



**ABE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**June 12-16, 2024**  
**THE CHARLESTON PLACE**  
**CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

*The American Bar Endowment Board of Directors meetings will take place at The Charleston Place, an iconic landmark in the heart of Charleston's historic district just steps from some of the city's best independent shops, the City Market, museums, historic sites and art galleries.*

*All below times are listed in the East Time Zone, please adjust accordingly for your location.*

**Wednesday, June 12**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Welcome Reception**

The Charleston Place, Thoroughbred Club, Lobby Level

*The Welcome Reception will be held in the Thoroughbred Club, The Charleston Place's very own living room lounge on the lobby level. Cocktails and substantial hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please make your own arrangements for dinner. We recommend making reservations as soon as possible, as restaurants are in high demand.*

*Recommended Dress: Coastal Casual*

**7:30 p.m.**

**Dinner on Own**

**Thursday, June 13**

**8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Breakfast**

The Charleston Place, Charleston Grill, Lobby Level

**9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**ABE Board Meeting**

Riviera Theater, Academy Room – located across the street from The Charleston Place, on King Street

*BOD Agenda: Entity Reports*

**9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**Spouses/Guests Activity: Photography Walk and Tour of Nathaniel Russell House, followed by lunch at Slightly North of Broad**

*Recommended Dress: Casual with comfortable shoes and weather appropriate attire.*

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

*Meet Liza (Historical Charleston Foundation photographer) at the base of the Grand Staircase in The Charleston Place lobby at 9:30 for a one-hour instructional photography walk through historic Charleston walking paths not usually known to visitors. The walking tour will focus on instructional tips and tricks of photographing beautiful buildings and sites. Don't forget to bring your camera or mobile device. The photography tour will end at the Nathaniel Russell House.*

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

*Finish the morning with a guided tour of the Nathaniel Russell House. Considered the finest house in Charleston of its time, this National Historic Landmark is today recognized as one of America's most important Neoclassical dwellings. The Russell House has been restored to its former glory and is furnished with period art and antiques. The free-flying spiral staircase, cantilevered up three stories, is alone worth the visit.*

*After the museum tour, walk ~13 minutes (or Uber/Lyft) to Slightly North of Broad Restaurant for lunch.*

*Price: \$50pp (Cost per person includes the instructional photography walk and museum tour.)*

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Spouse/Guest Lunch (Advance sign-up required)**

Slightly North of Broad Restaurant, an eclectic Lowcountry bistro  
192 East Bay Street

*The spouse/guest program will continue after lunch. Those interested will walk (~10 minutes) or Uber/Lyft from the restaurant to Heyward-Washington House, 87 Church Street.*

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**ABE Board Lunch**

The Charleston Place, Charleston Grill, Lobby Level  
*Walk across the street to The Charleston Place for lunch*

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Spouse/Guest Activity: Tour of Heyward-Washington House**  
87 Church Street

*Walk or Uber/Lyft from Slightly North of Broad (lunch location) to Heyward-Washington House or meet at the venue for a Signature Guided Tour.*

*Visit Charleston's first museum house, for a room by room tour. Once the home of Thomas Heyward, Jr., a patriot leader and signer of the Declaration of Independence. President George Washington stayed here during his week long visit in 1791. This National Historic Landmark was the childhood home of the abolitionist Sarah Grimke who is memorialized in Sue Monk Kidd's best selling historical novel *The Invention of Wings*.*

*Afterwards, enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure.*

*Price: \$25.00 (Cost per person includes the museum tour; it does not include lunch or transportation.)*

**1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**ABE Board Meeting continues**

Riviera Theater, Academy Room – located across the street from The Charleston Place, on King Street

*BOD Agenda: Insurance Committee, Communications Committee, and Nominating Committees*

**6:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

*Meet in hotel lobby for shuttle transfer to Cannon Green*

**Reception and Dinner**

Cannon Green/Wild Common, The Garden Room  
103 Spring Street

*The Thursday Reception and Dinner will be held in The Garden Room, a private event space adjacent to the Wild Common Restaurant.*

*Recommended Dress: Coastal Casual Attire*

## **Friday, June 14**

**8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Breakfast**

The Charleston Place, Charleston Grill, Lobby Level

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**ABE Board Meeting**

Riviera Theater, Academy Room – located across the street from The Charleston Place, on King Street

*BOD Agenda: Finance Committee*

*Recommended Dress: Coastal Casual*

**9:15 a.m.**

**Spouses/Guests Activity: Private Historic Walking Tour**

Meet in the hotel lobby and walk to Washington Park *behind* City Hall. The address of City Hall is 80 Broad St., but we will start in the park *behind* the building. Tour will take place rain or shine.

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

*After breakfast at the hotel, meet our guide, Therese Smythe (phone: 843-270-9945), in Washington Park for a two-hour stroll through downtown Charleston's historic district along its most beautiful streets and scenic alleyways. Therese is a native Charlestonian, whose family dates from 1793. She is a happily retired attorney who enjoys sharing her love of Charleston with visitors.*

*Share in her hometown knowledge of Charleston's rich history from its wealthy colonial days to the turbulent times of the Civil War and its aftermath. See some of the most historic homes of South Carolina now beautifully preserved and restored to their former glory. Along the way you will be entertained with anecdotes of colorful local characters, tales of lesser known events in Charleston's past, and stories of days gone by.*

*Recommended Dress: Casual with comfortable shoes and weather appropriate attire.*

*Price: \$25.00*

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Lunch**

The Charleston Place, Charleston Grill, Lobby Level

**1:45 p.m.**

**ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Activity**

Meet in hotel lobby for 5-minute walk to Charleston Library Society  
164 King Street

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Lecture by Elizabeth Gay, Executive Director of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina; Tour of Charleston Library Society Special Collections**

*We will gather in the Reading Room of the historic Charleston Library Society. After 275 years, the Charleston Library Society remains the oldest cultural institution in the South and the second oldest circulating library in the country. A unique presentation connecting Huguenot history and culture in colonial Charleston will be led by Elizabeth Gay. Elizabeth's primary Huguenot ancestors are Benjamin Marion and Thomas Guerin, and she has been a member of the Huguenot Society for thirty-eight years.*

*The Huguenot Society of South Carolina has over 1,500 members with descendants from almost 700 French Protestant (Huguenot) refugees. These men and women left France, or in some instances, another country, prior to the Edict of Toleration in 1787.*

*Following Elizabeth's presentation, we will briefly hear from the Library Society's digital historian. Afterwards, we will have the distinct honor of viewing the Library's Special Collections, which house some of the Lowcountry's greatest cultural treasures including more than 20,000 rare*

*books and archives. Among the treasures are correspondence from George Washington and Alexander Hamilton, Dubose Heyward's manuscripts for Porgy and the jaw-dropping illustrated volumes of Pierre-Joseph Redouté.*

**4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**On Own at Leisure**

Group may return to the hotel or use the time to explore or shop on their own

*Recommended Dress: Casual/Comfortable Attire*

**6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**Reception and Dinner sponsored by New York Life**

The Charleston Place, Palmetto Garden Room and Courtyard

*Recommended Dress: Business Attire, ties not required for the gentlemen*

**Saturday, June 15**

**8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Breakfast**

The Charleston Place, Charleston Grill, Lobby Level

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**ABE Board Meeting**

Riviera Theater, Academy Room – located across the street from The Charleston Place, on King Street

*BOD Agenda: Grants Committee, Strategic Planning Committee*

**12:00 p.m.**

**Conclusion of Board Meeting/Departures**

*Recommended Dress: Coastal Casual*

*Note: If you wish to stay over, our Board members are covered, and the Saturday evening dinner for attending Board members, spouses and guests is hosted by the ABE.*

**5:45 p.m.**

10 minute walk from hotel

**Depart hotel for walk to High Cotton Restaurant**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Dinner at High Cotton**

Main Dining Room, 199 East Bay Street

*Recommended Dress: Coastal Casual*