



**ABE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 3, 2023
RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL
DANA POINT, CA**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The American Bar Endowment Board Meeting will take place at the Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, which is a coastal luxury resort perched atop a seaside bluff and surrounded by panoramic views of the Pacific. It is located half-way between Los Angeles and San Diego in Dana Point, California.

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

Tuesday, October 31

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Dana Point Lawn, Ritz-Carlton

The Welcome Reception will be held on the Dana Point Lawn at the Ritz-Carlton. Cocktails and substantial hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please make your own arrangements for dinner.

Recommended Dress: Resort Casual; flat soled shoes suggested

Wednesday, November 1

8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Breakfast

Monarch Bay Sunset Terrace, Ritz-Carlton

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ABE Board Meeting

Plaza Room, Ritz-Carlton

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ABE Board and Guests Lunch

Monarch Bay Sunset Terrace, Ritz-Carlton

Recommended Dress: Resort Casual

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Spouses/Guests – Docent tour of Sherman Gardens and Library
followed by lunch at Las Brisas restaurant in Laguna Beach**

Meet in hotel lobby for transfer
to Sherman Gardens; Meet your docent
at 11 a.m. for a one-hour tour

Sherman Library and Gardens is a 2.2 acre Corona del Mar horticultural retreat. In 1955 Arnold D. Haskell bought the Norman's Nursery property at the corner of Dahlia Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway in Corona del Mar. The property included a small adobe house he planned to use as his office. Shortly after occupying the adobe, Mr. Haskell began landscaping the nursery site and surrounding property.

Mr. Haskell's concept for the property included a beautiful public garden—a serene oasis and respite from the stress and pressures of daily life. The property was acquired in the 1960s and the 2.2 acre block is now occupied by the Sherman Library and Gardens. Remodeling of the original buildings and construction of the Library and conservatory were completed by 1974.

The Garden was named after Mr. Haskell's mentor and benefactor, M.H. Sherman and now provides a museum of living plants, displayed amidst immaculate gardens, patios and conservatories linked by wide brick walkways. The Library is a specialized research center devoted to the study of the Pacific Southwest.

Following the one-hour walking tour, we will depart for lunch at the beautiful Las Brisas restaurant, a Southern California landmark with spectacular ocean views in Laguna Beach, about 10 minutes away. After lunch, spouses/guests can either get a ride-share service back to the hotel or spend an hour or so browsing the unique, artsy shops in Laguna Beach (a short walk from the restaurant). Transportation will be provided back to the hotel at 3 p.m. for those who opt to stay in Laguna Beach.

Recommended Dress: Casual/Comfortable, including comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses/sun-hat.

Price: Guests will be responsible to cover the cost of admission to Sherman Gardens, which is \$5. The cost of lunch will be deducted from member Expense Reports following the meeting.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ABE Board Meeting
Plaza Room, Ritz-Carlton

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meet in hotel lobby for bus
to restaurant

Reception and Dinner
Selanne Steak Restaurant
1464 S Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach

The Wednesday reception and dinner will be held at the Selanne Steak restaurant. Selanne Steak is an award winning steakhouse, located in a historic 1934 home on Pacific Coast Hwy.

Recommended Dress: Smart Casual

Thursday, November 2

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Breakfast
Monarch Bay Sunset Terrace, Ritz-Carlton

9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

ABE Board Meeting
Plaza Room, Ritz-Carlton

Recommended Dress: Resort Casual. Note, there will be limited time following the Board meeting to change before departing for the afternoon group activity. Please plan accordingly.

8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Meet in hotel lobby for transfer
to San Juan Capistrano

Spouses/Guests – Self-guided tour of San Juan Capistrano Mission

After breakfast at the hotel, meet in the lobby for the short drive to Mission San Juan Capistrano for a self-guided tour starting at 9:30 a.m. Expect a 15-20 minute drive from the Ritz-Carlton to the Mission. The museum opens at 9 a.m.

Explore San Juan Capistrano's 10-acre grounds of gardens, fountains and adobe preserved architecture while listening to the audio tour. The audio tour grants the listener the unique opportunity to experience history first hand at your own pace. Learn new things about Mission San Juan Capistrano never before heard and see the Jewel up close and personal. You control what you hear.

Follow the tour in numerical order to create your own experience. When prompted, enter the number of the stop you wish to hear more about. Each stop is approximately 1-2 minutes long. You may start and stop the tour at any point or enter another number any time you choose.

Recommended Dress: Casual/Comfortable; comfortable walking shoes suggested

Price: Admission for the general, self-guided tour is free.

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meet in the Ritz-Carlton lobby
for bus to Newport Beach

ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Afternoon Activity and Lunch

Paradiso Yacht Cruise and Lunch
670 Lido Park Drive, Newport Beach

Meet in the hotel lobby at 12:00 p.m. to board the bus to Newport Beach where we will board an 85' luxury vessel for a cruise around Newport Harbor. Our crew will explain the history of Newport Harbor, while calling attention to celebrity homes, the harbor's seven islands, and other points of interest. Don't forget your sunscreen and sunglasses. The Paradiso will sail rain or shine and there is plenty of covered/indoor space to protect against inclement weather. Group transportation back to the hotel will be provided.

Recommended Dress: Casual/Comfortable Attire; light sweater or windbreaker, low-heeled shoes or boat shoes as well as sunscreen and sunglasses suggested.

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**Reception and Dinner**

Monarch Bay Sunset Terrace, Ritz-Carlton
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The Thursday Reception and Dinner will be held on the Monarch Bay Sunset Terrace at the Ritz-Carlton. Please dress according to the weather. The Plaza room (adjacent to the Sunset Terrace) is being held as an indoor back-up should it be required.

Recommended Dress: Smart Casual

Friday, November 3**8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.****ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Breakfast**

Monarch Bay Sunset Terrace, Ritz-Carlton

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ABE Board Meeting
Plaza Room, Ritz-Carlton

Recommended Dress: Resort Casual

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Meet in hotel lobby for bus
to restaurant

Reception and Dinner (Optional)
Sapphire Laguna Beach, Laguna Beach
1200 S. Pacific Coast Hwy., Laguna Beach

Recommended Dress: Resort Casual

For those who expect to stay overnight on Friday, a hosted ABE off-site dinner has been planned. Enjoy a distinctly Newport restaurant, just a 10-minute drive from the hotel. This popular spot serves New American cuisine and has true California vibes and a casual elegance. The reception and dinner will be held on the restaurant side terrace.