

Virginia State USBC Meeting – September 29-30, 2018 in Harrisonburg

Delegates in attendance: Andre Andrews, Jane Andrews, Andrea Dale, Willie Graves Jr., and Ron McGregor.

The Saturday meeting featured David Fields, our USBC Southern Regional Representative, and Mike Larsen, USBC Director of Association Development. They led a discussion on the Lane Dressing Inspection Report. There will be new requirements effective August 1, 2019 based on research by the USBC Equipment and Specifications team.

They also led a discussion on Board Orientation for new board members, emphasizing the need to mentor new directors and creating a formal process to get them fully engaged as soon as possible. The Association Resource Center (ARC) on bowl.com contains all of the handouts and guidelines needed to run a successful association.

Mary Harrar, Executive Director of the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), made a presentation about BVL and highlighted the efforts made by the State of Virginia to contribute to BVL. Mary also discussed a number of fund-raising ideas and suggestions to help associations raise funds for BVL.

A fun bowling tournament was held Saturday afternoon at Valley Lanes.

Saturday evening featured the Hall of Fame dinner and induction of 4 new members: Renee Brubaker of the Virginia Peninsula USBC and Cayla Hicks (youth) of the New River Valley USBC for Bowling Achievement, and Kenneth Lane of the Alleghany-Bath USBC and Thomas Merritt of the Upper Shenandoah Valley USBC for Meritorious Service.

The Sunday meeting was the business meeting. All financial reports were presented as well as committee reports from BVL, Southeast (SBA), and Hall of Fame.

A lane inspection workshop was held at Valley Lanes after the meeting.

Tournament sites for 2019 are as follows:

Mixed – Fredericksburg (AMF Fredericksburg) **change in center**

Women – Virginia Peninsula (Century Lanes and Sparetimes Lanes) **change in association**

Open – Virginia Peninsula (AMF York and Sparetimes)

Youth – Virginia Peninsula (AMF York and Sparetimes)

Senior – Bowl America (BA Manassas and BA Bull Run)

The 2019 fall jamboree will be hosted by the Greater Lynchburg USBC.

Next year's annual meeting will be held the weekend of May 11-12 at Bowl America Short Pump (Richmond).

In addition, NCAUSBCA was awarded the 2020 Open to be held at BA Manassas and BA Bull Run.

Bowl America was awarded the 2020 Women's, also to be held at BA Manassas and BA Bull Run.

Andrea Dale, Delegate