

# 2017 Annual Report

# Power Breakfasts

2017's Power Breakfast season included a diverse array of leaders from New York City and State, resulting in substantive and timely policy discussions. We welcomed the Governor, the Mayor, the Attorney General, and thought leaders on education, economics and transportation infrastructure.



## JANUARY 4, 2017

On January 4th, Governor Cuomo invited a panel including Department of Transportation Commissioner, Matthew Driscoll, President of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, Tom Prendergast, and Chairman of the Airport Master Plan Advisory Panel, Daniel Tishman, to present a plan to revamp the terminal, highways, and public transit leading to John F. Kennedy Airport.



## JANUARY 26, 2017

### University Presidents Panel

On January 26th leaders of some of New York City's Universities convened to talk about the role of applied sciences in the future of higher education and how it will be used to cultivate the future work force. The panel was moderated by 1776's Rachel Haot and included Lee C. Bollinger, President, Columbia University; Andrew Hamilton, President, New York University; Dan Huttenlocher, Dean and Vice Provost, Cornell Tech; Peretz Lavie, President, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology; and James B. Milliken, Chancellor, CUNY.



## MARCH 15, 2017

### Budget Analysis Panel

On March 15th, ABNY invited a panel of budget experts to discuss the potential impact of proposed federal policies on the New York City budget and overall economy. The panel was moderated by Maria Doulis, Vice President, Citizens Budget Commission; and the panelists included Dean Fuleihan, Director, Mayor's Office of Management and Budget; Latonia McKinney, Director, NYC Council Finance Division; Preston Niblack, Deputy Comptroller, Office of City Comptroller; and Kenneth E. Raske, President, Greater New York Hospital Association.



## MAY 11, 2017

### Joseph Crowley, U.S Representative

On May 11th, Congressman Joseph Crowley of New York's 14th District spoke about the Congress' effect on New York City. He touched on timely topics such as healthcare, immigration, and state and local tax deductibility.



## JUNE 27, 2017

### Eric Schneiderman, NYS Attorney General

On June 27th, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman spoke to ABNY about his plans to protect healthcare, immigrants, and the state and local tax deduction in light of proposals made by the federal government.



**JULY 27, 2017**

**Andrew Cuomo, Governor of New York**

On July 27th, Governor Andrew Cuomo discussed the state of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, proposed new initiatives to benefit the MTA, and spoke on other infrastructure projects he is working on.



**SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

**Martha E. Pollack, President of Cornell University**

On September 6th, Cornell President Martha E. Pollack addressed ABNY about the newest addition to New York's tech landscape, Cornell Tech. President Pollack touched on the academic programming that Cornell Tech will be offering, as well as the details of the new campus on Roosevelt Island.



**SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

**Tony Coscia, Amtrak Chairman**

On September 12th, Amtrak Chairman Tony Coscia addressed ABNY on Amtrak's revitalization efforts at Penn Station. Mr. Coscia discussed the progress made during this summer's Infrastructure Renewal at Penn Station, previewed additional improvements at Penn and detailed progress on the Gateway Program.



**OCTOBER 5, 2017**

**Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis**

On October 5th, Republican Mayoral Candidate, Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, shared her platform and her policy ideas if elected Mayor of New York.



**NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

**Bill de Blasio, Mayor of New York City**

On November 6th, Mayor Bill de Blasio spoke to ABNY about his administration's accomplishments and his vision and priorities for New York City if elected for a second term. Additionally, he shared his concern about several federal policies proposed, including immigration and eliminating state and local tax deductibility.





What's On Tap -  
Councilman Donovan Richards



We Live Tour



Hudson River Park Games

# Young Professional Events

ABNY's Young Professionals Network continued to grow steadily in 2017, and today includes over 3,000 members. Below is a listing of the unique events and offerings ABNY hosted this year:

## WHAT'S ON TAP?

An informal interview with an elected official or leader in the city on their career path and vision for New York City. These events take place at fun bars and unique spaces all over the city. The conversation is moderated by a Young Professional and the questions are generated by the audience.

### SPEAKERS

**Nisha Agarwal** *MOIA Commissioner*

**Michael Blake** *Assembly Member*

**Donovan Richards** *Council Member*

**Tish James** *Public Advocate*

**Corey Johnson** *Council Member*

## ABNY TALKS

An educational series where top experts and influencers deliver 101 explanations on complex urban and policy issues and are filmed in front of a live audience. These presentations are then produced into stand-alone videos for the ABNY YouTube page to be used as an educational resource.

ABNY published the first 6 videos online in March 2017 and completed the second season of presentations in October 2017. The next installment of videos will be published in early 2018.



### SPEAKERS

**Vishaan Chakrabarti:** Zoning & Land Use

**Holly Leicht & Adam Weinstein:** Affordable Housing

**Joe Salvo:** Population Migration

**Ron Gonen:** Waste Management

**Seth Pinsky:** Economic Development

**Jefrey Pollock:** Science of Polling

**Preston Niblack:** The City Budget

**Cas Holloway:** NYC Water

**Christine Quinn:** City Council

**Emily Rueb:** Electricity

**Judge Jonathan Lippman:** The Court System

**Sharon Greenberger:** Education

Education - Sharon Greenberger

Affordable Housing - Adam Weinstein

Electricity - Emily Rueb





## DINNER DIALOGUES

ABNY partnered with Coro, a civic leadership training program, to encourage professionals to engage and debate important policy issues facing the city and state. With Coro's public discourse training, and educational presentations by experts, this event creates an opportunity for participants to explore multiple perspectives, ask critical questions, and practice working across differences.

## POLICY BRIEFS

In August, ABNY launched "Policy Briefs" as quick overviews – in an hour or less – on a current event or policy issue. The first session was a presentation on the City's FY18 budget by Mariana Alexander, Research Associate at the Citizens Budget Commission.

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Throughout March and April, ABNY hosted a four part education series aimed at providing useful skills and strategic advice for those working in and with government. The workshops covered topics such as community engagement, designing programs and services, public speaking, and negotiating a public policy deal.

Hudson Yards Tour



What's On Tap - Tish James



What's On Tap-  
Assembly Member Michael Blake





Brooklyn Historical Society Tour



Javits Tour



Fresh Direct Tour

## TOURS

The ABNY network provides unique places, spaces and projects to be explored and discussed. This year, ABNY took its Young Professionals on guided tours of Hudson Yards, the Javits Center, the Fresh Direct facility in the South Bronx, WeWork's new WeLive apartments, and more.

## TICKET GIVEAWAYS

ABNY provides the Young Professionals Network with access to unique events throughout the year by offering complimentary tickets to events such as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Meadows Music Festival, the annual Center for an Urban Future Gala and more. Additionally, in October 2017, ABNY began offering one complimentary table to be filled by the Young Professionals at every Power Breakfast.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS STEERING COMMITTEE

This year, the Young Professionals Steering Committee became more formalized as 10 new members were accepted through an application process. Additionally, Steering Committee members became more involved in leadership opportunities such as recruiting new members, guiding tours and moderating conversations.

# Other Activities

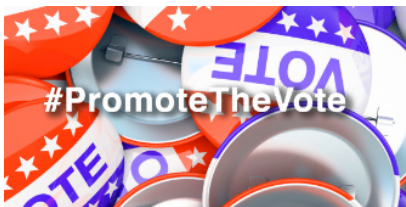
ABNY engaged in a host of additional activities, meetings and campaigns throughout the year. Here is a sampling of what we launched and programmed in 2017.



**JUNE 29, 2017**

## Working Women's Reconvene

On June 29th, ABNY reconvened its Working Women's Committee at Project Farmhouse for an evening of cocktails and discussion on issues that are important to women in the New York City workforce. The network has grown to over 200 women (both members and nonmembers) who are in leadership roles in New York City and interested in civic engagement. A poll was conducted to gather information on topics for future programming.



**SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

## Promote The Vote

Leading up to the 2017 municipal elections, ABNY relaunched its campaign to increase voter participation by highlighting a NYS election law requiring employers to inform employees that they are potentially eligible for up to 2 hours of paid time off to vote. The campaign reached out to over 80,000 businesses covering 1 million people who committed to posting about this law.





# Federal Priorities Briefings

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ABNY prioritized the education of its members on federal issues and proposals, and the impact on New York City and State by hosting a series of meetings with ABNY members, civic leaders, and members of the New York State Congressional Delegation delegation for information sharing and robust discussion on issues such as the City Budget, Sanctuary Cities funding, State and Local Tax Deductibility, and Healthcare.

## State & Local Tax Deductibility (SALT)

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ABNY supports issues that are critical to maintaining and growing the economic health and competitiveness of New York City. In addition to advocacy through testimony, letters of support and press releases, ABNY focused on bringing awareness to the detrimental impact of the federal tax proposal eliminating State and Local Tax Deductibility (SALT).

Similar to the efforts in 1985 and 2005, ABNY was an early and outspoken advocate in opposition to the proposed elimination of state and local tax deductibility. Over 34% of New Yorkers claim SALT, and if eliminated, New York stands to lose \$70 billion in total deductions from federal taxes and will see an increase of \$17 billion to New York taxpayers.

New York has historically been a large net contributor to the federal budget. A New York State Comptroller study showed that in FY2013, for every dollar that New York State generated in federal tax receipts, it received less than 91 cents back in federal spending, compared to the national average of \$1.22 returned for every dollar paid. The full or partial repeal of SALT would upset the carefully balanced fiscal federalism that has existed since the creation of the tax code, and it will result in unprecedented double taxation on taxpayers, forcing them to pay a federal tax on monies already paid in state and local taxes. Losing SALT is uniquely devastating to New York, but also across the country, as a mechanism to finance local services such as education, law enforcement, and infrastructure.

# Research

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In October, ABNY issued an update to its 2014 report *The New York City Tech Ecosystem*. Our research found that New York City's tech ecosystem has gained 76,000 jobs in the past ten years, growing 2 times faster than the city's economy, 3 times faster than the U.S. tech ecosystem, and 6 times faster than the overall U.S. economy. Compared to East Coast peer cities, New York rises to the top gaining 2 times the number of tech jobs since 2006. ABNY partnered with Tech:NYC and the Partnership for New York City on the update, and HR&A conducted the research.



# Spirit of ABNY 2017

The ABNY Foundation's 11th Annual Spirit of ABNY returned to the iconic Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center, and honored those leaders who are building a better New York and moving it forward.



## LEW RUDIN FOUNDER'S AWARD

*For a distinguished career in public service and the success of the 2nd Avenue Subway*  
Thomas F. Prendergast Immediate Past Chairman and CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority



## TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

*For the 40th anniversary of the 5-borough TCS New York City Marathon*  
Accepted by Michael Capiraso and Jim Heim, New York Road Runners



## TIMES SQUARE PEDESTRIAN PLAZAS


*For the completion of the Times Square Pedestrian Plazas*  
Accepted by Tim Tompkins, Times Square Alliance & Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner of the NYC Department of Transportation



## WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE LIFE OF ABNY FOUNDING MEMBER JACK RUDIN

Accepted by Susan Rudin and Eric Rudin





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