

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED
February 3, 2026

The AMGA Advisory Council met on February 3, 2026 at Petals from the Past, Jemison, Alabama.

Chairman Tony Wallace called the meeting to order and welcomed the members. He asked for the roll call of the associations. There were 31 associations present.

The minutes from the November 4 meeting were approved and will be posted as approved on the AMGA website.

President's Report

Debbie Boutelier welcomed everyone and announced that there was a new association, Butler County.

- The Board is continuing to update the governing documents.
- She reminded all associations to make sure their dues are paid.
- She reminded everyone that dues tracker must be updated ten days before the conference or the members cannot vote at conference.
- Debbie reminded everyone that, since notice of the annual meeting must be mailed, that we need mailing addresses for all members.

Vice President's Report

Julie Conrey recognized the planning committees for the upcoming state conferences.

- 2026: Huntsville, May 6-8, Westin Hotel, Bridge Street Town Center
 - 2027: Homewood, April 7-9, Rosewood Hall
 - 2028: Dothan, May 4-6
- Devonne Ellis is chairing this conference.

Pathways Discussion

Sheila Bolen mentioned that Pathways is the tool by which the business of AMGA is communicated to members. When issued, the links and pdf are sent to the

AMGA board and to the AC chair. The AC chair then sends that to the AC representatives, who need to pass along the information to their members.

Extension Update

Kerry Smith was not present but she assigned several people to present the updates.

- Brian Brown discussed the new online merch store which will open on Friday, February 6 and will remain open until March 6, with discounted merchandise available to members. The store will shut down temporarily, from March 7 until March 31, to process all the orders. When it reopens April 1, standard pricing will apply. Larger, group orders are preferable to individual orders if at all possible.
- Jack LeCroix discussed the Strategic Plan.
- Jim Mullen discussed the Program Guidelines.
- Bill Holland discussed the Helpline Program. Several counties are using it.
- Rebecca Ridley discussed the Social Media Guidelines.
- For the counties who want to transition to the AMGA webpage for the local website, there are associations testing the association template. There has been an issue, but it is expected that the association template design should be available to associations by the end of the first quarter 2026.
- Diane Fortner discussed the Advanced Extension Master Gardener Program. Those who have already qualified for this certification should contact Megan Jones to let her know what their topics are.
- Susan Hagan asked that all AEMGs contact her so they can be added to the Speaker's Bureau.
- Rose McCauley reminded everyone to pay their dues soon; they were due December 31, 2025.

Due to the AMGA Conference and Business Meeting, the next Advisory Council meeting will be April 21 at 10 am at Clanton Recreation Center, 205 1st Street North, Clanton, AL 36045.

The meeting adjourned with refreshments and fellowship.

Anne Ness
Advisory Council Secretary

