



**Branch Leadership Committee**  
*Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2025*  
6:00pm to 7:30pm via Zoom

**Meeting Information**

Zoom Meeting [Link](#)

**Branch Leadership Members**

- ☒ Michael Abernathy (BHAM)
- ☐ Nick Mayo (EVE)
- ☒ Travis Vermeer (FH)
- ☒ Mel White (KIT)
- ☒ Katja Hurt (OLY)
- ☒ Danny Casady (TAG)
- ☒ Kelsey Hoffman (SEA)
- ☒ Gindy Hoover (GA)
- ☐ Tess Wendel (Safety)
- ☒ Michelle Song (Staff)
- ☒ Becca Polgase (Staff)
- ☒ Amanda Piro (VP of Branches)

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions – Amanda
2. Review and approval of the meeting agenda for September 17, 2025  
Motion to Approve: Mel; Second: Travis; Approved
3. Branch Comms: Discussion to inform guidelines for staff support on org-wide emails from branches – Mira
  - Discussion of situations in which branches would want to contact their broader branch (upcoming events, branch banquet, course space / openings, recruiting for branch leadership roles, ongoing newsletter, etc.)
  - Branches should reach out to Mira for staff support for targeted email needs
  - Discussion of additional options for sharing: great idea from Katja - create an ongoing event for the year that branch members can join to allow regular contact about events, etc.
4. Activity Charters & Standards
  - [Global Adventures Charter](#), First Reading / Discussion (also shared earlier on basecamp) - Motion to Approve: Kelsey; Second: Travis; First Reading Approved
  - Updated Activity Council & Standards [Spreadsheet](#)



5. [Branch Reports](#) – Mountaineer Branch Chairs:

*Please fill out your Branch Report ahead of the meeting in the [BLC Branch Reports](#) google doc.*

- Open leadership positions
- Relevant Updates
- Status of Branch Charters

**Key Notes**

- Seattle, Tacoma, Kitsap, and Foothills branch banquets / celebrations are upcoming in January (Amanda to post in Board basecamp for interested board members)
- Olympia planning for open house in January
- Discussion of new hike leader badge (leading 25/50/100 hikes)
- Props to Becca for pulling together min committee requirements for Foothills
- Some confusion about message re: branch reserves from Nov Board retreat; Amanda to follow up with Tom to request options for BLC-specific discussion on this topic (scheduled for Dec meeting)

6. Committee & Organizational Reports

- Safety – Tess
- Global Adventures – Cindy
- Operations – Michelle

8. Adjourn

- Motion to Adjourn: Mel, Second: Kelsey - Adjourned
- Next BLC Meeting: December 17, 2025