



**ABE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 27-30, 2024
THE RITZ-CARLTON BACARA
SANTA BARBARA, CA**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The American Bar Endowment Board Meeting will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Bacara, which is a coastal luxury resort overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It is located in the town of Goleta, a 15-minute drive from downtown Santa Barbara. The resort is a short 7-mile drive from the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (recommended,) and a leisurely 2-hour drive from either Hollywood Burbank Airport or LAX.

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

Sunday, October 27

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Welcome Buffet Reception**
Cohiba Lounge (outdoors), Ritz-Carlton Bacara

The Welcome Buffet Reception will be held at the Cohiba Lounge in the Ritz-Carlton. Cocktails and substantial hors d'oeuvres will be served along with buffet options. Food will be sufficient to satisfy dinner for the evening.

Recommended Dress: Resort Chic; flat or low-heeled shoes suggested. This event will be held outdoors, so a light jacket or wrap may be needed as the sun goes down.

Monday, October 28

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for Board **ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Breakfast**
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for Guests Salon 2 Terrace, Ritz-Carlton

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **ABE Board Meeting**
Salon 2, Ritz-Carlton

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **ABE Board Lunch**
Salon 2 Terrace, Ritz-Carlton

Recommended Dress: Smart Casual

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Spouses/Guests** – Open-air trolley tour of Santa Barbara, followed by an informal lunch at Brophy Bros Clam Bar and Restaurant on Santa Barbara Harbor. Afterwards, explore and shop at your leisure. Return to the hotel by 3 p.m.

Meet in the hotel lobby at 9:30 a.m. for transfer to Stearns Wharf for a 90-minute narrated tour on an open-air trolley. Enjoy the scenery while you hear the history of this beautiful coastal town! Meet at 2:30 p.m. at the designated spot to return to the hotel.

Recommended Dress: Casual/Comfortable, including comfortable shoes, sunglasses.

Price: Guests will be responsible to cover the cost of the trolley tour, which is \$28. The cost of lunch will be deducted from member Expense Reports following the meeting.

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Salon 2, Ritz-Carlton

4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meet in hotel lobby for transfer
to Vega Vineyard

Special Event: Group Activity, Reception and Dinner

Vega Vineyard and Farm
Santa Ynez Valley

Meet in the hotel lobby at 4 p.m. for the 30-minute scenic drive to the Vega Vineyard and Farm for an evening of farm-to-table food, wine and surprises. Vega Vineyard and Farm offers breathtaking views in every direction. This farm and vineyard offers a rare taste of rustic California. This event will take place outdoors.

Recommended Dress: Resort Chic; low/flat shoes and a light jacket, sweater or blazer are recommended to keep away the evening chill. Terrain is uneven/grassy, so plan your footwear accordingly.

Tuesday, October 29

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for Board

ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Breakfast

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

Salon 2 Terrace, Ritz-Carlton

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

ABE Board Meeting

Salon 2, Ritz-Carlton

Recommended Dress: Smart Casual.

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Spouses/Guests – Tour the Santa Barbara Court House, walk to lunch downtown and end the day with a Behind-the-Scenes tour of the Santa Barbara Mission.

Meet in hotel lobby for transfer
to downtown Santa Barbara

After breakfast at the hotel, meet in the hotel lobby for a 20-minute ride to the Santa Barbara Courthouse, 1100 Anacapa Street, for a 90-minute tour of the National Historic Landmark. This Spanish-style building is known for its spectacular architecture, wrought iron, natural sunlight and grand open hallways.

Following the tour, we will walk to a nearby downtown restaurant for lunch—with time for shopping and exploring.

We will then head over to Old Mission Santa Barbara for a self-guided tour of the Mission grounds at 2:00 p.m. The Old Mission is situated on 15 acres overlooking the Pacific Ocean, and the grounds include the beautiful Mission Church, historic cemetery and mausoleum, a nine-room museum of historical artwork and artifacts, and multiple lush gardens. We expect to return to the hotel by 4:30 p.m.

Recommended Dress: Casual/Comfortable; comfortable walking shoes suggested

Price: Guests will be responsible to cover the \$10 donation for the Court House tour. The cost of lunch will be deducted from member Expense Reports following the meeting.

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

ABE Board Lunch
Salon 2 Terrace, Ritz-Carlton

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Board Meeting
Salon 2, Ritz-Carlton

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Reception and New York Life Dinner
Rotunda Terrace and Rotunda, Ritz-Carlton

The Tuesday Reception and Dinner will be hosted by our partners at New York Life, held on the Rotunda Terrace set atop the Ritz-Carlton lobby. This sun-filled venue overlooks the ocean, gardens, and adjoining terraces. After a brief (30-minute) reception, we will sit down to a fantastic dinner and bring a close to our time together.

Recommended Dress: Resort Chic

Wednesday, October 30

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

ABE Board, Spouses/Guests Farewell Breakfast
Salon 2, Ritz-Carlton

Recommended Dress: Travel Casual

Safe Travels Home!