

Southwest Montana General Board Meeting Agenda HELENA, MONTANA – Broadwater Hot Springs 4920 W US Hwy 12, Helena, MT

Thursday, October 23, 2025 - from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Presentation on Destination Marketing and Trends from Abbi & Ty Whitaker from The Abbi Agency

Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by Monday, October 20, 2025, for meeting set-up You can respond to the invitation via email office@southwestmt.com to RSVP or please call 406-846-1943. If you did not RSVP, please join us anyway – we still want your presence. Regular Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

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Calendar of Events | Southwest Montana Tourism Information (southwestmt.com) Add your photos or send to updates@southwestmt.com

1:00 p.m. Welcome and Announcements

I. 1:00 pm Southwest Montana Board

Welcome - President Rachael Elliott-Brug

Public Comment for up to three minutes per person

Approval of Minutes

Financial Reports - Maria Pochervina

Executive Director Report – Maria Pochervina

Travel Guide, Membership, Bylaws, Board Members, Audit, Resiliency Plan, Zartico (list), MT Dept of Commerce (list), Women's Expo, Montana Outdoor Summit, Calgary Outdoor Show

II. 1:15 pm Call Center and Inquiry Report – Elaine, Call Center

The Abbi Agency – Hailey Burgess

Website updates and statistics-Linda Brown, Tempest Technologies

III. 1:30 pm Abbi and Ty Presentation and Q&A

IV. 2:00 pm Introductions/community updates – opportunity for *brief* updates on each community

Next meetings December 4, 2025 – Pat Doyle with the Department of Commerce on the state promotional campaign

Board Members - Quorums are necessary. Please assign a proxy if you are unable to attend.

Southwest Montana General Yearly Activity Outline – Meetings are typically held on the third or fourth week of the month but are subject to change.

Annual General Board Meeting – New Travel Guide, Election of Officers January

February Cooperative Marketing March General Board Meeting

April Brochure Exchange, Marketing Plan and Budget, Governor's Conference on Tourism and Recreation

May / June General Board Meeting – set up travel guide for the following year

September General Board Meeting, Full-page advertising contracts due, all accommodation listings due, membership due

October General Board Meeting Print Advertising Schedule, full-page advertisement artwork due.

November/December Meeting: General Board Meeting, next year's calendar of events due. County Elections; no board meeting, travel guide committee meeting December

Topics to track: Montana Commerce Grants, Voices of Montana Tourism, Events, Legislative Session

Southwest Montana Board Meetings are open to the public.