



ANNUAL REPORT
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2013 Power Breakfasts:

2013 was a record year for the ABNY Power Breakfast. We hosted 19 breakfasts with a more diverse array of speakers, topics, and event locations than ever before. Below is the complete list of ABNY's 2013 breakfasts:



William C. Thompson, Jr., Former New York City Comptroller

January 17, 2013 | Hilton New York

Mr. Thompson discussed his experience as the city's top fiscal watchdog and his vision for New York City.



Anthony W. Marx, President & CEO of the New York Public Library

February 1, 2013 | New York Public Library

Mr. Marx discussed the future of the New York Public Library (NYPL), his strategy for integrating technology into the NYPL system and the importance of the library as an essential educational resource, as well as a cultural institution



ABNY/CBC Breakfast

February 7, 2013 | New York Law School

ABNY & the Citizen's Budget Commission unveiled its findings from a study on New York City's competitiveness in attracting the talent needed for future economic growth; the findings were then discussed by a distinguished panel.



Charles E. Schumer, United States Senator

February 20, 2013 | Conrad Hotel

Senator Schumer discussed the authorized Hurricane Sandy recovery funding and other issues facing Congress in a joint event with the Alliance for Downtown New York.



David Tisch, Managing Partner at The BoxGroup and Co-Founder of TechStars NYC

March 14, 2013 | Bayardø

Mr. Tisch discussed his experiences in the tech industry in New York City, the opportunities for growth of the sector, and the future of tech and business in New York.



John Liu, New York City Comptroller

April 10, 2013 | Roosevelt Hotel

Comptroller Liu discussed his vision for a "People's Budget" aimed at improving New York City's long-term economic prospects through strategic investments in education, housing and infrastructure.



Randi Weingarten, President of the American Federation of Teachers

April 30, 2013 | Grand Hyatt New York

Ms. Weingarten discussed the widespread adoption of the Common Core State Standards around the country, and the opportunities and pitfalls of implementing the standards in New York State.



Adolfo Carrión, Former Bronx Borough President

May 16, 2013 | The Penn Club

Mr. Carrión discussed his vision to help make New York City more affordable, more competitive and more accessible for all New Yorkers.



Brooklyn Tech Triangle Presentation

June 18, 2013 | NYU-Polytechnic

ABNY hosted a unique breakfast at NYU-Poly that unveiled the Brooklyn Tech Triangle recommendations. The Triangle ó comprising the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Downtown Brooklyn, and DUMBO ó is now home to nearly 10% of all tech firms citywide, and founding members of the Initiative discussed concrete measures to further grow Brooklyn as a global hub of innovation.



Joe Lhota, Former Chairman & CEO of MTA
June 20, 2013 | Hilton New York

Mr. Lhota presented his vision on education reform.



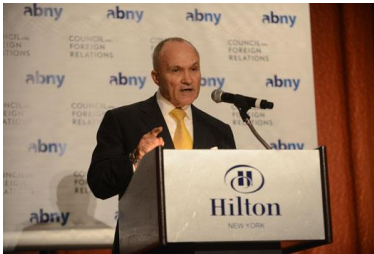
Seth Pinsky, Former President of the New York City of the Economic Development Corporation
June 27, 2013 | Battery Gardens

Mr. Pinsky discussed "A Stronger, More Resilient New York," the City's plan to protect further New York's infrastructure, buildings, and communities from the impacts of climate change.



Dennis Walcott, Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education
September 4, 2013 | Marriott Marquis

Chancellor Walcott discussed the progress that New York's schools have made in the past decade, along with an update on the common core standards and the future of public education.



Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner of the New York City Police Department
September 9, 2013 | Hilton New York

Commissioner Kelly discussed terrorism and the ongoing threat to New York City, as well as the challenges that the next Mayor will face.



Bill de Blasio, New York City Public Advocate and Mayor-Elect of New York City
October 4, 2013 | Marriott Marquis

Mr. de Blasio laid out his comprehensive vision to tackle income inequality and end the Tale of Two Cities.



Joe Lhota, Former Chairman & CEO of MTA

October 9, 2013 | Grand Hyatt

Mr. Lhota laid out his comprehensive vision for the future of New York.



Super Bowl XLVIII

October 24, 2013 | Thomson Reuters

ABNY hosted a panel breakfast which marked exactly 101 days before Super Bowl XLVIII comes to New York and New Jersey. The game is one of many firsts: the first game hosted by two NFL franchises (NY Football Giants & NY Jets), and two states (NY and NJ), as well as the first played in an open-air venue in a cold-weather city.



“Election Day 2013: What Does It Mean for New York City?”

November 6, 2013 | Hilton New York

ABNY hosted a unique panel discussion featuring four distinguished guests who analyzed the city election results, and presented recommendations for the new Mayoral administration and other incoming city elected officials.



Judith Rodin, President of the Rockefeller Foundation

November 19, 2013 | New York Academy of Sciences

Dr. Rodin discussed the progress that has been made in making New York more resilient since Hurricane Sandy, laid out the additional actions that must be taken and described the Foundation's work to build resilience globally.



Michael Bloomberg, New York City Mayor

December 5, 2013 | New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge

Mr. Bloomberg delivered his final address to ABNY as New York City Mayor, discussing his administration's accomplishments and his hopes and expectations for the city moving forward.

2013 Young Professionals Meetings:

ABNY's Young Professionals program continued to grow steadily in 2013, and today boasts over 1,000 members. Below is a listing of the Young Professionals meetings ABNY hosted in 2013.

- **Madison Square Garden Tour & Basketball Game**
 - March 27th 2013 | Madison Square Garden
- **Young Professionals Cocktail Reception with the Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC**
 - July 15th 2013 | Rare Bar & Grill
- **Panel Discussion: "What's Next for Silicon Alley?"**
 - August 1st 2013 | Edelman Headquarters
- **Panel Discussion: "Millennials & Public Transportation: Mobility in the 21st Century"**
 - October 28th 2013 | Blue Water Grill
- **Panel Discussion: "Digital Powers the City: A Conversation about the Future of Advertising"**
 - December 10th 2013 | Google Headquarters

2013 Advocacy Topics:

At ABNY, we've always been advocates for making New York City a better place to live, work and visit. We've also always supported the interests of our broad and diverse membership whether through testimony, letter writing or press releases. If there are issues that you are managing where ABNY's support could be helpful, please let us know.

Below please find a sampling of ABNY's advocacy work in 2013:

- **Cornell NYC Tech Recommendation Letter** – on January 15, 2013, ABNY Executive Director Jennifer Hensley sent a letter to Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer recommending approval of the Cornell NYC Tech campus on Roosevelt Island.
- **Madison Square Garden Permit Renewal Support Letter** – on February 5, 2013, ABNY Executive Director Jennifer Hensley sent a letter to Community Board 5 in support of renewing Madison Square Garden's special permit.
- **Mixed Martial Arts Support Letter** -- On February 25, 2013, ABNY Executive Director Jennifer Hensley sent letters to New York State Senators Dean Skelos and Jeffrey Klein, and to Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver in support of legalizing mixed martial arts (MMA) in New York State.
- **American Airlines-US Airways Merger Support Letter** – on March 8, 2013, ABNY Executive Director Jennifer Hensley sent letters to Representatives Michael Lee and Amy Klobuchar in support of the American Airlines-US Airways merger.

- **Delta Airlines Public Bond Funding Support Letter** -- on April 1, 2013, ABNY Executive Director Jennifer Hensley sent a letter to the President of the NYC Economic Development Corporation, Seth Pinsky, in support of Delta Airlines' application for public bond funding for their proposed Phase 2 Expansion at JFK's Terminal 4.
- **Freelancers Insurance Company Support Letter** ó on April 30, 2013, ABNY Executive Director Jennifer Hensley sent letters to Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator James Seward, and Superintendent Benjamin Lawskey in support of the Freelancers Insurance Company (FIC).
- **Kingsbridge National Ice Center Support Letter** ó on May 29, 2013, ABNY Executive Director Jennifer Hensley sent a letter to the Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination supporting the conversion of the Kingsbridge Armory in the Bronx into the Kingsbridge National Ice Center (KNIC).
- **Trinity Church Rooftop Cogeneration Support Letter** -- on September 10, 2013, ABNY Executive Director Jennifer Hensley sent a letter the New York City Landmarks Preservation Committee supporting Trinity Church's application regarding a proposed rooftop cogeneration system.
- **My MicroNY Project Support Letter** ó on October 18, 2013, ABNY Executive Director Jennifer Hensley sent a letter to City Council Speaker Christine Quinn in support of the MyMicroNY project.
- **Staten Island Ferris Wheel/Retail Complex Support Letter** ó on October 18, 2013, ABNY Executive Director Jennifer Hensley sent a letter to City Council Speaker Christine Quinn in support of the construction of the Staten Island Ferris Wheel and the building of a retail outlet complex in the borough.

2013 Other Activities:

ABNY engaged in a host of other activities throughout the year, many of which will be launched publicly in 2014. Here is an overview of those other activities we've been working on:

- **Transition 2013:** ABNY has been working closely with Mayor-Elect Bill De Blasio and his transition team providing feedback and ideas about policy priorities, staffing, and inauguration events.
- **Center for an Urban Future Infrastructure Report:** ABNY worked with RBC Capital Markets to secure funding for CUF's "state-of-good-repair" infrastructure report that will be issued in early 2014. The study is an attempt to assess the priority and scope of infrastructure challenges in the city facing the new Mayoral Administration that are not related to Hurricane Sandy recovery or resiliency planning.
- **ABNY / NY Tech Meetup Tech Study:** We've engaged HR&A Advisors to do a comprehensive study of tech jobs in New York City. This report will look beyond the tech sector and measure industries where New York has traditional strengths (financial services, media, healthcare, etc.) and measure how the jobs in those industries have

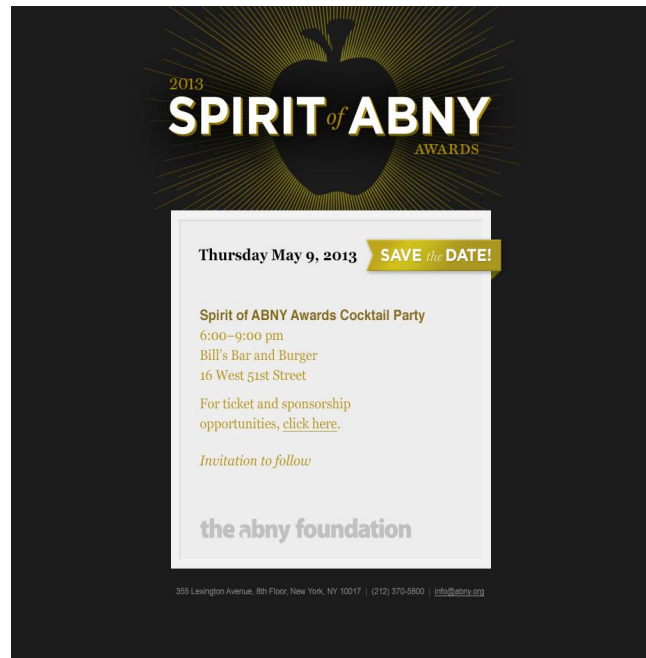
increasingly been migrating to technical positions and what their impact on our city's economy is.

- **Education Reform:** ABNY hosted NY State Education Commissioner John King and has been actively working with education advocates on Common Core implementation, statewide teacher evaluations and other pressing issues impacting our city's public schools.
- **Aviation and Airport Advocacy:** Bill Rudin was named to the Board of Directors for the Global Gateway Alliance, a group chaired by Joe Sitt advocating for improved customer experiences at our region's airports. Jen Hensley has been representing Bill on the board and has authored an opinion piece published in Crain's New York Business. Jen also sat on a panel at the US Travel Association on infrastructure investment in the nation's airports, and has provided background and quotes for numerous publications all related to enhancing the region's airports.
- **New York State Tax Commission:** Bill Rudin was tapped to sit on Governor Cuomo's tax commission co-chaired by former Governor George Pataki and former State Comptroller Carl McCall. The tax commission is tasked with evaluating ways to redistribute anticipated budget surpluses in 2015 and 2016.
- **ABNY Small Meetings Initiatives:** ABNY hosted several small meetings this year including US Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker, Chairman of the US Import Export Bank Fred Hochberg, and Brookings Institute Fellow Bruce Katz. We will continue to bring this interesting programming in 2014.

ABNY Foundation & Spirit of ABNY:

The ABNY Foundation's seventh annual Spirit of ABNY Awards honored outstanding public officials, philanthropic organizations and advocates that went above and beyond in their response to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Honorees included:

- Mayor Michael Bloomberg & the Mayorø Fund to Advance New York City
- Governor Andrew Cuomo & the Empire State Relief Fund (award accepted by Howard Glaser)
- U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer
- Sandy Lindenbaum & Irving Schneider - recipients of the Lew Rudin Foundersø Awards (awards accepted by Linda Lindenbaum and Lynn & Mindy Schneider)



Together we raised more than \$350,000. The proceeds were allocated to the Empire State Relief Fund and the Mayorø Fund to Advance New York City, as well as to the New York Says Thank You Foundation and the SEIU 32BJ Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund.

The ABNY Foundation is one of the most important tools we have to support the organizations and programs that are working to make New York a better place. We thank you for your ongoing support and dedication.