

The ABA Update



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Summer Celebrations

The name of this blog has changed, but the content will continue to inform both members and those interested in ABA activities about the latest news.

On July 9, over 100 accounts logged into Zoom for the biennial ABA convention. Some of those listening to presentations by Sister Laura Swan, OSB, oblate Rev. Donald Richmond, and Sister Mary Forman, OSB, gathered in groups at their respective sites, so the wisdom shared reached many others.

Videos of these presentations will be available to view via the ABA website in the weeks to come.

During the business portion of the convention, Sister Jeana Visel, OSB, of Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, Indiana, was elected ABA vice president. For two years, she will serve in that capacity, then take the helm as president. Board members elected were Sister Edith Bogue, OSB, of Sacred Heart Monastery, Cullman, Alabama, Sister Virginia Jung, OSB, of St. Scholastica Monastery, Chicago, and author/oblate Judith Valente.

Incoming president Gregory Evans, in his address, thanked outgoing president Rev. Greg Peters for his two years of service to the ABA. In the coming months, the new board will develop and implement new programs - information will be posted here and in the American Monastic Newsletter.

We continue to offer prayers for the conflict in Ukraine, for the wildfires in California and elsewhere, and for those impacted by the unusually hot weather and drought conditions. By working in our own respective communities to promote peace, justice and the environment, may our efforts be an example of how following St. Benedict can create positive change in the world.

If you have any questions, you may contact the ABA executive committee members.

Peace!

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