

AAC Board of Director's Meeting Minutes (Virtual Meeting)

February 19, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Dr. LeBaron. Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Dr. LeBaron moved to approve the January Minutes.

Motion seconded by Dr. Muchnij. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. LeBaron moved to approve the agenda.

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Reports of Officers and Committees:

- Dr. LeBaron expressed his gratitude to Dr. Brungard for helping Mr. Candland lobby for key legislation. Dr. LeBaron also explained why he and Mr. Candland added their names in support of SB 1021 and HB 227 as a strategic, political move, but passage is not expected this year.
- Kris provided updates regarding administrative operations.

Budget and PAC:

Dr. Muchnij presented a written financial report, including current account balances and expenses.

PAC Development

Dr. LeBaron discussed possible PAC funding ideas, and the development of a PAC brochure.

Convention & Education:

Larry provided a convention update. He stated the speaker lineup has been finalized and CE applications are being prepared. He stated there were some issues with Dr. Croft's payment, but the committee was working on resolving those issues. The board discussed potential relocation of future conventions to avoid summer heat, including exploring alternative venues such as the Phoenix Convention Center. Larry also stated that two new corporate sponsors have been secured, and staff reminded the Board to register for convention!

Government Relations and Policy:

Dr. LeBaron provided a legislative update. He stated that the Werner bill successfully passed out of committee and is moving forward. Dr. Bogash was asked to prepare written feedback outlining concerns with the current legislative language for future revisions. Dr. Brungard reported positive interactions with senators during a recent legislative visit with Mr. Candland, including meeting Andy Biggs, who is third in line to be Governor.

Membership & Marketing:

Dr. Brungard, Dr. Hargrave, Jayme and Chrissy reported on membership engagement that currently stands at 113 members. They also reported that the recent AAC mixer was successful in recruiting new doctors and all seemed to enjoy seeing their colleagues in a social setting. Plans were discussed to reach out to larger chiropractic offices to encourage more participation and membership.

The Membership Committee recommended a change to the timing of The *Advocate* newsletter. The Board liked their idea of sending it monthly instead of weekly. Staff also reported that the Membership Committee plans to hold mixers in additional locations, including Tucson.

Email Communication Schedule

The Board established a consistent schedule for purchased email communications:

- First Wednesday of the month
- Third Wednesday of the month

Prescott Marketing Event

Larry proposed a marketing event in Prescott scheduled for April 24.

- Debate occurred regarding whether dinner should be included.
- Larry will provide a one-page proposal with a projected budget.

Future Convention Planning

The Board discussed long-term convention strategy:

- Holding future conventions earlier in the year (potentially April).
- Researching alternative venues.
- Issuing Requests for Proposal (RFPs) to potential hotels and convention centers.

Past Leadership:

Larry and Dr. Brungard plan to attend the Past Leader's Committee meetings to stay informed. Dr. LeBaron clarified that any subcommittees that may be formed within the Past Leadership Committee would need to report to Dr. Bogash, who will then bring relevant matters to the full Board.

New Business:

- Dr. LeBaron would like to keep up to speed regarding performance issues with the Arizona Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and on potential threats of consolidation with other healthcare boards.

Committee Restructuring

The board approved the following organizational changes:

- **Policy Committee** and **Government Relations Committee** will be merged into one committee.

- **PAC has been added to the Budget Committee.**

Transparency and Communications

- The board discussed increasing transparency by publishing meeting summaries.

Action Items discussed

- Post meeting minutes and highlights on the website.
- Recover and edit Dr. Brungard video update for social media.
- Obtain Mr. James Candland, Lobbyist banking information for automatic payments.
- Register executive committee members for the June convention.
- Plan next mixer in Tucson.
- Prepare venue RFPs for future conventions.
- Send a letter to the AZBCE Executive Director requesting collaboration on rule changes.
- Update bank and Arizona Corporation Commission records.

March Board Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2026

Adjournment

There being no further business: the meeting was adjourned at **1:01pm**