

ABO President's Letter: Q2 2026

Progress and Purpose in Our Vibrant Community

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

As we move into the second half of the 2025–2026 academic year, I am continually inspired by the dedication and energy of our members. Our recent Executive Board meeting highlighted the significant progress we are making on several key initiatives designed to advance behavioral accounting research and provide tangible value to our community.



Leadership Updates: Welcoming Our President-Elect

I am thrilled to announce that the special election results are in, and the membership has officially ratified **Mary Marshall as our President-Elect for 2025–2026**. Mary will assume the role of President for the 2026–2027 term. Her deep familiarity with the ABO Section and her commitment to our mission make her an ideal leader for this transition, and I look forward to working closely with her for my remaining term as President.

ABO Section Initiatives & Research Updates

Our focus on networking and education remains at the forefront of our activities this spring:

- **ABO Virtual Exchange (ABOVE):** Our new webinar series has seen tremendous success, with our first two sessions drawing over 150 total attendees. If you missed either one, they will be posted on the ABO section website soon. We also have two more exciting events scheduled:
 - **March 31st 11AM-12PM (EDT):** Ryan Guggenmos and Kristi Rennekamp will discuss translating experimental work for broader audiences during an ABO hosted “WeARE” session.
 - **April 17th 3PM-4PM (EDT):** A partnership with the Junior Accounting Scholars Organization (JASO) will feature Ph.D. student research.
- **BRIA Advancements:** To better serve our authors and readers, **Behavioral Research in Accounting (BRIA)** has officially transitioned to allowing **Open Access** as an option upon paper acceptance as of February 1st. To address a healthy backlog of high-quality submissions, the journal is also increasing the number of papers per issue from 7 to 10 for the 2026 publications.
- **LinkedIn Presence:** I encourage you to follow our LinkedIn pages for both the [ABO Section](#) and [BRIA](#) to stay updated on section announcements and early publications.

Looking Ahead: Baltimore 2026

Preparation is well underway for the **ABO 2026 Midyear Meeting in Baltimore, MD**. Mark your calendars for **October 15th–17th**. Our program committee is currently curating a high-impact schedule, including a keynote speaker on the Ethics of AI and a teaching case panel hosted by EY.

Calls for Nominations

Our section thrives on recognizing excellence. Please consider submitting nominations for the following awards (descriptions and requirements are available on the [ABO homepage](#)):

- **BRIA Award:** Nominations are open until **May 15th**. Submissions should be directed to Bill Lyle (wlyle1@aum.edu).
- **Lifetime Contribution, Behavioral Accounting Research, and Outstanding Dissertation Awards:** Nominations are accepted until **May 31st**. Submissions should be directed to Lori Bhaskar (lbhaskar@iu.edu)

I am grateful for your continued engagement and look forward to seeing many of you, virtually or in person, very soon.

Yours sincerely,

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