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Ref: 2025 Association of Boxing Commissions – 37th Annual Conference Minutes

Location: New Orleans, LA

Dates: August 1–6, 2025

Special Recognition of Sponsors and Donations

- Retired Fighter Fund – Donation from Whitetail Builders
- BoxRec – Sponsored A/V
- Cleto Reyes – Sponsored the Welcome Reception
- Reality Fighting – Sponsored the Annual Banquet Social Hour
- Chickasaw, Oneida, and Mohegan – Each sponsored morning coffee
- WBO – Financial Donation
- Retired Fighters Fund Donations-
 - Whitetail Builders
 - MacDonald Law
 - NAGA
 - New England Youth Div. League Muay Thai

Officials Training Conducted

Friday, August 1, 2025

- Bare Knuckle Referee Training – Trainer: Christopher Young

Saturday, August 2, 2025

- Boxing Judge Training – Trainer: David Sutherland
- Mixed Martial Arts Training – Trainer: Kevin McDonald
- Inspector Training – Trainer: Scott Bowler
- Muay Thai Judge Training – Trainer: Bryan Miner

Sunday, August 3, 2025

- Boxing Referee Training – Trainer: Russell Mora
- MMA Judge Training – Trainer: Kevin McDonald
- Bare Knuckle Judge Training – Trainer: Sean Wheelock

Training Attendance Count by Discipline

- Bare Knuckle Judge: 50
- Bare Knuckle Referee: 40
- Boxing Judge: 66
- Boxing Referee: 45
- Inspector: 35
- Mixed Martial Arts Judge: 94
- Mixed Martial Arts Referee: 69
- Muay Thai Judge: 54
- Muay Thai Referee: 40
- Total: 493**

Monday, August 4, 2025

Opening Remarks – Michael Mazzulli

- Database / National Registries
- Indicated he would not run for President
- Introduction of ABC Social Media Manager (appointment of Heather Turner)

- Change in Voice of the Fighter Committee (appointment of Andy Foster as Chairman and Din Thomas as Vice Chairman)

Other Business

- **Self-Introductions of Commissions**
 - **ABC Secretary Timothy Shipman:** Review of 2024 ABC Conference minutes
 - Motion to approve by Timothy Shipman, seconded by Scott Bowler
 - No discussion from the body; minutes approved
 - **ABC Treasurer Dennis Reno:** Presented the current financial report (no questions or discussion)
 - **Welcome Remarks:** Louisiana Representative Jimmy Poirier
 - **Chris Palmquist:** Discussed Combat Registry functions and online MMA ID
 - Recommendation by Mike Mazzulli to start a Database Committee
 - Noted that commissions are not paying equal shares for registry usage
 - **Marina Sheppard:** Discussed BoxRec functions, including a digital FEID with QR Code capability compatible with Google and Apple Wallet
 - **Matt Schowalter:** Discussed Muay Thai professional and amateur rules
 - **Simon Haslam:** Demonstrated hand wrapping for commissions and stressed the importance of correct wrapping
 - **Haskell Alexander:** Tribal Commissions Meeting
 - **Scott Bowler:** New Commission Orientation
 - **Retired Fighters Fund Event:** Cocktail hour, hypnotist, and comedy
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Vote for President and 1st Vice President

- **President:**
 - Timothy Shipman nominated by Andy Foster (California)
 - Scott Bowler nominated by Tony Cummings (Colorado) but declined
 - Nomination seconded by Matt Byrd (Kentucky)
 - No discussion; vote occurred – Timothy Shipman elected unopposed
 - **1st Vice President:**
 - Scott Bowler nominated by Tony Cummings; seconded by Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan)
 - Matt Showalter nominated by Steve Newport
 - No discussion; vote occurred – Scott Bowler elected
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Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Medical Seminars (Dr. Michael Schwartz, Chair – ABC Medical Committee)

- Limitations of Virtual Exams – Dr. Michael Schwartz
- UFC/CSAD Drug Testing – George Piro
- SMYRTL Laboratory Drug Testing – Dr. Daniel Eichner
- Traumatic Brain Injury & Anti-CD3 Nasal Spray – Dr. Saef Izzy
- Supplement Use in Combat Sports Athletes: Risks & Benefits – Dr. Raza Bashir
- Cannabis Use in Boxing & MMA – Dr. Lou Durkin (President, Association of Ringside Physicians)
- Smartnosis Concussion Monitoring App – Dr. Kyle Taylor
- The Use of Ozempic and Mounjaro for Weight Loss in Combative Sports – Dr. Michael Schwartz

Open Time Filler: MMAFA – Kajhun Johnson and Nate Quarry, 2014 lawsuit against UFC and opposition to UBO

Committee Updates on Combative Sports

- **Medical Committee (Andy Foster & Dr. Michael Schwartz):** Brief on platelet use
 - **MMA Rules Committee Report (Andy Foster):**
 - Bout scoring criteria revised to clarify officials' responsibilities
 - Motion for approval by Scott Bowler (Utah), seconded by Matt Woodruff (Georgia)
 - Verbal vote and hand count – Rule approved, effective immediately
 - **Boxing Rules Committee Report (Matthew Delaglio):**
 - Clarification on “taking a knee” in a live round and treatment of a downed opponent
 - Motion for approval by Scott Bowler (Utah), seconded by Steve Newport (Yakama Nation)
 - Verbal vote and hand count – Rule approved, effective immediately
 - **Bare Knuckle Committee Report (Timothy Shipman):**
 - Hand wrap terminology “G Wrap” introduced; rule clarification on dipping below the waist
 - Consensus to replace “participant” with “combatant” for consistency
 - Motion by Michael Mazzulli (Mohegan), seconded by Danny Vella (Arizona)
 - Motion by Michael Mazzulli for approval; discussion included opposition to “G Wrap” (Jeff Mullins, Nevada)
 - Final vote: 19 in favor, 2 opposed – Motion passed
 - **Appeals Committee Report & Amateur Compensation (Scott Bowler):**
 - Q&A session; no regulatory changes
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Elections for Board of Directors

- **2nd Vice President:**
 - Brian Dunn nominated by Haskell Alexander; seconded by Steve Newport
 - Matt Schowalter nominated by Matt Roberson (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe); seconded by Matt Woodruff (Georgia)
 - Vote: Brian Dunn – 19 votes; Matt Schowalter – 16 votes (Rob Macey, vote count review)
 - Brian Dunn elected as 2nd Vice President
- **Treasurer:**
 - Dennis Reno (North Carolina) nominated by Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan); seconded by Valerie (North Carolina)
 - Tony Cummings (Colorado) nominated by Matt Woodruff (Georgia); seconded by Matt Schowalter (Minnesota)
 - Vote: Dennis Reno – 24 votes; Tony Cummings – 11 votes (Carla Duran, vote count review)
 - Dennis Reno elected as Treasurer
- **Secretary:**
 - Diana Fletcher (Oklahoma) nominated by Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan); seconded by Haskell Alexander (Chickasaw Nation)
 - Matt Woodruff (Georgia) nominated by Tony Cummings (Colorado); seconded by Dick Hiller (South Carolina)
 - Joanna Holland (Indiana) nominated by Mary Murphy Edwards (Wisconsin); seconded by Matt Schowalter (Minnesota)
 - Vote: Diana Fletcher – 23 votes; Matt Woodruff – 8 votes; Joanna Holland – 4 votes
 - Diana Fletcher elected as Secretary

Evening Events:

- Reception Social Hour (sponsored by Reality Fighting)
 - Banquet & Circle of Honor Inductions:
 - Inductees: Jose Sulaiman, Steve Farhood, Mia St. John (in attendance), Francisco “Paco” Valcárcel (WBO)
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Wednesday, August 6, 2025

- Pat English: *Mental Illness Among Fighters – The Role of the Commission* (Video & Presentation)
 - Mike Mazzulli: *Data Entry to BoxRec and Combat Registry Problems* (Discussion)
 - John English: Retired Fighters Fund Update
 - Dennis Reno: Regional Training Discussion
 - Open Session: Questions and various discussion topics
 - Closing Remarks: President Timothy L. Shipman – Adjournment of the 2025 ABC Conference
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2025 Commission Voting Delegate		
1	Arizona	Danny Vella
2	Brazil CABMMA	Luis Siqueira
3	California	Andy Foster
4	Chickasaw Nation	Haskel Alexander
5	Citizen Potawatomi	Heather Turner
6	Colorado	Tony Cummings
7	Comanche Nation	Shane Scarfione
8	Connecticut	Gregory Sawicki
9	Florida	Timothy Shipman
10	Georgia	Matt Woodruff
11	Idaho	Ryan Lanham
12	Indiana	Joanna Holland
13	Kansas	Justin Guinn
14	Kentucky	Matt Byrd
15	Louisiana	Allen Gray
16	Maine	Darcie Kent-Bassett
17	Mashantucket Pequot	Mia Provost
18	Massachusetts	Melissa Kelly
19	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Matt Roberson
20	Minnesota	Matt Schowalter
21	Mississippi	Randy Phillips
22	Mohegan	Michael Mazzulli
23	Nebraska	Brian Dunn
24	Nevada	Jeff Mullins
25	New Hampshire	John English
26	New Mexico	Ed Mehzanares
27	New York State	Matt Delaglio
28	North Carolina	Alvin Coley
29	North Dakota	Carl Klocke
30	Oklahoma	Diana Fletcher
31	Oneida Indian Nation	Derek Montroy
32	Oregon	David Hagen
33	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Ernie Gallardo
34	Pete Souza Utah	Troy Walker
35	Seneca Nation	Jackie Grant
36	South Carolina	Dick Hiller
37	Tennessee	Jesse Gentry
38	Texas	Gus Calderon
39	Virginia	Jermaine Gray
40	Wisconsin	Mary Murphy Edwards
41	Wyoming	Nick Meeker
42	Yakama Nation	Steve Newport