

A History of ABMR Leadership and Administrative Contributions

During the early years, Andy Baum, PhD, played a key leadership role. He was based at the Behavioral Medicine program in the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, directed by Jerome Singer, PhD., (President 1990-91). Dr. Baum served many years on the Executive Council, and as the ABMR Treasurer. He also took responsibility to have meeting speakers contribute to an edited volume that was subsequently published, covering the major topics presented at each meeting (<https://www.academyofbmr.org/resources>). These volumes would be given to the Academy members, often handed to each member as they arrived for a subsequent meeting.

A former associate of Dr. Singer and Dr. Baum, Ms. Peg Bang, provided administrative support to ABMR during the early to mid-1980s on a volunteer basis. She attended many of the meetings and helped register attendees, collected registration dues, and was generally present throughout the meeting to assist attendees. The Academy paid her travel and expenses to attend the annual meetings, which she clearly enjoyed. The early members thoroughly appreciated her presence.

Lori McBurney took over the administration of ABMR in 1998. She was hired by Andy Baum, and has served as our administrator through the 2022 annual meeting, mostly managing it by email. The design of the award plaques has remained the same to this day.

In the Summer of 2022, ABMR partnered with the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS) to hire a new part time administrator, Jaclyn Sadiuwa. The goal is for ABMR to share in our learning of best administrative practices with other like-minded organizations while investing in our network.

Many thanks to Margaret Chesney, ABMR's first woman president (1998-1999) for collecting our early history of leadership and meetings.

The history of the role of women in ABMR is covered by Margaret Chesney and Karen Matthews.

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