

ABO President's Letter: 2025-2026

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A Warm Welcome and Exciting Initiatives from Your New ABO Section President

Dear Members of the Accounting, Behaviors, and Organizations (ABO) Section,

It is a true honor and a privilege to begin my term as the President of the ABO Section. I look forward to serving our vibrant community and working alongside you to further advance behavioral accounting research and education.

Leadership Transition and Gratitude

The fall semester marks a time of transition, and I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to the immediate Past President, Aaron Saiewitz, and the entire outgoing Executive Board and Steering Committee Members for their dedicated service and exceptional leadership throughout the past year. Their efforts have positioned the ABO Section for continued success.

The ABO Section is fortunate to have a dedicated Executive Board of outstanding members who have stepped up to serve and support our section this year. Our section thrives because of the many members who are willing to volunteer their time to serve. I am immensely appreciative of the quick and enthusiastic responses from our members who stepped forward to volunteer their time when I asked them to serve this year, it is a true reflection of the dedication of our members and our ongoing efforts to expand our reach and membership engagement. If you are interested in engaging in a meaningful way with your colleagues in the future, please use [this link](#) to let us know which ABO section opportunities you are most interested in. This does not have to be a “right now” commitment, but rather an expression of interest in the type of role you prefer.

ABO Section Initiatives: 2025-2026

The guiding principle of my presidency is to serve our members and bring value to them. My focus this year will be on increasing member engagement and supporting initiatives that allow for networking opportunities, education, and further behavioral accounting research. Here are a few key initiatives for the 2025–2026 academic year:

1. Launching the ABO Virtual Exchange (ABOVE)

We are thrilled to be launching the **ABO Virtual Exchange (ABOVE)**, a new research webinar series designed to connect our global membership and accelerate high-quality behavioral accounting research. You can expect 3 webinars between now and May 2026, with the plan to increase that number in future years.

- The inaugural **ABOVE** event will be a one-hour session on **December 16th, 2025, from 11AM-12PM EDT.**
- We have two amazing scholars ready to present their research: (1) Margaret Christ, University of Georgia, will be presenting an Audit/AI experimental paper and (2) Lisa LaViers, Tulane University, will be presenting a Managerial/AI experimental paper.
- Each presentation slot is 30 minutes, allowing 15 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for Q&A.
- Please [REGISTER HERE](#) for this event.
- The Zoom link and the papers will be distributed to registered attendees one week before the event.
- We will host our second ABOVE webinar in **February 2026** with a panel focused on trends and advice on conducting behavioral research at the intersection of AI and Accounting. Date and registration information will be available in early 2026.

2. Launching of LinkedIn pages for both the ABO section and BRIA.

I encourage you to follow both of these pages:

- The [ABO section page](#) will be a key resource for section-related information, announcements, and events.
- The [BRIA page](#) will showcase its new online early publications.

ABO 2026 Midyear Meeting: Save the Date for Baltimore!

I am excited to announce the location and dates for the ABO 2026 Midyear Meeting! Mark your calendars to join us in **Baltimore, MD!** The conference will begin on **Thursday, October 15th** with the Doctoral Consortium led by Bernard Reichert and an evening reception and run through the afternoon of Saturday, October 17th to allow you some time to enjoy the city!

Baltimore, the “City of Firsts”, is home to the first U.S. railroad, the first Roman Catholic cathedral, and the first public aquarium. It is an East Coast city with a large international airport located ten miles from the city center. Its famous harbor is a vibrant and beautiful place to walk and enjoy views of the city. We look forward to connecting with all of you there for an exceptional program.

State of the Section and Looking Ahead

The section continues to maintain a healthy financial position, as revenues from membership dues, the EBSCO revenue share, and conference registrations exceed costs. However, our profitability is reduced from prior year largely due to the new AAA administrative overhead allocations starting in FY25 for meetings held by various sections. Notwithstanding the decrease in profitability, we anticipate that the section will maintain a net positive cash position. The Executive Board is currently exploring new and meaningful ways to use our funds to better serve and add value to our section members.

We value your input and encourage you to share any ideas or suggestions with the Executive Board or Steering Committee members on how we can better serve and add value to your membership experience by completing our inaugural [membership survey](#). As behavioral researchers, you all know how important data is. Help us out by taking 5 minutes to complete the survey!

I am genuinely enthusiastic about the year ahead and the opportunity to work with the Executive Board and all our volunteers to further our section's mission.

Yours sincerely,

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