. Amend and approve agenda for Annual Meeting – candidates'/officers' slate on verso
 - b. Vote for 2026-2029 Board of Trustees Member (3 year term) by ACHA Membership
 - c. Vote for 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Officers by ACHA Board of Trustees
 - d. Vote for Honorary Trustee by ACHA Board of Trustees
2. **READING OF THE MINUTES** – Dayonna Bowles, Secretary
 - a. Business arising from the minutes of last meeting
3. **RECEIVE TREASURER'S REPORT**- Mike O'Brien, Treasurer
 - a. Business arising from the Treasurer's report
4. **RECEIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Kathryn Kosto, Executive Director
5. **RECEIVE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**
 - a. Business arising from Committee Reports
 - i. Finance – Linda Weiss
 - ii. Governance – Margaret Diggs
 - iii. Buildings and Grounds – Karen Urbanski
 - iv. Holiday House – Nancy Liotta
 - v. Membership & Development – Ken Mortensen, Paula Hennessy
 - vi. Collections – Walter Wheeler
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS (as required)**
7. **Motion to adjourn**

Annual Meeting Reports may be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-zoiZZLZ3zvvKs3eUK6HHDyNemZ5Ee9S?usp=drive_link

2026 Board of Trustees and Executive Committee Meetings:

- July 9 Executive Committee – via Zoom
- August 13 Board of Trustees – in person
- September 10 Executive Committee– via Zoom
- October 8 Board of Trustees – in person
- November 5 - Gala
- November 12 Executive Committee– via Zoom
- December 10 Board of Trustees– via Zoom

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For 2026-2029 Board Term (voted upon by the ACHA membership)

Louise M. Kavanaugh, of Delmar, New York, has dedicated more than two decades to community service through extensive volunteer and board leadership across the Capital Region. She has held multiple executive roles with the Bethlehem Garden Club and previously served as an elected Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library, contributing to its Finance, Personnel, and Buildings & Grounds Committees. Louise brings significant fundraising and development experience from her service on the Equinox Board, where she chaired the Development Committee, led the Celestial Celebration fundraising events, and served on the Executive Committee. Her volunteer work also includes long-term service with local schools, Catholic Charities, and diocesan and community organizations. She complements this nonprofit leadership with a strong administrative and financial background from her earlier career in insurance and office management.

Thomas J. Walling is a Certified Financial Planner and Chartered SRI Counselor with over two decades of experience in financial advising and nonprofit leadership. A U.S. Army veteran, he has served on the boards of several regional organizations, including the Albany Damien Center, Historic Albany Foundation, and Alliance for Positive Health. His background combines financial expertise and community service.

Honorary Trustee (for vote by ACHA Board of Trustees)

Anthony (Tony) Brankman holds a B.A. in American History from Harpur College and a J.D. from SUNY Buffalo, and spent his career as an attorney for New York State agencies, advising local governments and overseeing major legislative and energy-grant initiatives. He began volunteering with the Albany County Historical Association in 2001 and went on to serve as a Board member, Secretary, and two-term President, in addition to long and dedicated service on the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Returning Trustees for 2026-2029 Board Term

- Philip Banaszek
- Dr. Krysta Dennis
- Margaret Diggs
- Carol Felsen
- Ken Mortensen
- Walter R. Wheeler
- Stephanie Woodard

Officers for 2026-2027 (voted upon by the Board of Trustees)

- Linda Weiss, *President*
- Paula Hennessy, *1st Vice President*
- Ken Mortensen, *2nd Vice President*
- Michael O'Brien, *Treasurer*
- Dayonna Bowles, *Secretary*

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