1. **Call to order:** President Leigh Morrell called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm EST

   PRESENT: Jim Archambault, Annie Arthur, Laura Armstrong, Jerry Boyd, John Dittmeier, Doug Eichert, Ray Grosshans, Scott Kretschmer, Leigh Morrell, Tom Owens, Victor Plitt, Eddie Rainey, Linda Tanner, Bob Valentine, John Williams

   Others in attendance: Mark Kochan

2. **Secretary’s report:**

   The minutes were sent previously for Board review.

   Approval of the minutes of March 4, 2020, March 17, 2020 and March 26, 2020:

   **In a motion** by Tom Owens, seconded by Linda Tanner it was voted to approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2020, March 17, 2020 and March 26, 2020 as submitted. Vote unanimous

3. **Treasurer’s report:**

   Treasurer’s report was sent prior to the meeting.


   **In a motion** by, Jim Archambault seconded by Jerry Boyd it was voted to receive the treasurer’s report as presented. Vote unanimous

4. **Matters arising out of the minutes:**

   None

5. **President’s report:**

6. **Committee reports:**

   **Awards:** Scott Kretschmer

   Nothing to report

   **Affiliates:**

   Jerry Boyd agreed to be Affiliates Chair. Bob will send any information he has to Jerry concerning affiliates.

   **By-Laws & PPM:** Bob Valentine

   Nothing to report at this time.

   **Competition:** John Williams

   John will begin working on Johnstown 2021 gathering with the help of Jim and Bob.
Communications & Technology:

Annie has looked into combining the ABANA presence on Facebook. She offered several options all in agreement that Annie should proceed. Also discussed was setting protocol for who and what can be posted. All agreed that advertising should not be allowed. Annie will also link Instagram to the Facebook page.

Education Outreach & Professional Development: Co-Chairs Jim Archambault, Doug Eichert

Discussed was going back into ABANA’s archives to get past written articles by prominent smiths and post them to the ABANA website. Also have video included past and present works with an eye to having high quality videos with technically accurate forging content.

Elections: Co-Chairs Doug Eichert, John Williams

Annie, Jerry, Linda and Leigh are up for re-election 2020. John and Doug will spread the work on the elections to members who might also be interested.

Finance: Bob Valentine

Nothing to report at this time.

Grants: Scott Kretschmer

Nothing to report at this time.

History and Archives: John Dittmeier

The Committee continued to upload PDF files to the Groups.io digital repository, including,
1) from the 2020 Conference - its Facebook postings, its email messages, the web pages of the Eventsquid site, and its Volunteer roster, matrix and emails.
2) from Jerry Veneziano Facebook page - his Facebook postings of women and minority smiths, numbering about 200.
4) from the 2014 ABANA WordPress blog - Dan Nauman's 2014 letter on ABANA's mission and the 330 comments.

The Committee submitted its first brief article in a series, titled Our History to the Anvil's Ring editor for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Dr. Kington's May 1970 gathering of smiths, including Alex Bealer, at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

The Committee is also requesting files of the 2020 Conference, of the Patience of Meticulous Smiths and of the Blacksmith Archives Project.

Membership services: Linda Tanner

There was a great deal of discussion on the approve membership rates and whether they should be implemented as previously voted on. After discussion it was agreed that the dues increases should be tabled but be keep on the agenda for discussion at a future date.

Publications: Victor Plitt

Leigh suggested that Allan Shaw be an off-board member of the publications committee, the board agreed.

Mark Kochan is waiting on articles from demonstrators who would have been at the 2020 Conference.

Sales: Victor Plitt

Victor is ready to go live with Shopify. He would like more artwork to be added to merchandise. He also said he could sell current inventory of items from central office as well as the miniature anvils from the 2020 conference.
Strategic planning: Co-Chairs Linda Tanner, Tom Owens

The committee met and Tom shared some thoughts about future conferences, particularly how and where they might be held. One idea would be to have the conference in the future at Johnstown rather than moving it around the country or possibly a combination of both.

Technology: John Williams

(See Communications & Technology above.)

2020 Conference: Bob Valentine

Work continues to facilitate refunds and get items purchased to members.

Bob proposed that the raffle items that were to be raffled off at the 2020 Conference be raffled off by repurposing the ABANA 2020 Eventsquid site, selling tickets on line. There would be a maximum of 2000 ticket at a price of $10.00 each. After discussion, it was agreed hold a raffle with Goshen, CT as its base. Because Connecticut requires there be printed tickets, once purchased, tickets would be sent to those purchasing them by USPS. The drawing would be held at Bob’s shop in Goshen, CT., winner need not be present. 1st Prize BAM Box filled with tools made by prominent smiths, 2nd Prize re-built 100 lb. Big Blu power hammer, 3rd Prize 240 lb. Peter Wright anvil, donated by Richard Wright. Bob will facilitate shipping the items to the winners, FOB Goshen CT.

Exhibition: Laura Armstrong

Work continues on getting exhibits scheduled, although some schedules may need to be modified due to COVID-19 issues.

Johnstown Implementation:

Ray is waiting on a response concerning placing the ABANA trailer and storing conference supplies. He will reach out to his contacts again next week.

7. Old business:

None

8. New business:

None

9. Adjournment:

In a motion made by Scott Kretschmer seconded by Linda Tanner it was vote to adjourn at 10:15 EST.  Vote unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Valentine, Secretary