



2018 Annual Report

Power Breakfasts

2018'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 City Council Speaker, and thought leaders on education, economics and transportation infrastructure.



JANUARY 30, 2018 **New York City Council Speaker** **Corey Johnson**

NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson took to the ABNY stage to discuss his vision and priorities for the new council. He shared his goal of utilizing partnerships with business groups to move New York City forward.



MAY 10, 2018 **Brooklyn Navy Yard Update with** **President & CEO David Ehrenberg**

Brooklyn Navy Yard President & CEO David Ehrenberg gave an update on its development. Mr. Ehrenberg presented on the advancements the Brooklyn Navy Yard has made over the past few years, looked at the role that manufacturing has played in its success, and provided his vision for the future of the property.



MARCH 23, 2018 **New York City and the 2020** **Census**

Chief Demographer of the NYC Department of City Planning Joseph Salvo and Congressman Adriano Espaillat joined ABNY to discuss the importance of the 2020 Census and the implications of a miscount in New York City.



MAY 22, 2018 **Department of City Planning: The** **Changing Growth of the NY Metro** **Region**

ABNY hosted Carolyn Grossman Meagher, Director of Regional Planning for NYC, who touched on population growth over the decades and released an interactive online tool to explore housing, population, and employment trends.



MARCH 26, 2018 **A Debate on the NYC Congestion** **Pricing Proposal**

ABNY hosted a panel of transportation advocates and stakeholders for a discussion reflecting multiple perspectives around congestion pricing and its impacts on New York City. The discussion was moderated by Erroll Louis of NY1, and panelists included Patrick Hyland, Scott Rechler, Veronica Vanterpool, and Assemblyman David Weprin.



JULY 17, 2018 **Deputy Commissioner of** **Intelligence & Counter-Terrorism** **John Miller**

ABNY welcomed back John Miller, Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence & Counter-Terrorism for the NYPD. Miller gave an update on the NYPD's counter-terrorism and intelligence work and developments.



APRIL 5, 2018 **Governor Cuomo and MTA** **Chairman Joe Lhota**

Governor Cuomo and MTA Chairman Joe Lhota discussed the importance of improving the Metropolitan Transit Association, and provided a recap on the legislative victories around the recently passed state budget.



AUGUST 9, 2018

ABNY Breakfast Panel Understanding NYC's \$89.16 Billion Budget: How We're Spending and What It Means

ABNY brought together an esteemed panel to discuss the recently adopted city budget and its impacts on New York. The panel included J. David Goodman, City Hall Reporter for the New York Times, Melanie Hartzog, Budget Director for the NYC Mayors Office of Management and Budget, Carol Kellermann, President of Citizens Budget Commission, Latonia McKinney, Director of Finance Division at NYC Council, and Preston Niblack, Deputy Comptroller at New York City Comptroller's office.



OCTOBER 4, 2018

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo

Governor Cuomo joined ABNY once again to announce new public private partnerships as part of a \$13 billion plan to transform JFK into a world-class 21st century airport.



OCTOBER 30, 2018

Dutchess County Executive & Gubernatorial Candidate Marc Molinaro

ABNY welcomed, for the first time, County Executive Marc Molinaro, who discussed his career, his priorities, and his vision for New York State during his run for Governor.



SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

Department of Education Chancellor Richard Carranza

ABNY hosted Chancellor Carranza for the first time to provide an update on the DOE's vision for the upcoming school year. Chancellor Carranza talked about his efforts to create an inclusive learning environment across the city and touched on the importance of CTE schools in New York City.



SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

ABNY Election Forecast Breakfast

Steve Kornacki of MSNBC led a discussion on what's to come for midterm elections in November. Following his remarks, Congressmembers Hakeem Jefferies, Carolyn Maloney, and Grace Meng spoke on a panel moderated by NY's Errol Louis about what election day will mean for New York and the nation.



OCTOBER 2, 2018

New York City EDC President and CEO James Patchett

ABNY hosted James Patchett for a discussion on the future of the technology ecosystem and to announce a series of initiatives the Economic Development Corporation is launching to support and grow the cyber security industry in New York City.

Young Professionals Events

ABNY's Young Professionals Network continued to grow steadily in 2018, and today includes nearly 4,000 members. Below is a listing of the unique events and offerings ABNY hosted this year.

WHAT'S ON TAP?

An informal interview with elected officials or prominent leaders in the city on their career path and their 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 Professionals member and the questions are generated by the audience.

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 six 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 2019.

ABNY UNIVERSITY

A skill-building program of the Young Professionals network, ABNY University brings together experienced professionals and individuals who are just beginning their careers to develop fundamental skills and knowledge."

POLICY BRIEFS

ABNY continued its "Policy Briefs" series, introduced in 2017, to provide quick overviews – in an hour or less – on a current event or policy issue.

BOARDROOM BREAKFASTS

Launched this year, ABNY provided opportunities for young professionals to meet with public and private sector leaders in their offices for intimate conversations on their careers, priorities and initiatives. Boardroom Breakfasts create a unique environment to network with influential leaders and hear one word from them on their paths to success.

TOURS

The ABNY network provides unique places, spaces, and projects to be explored and discussed all over the city. This year, ABNY took its Young Professionals on guided tours of Queens College, Domino Park, the Soho Sanitation Garage and Salt Pile, and Staten Island's Empire Outlets.

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 Hudson River Park Gala, Union Square Partnership's Harvest in the Square, the new Trolls Experience Grand Openings and more. ABNY continued to offer a limited number of tickets to every Power Breakfast to provide Young Professionals the opportunity to interact with ABNY members and hear from New York leaders directly.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS STEERING COMMITTEE

The Young Professionals Steering Committee continued to meet to shape the experience of the Young Professionals Network, brainstorm future events and opportunities, and to provide additional capacity to the ABNY Young Professionals team by hosting and moderating events



FEBRUARY 8, 2018 What's On Tap? with Melissa DeRosa, Secretary to the Governor

Secretary to the Governor, Melissa DeRosa, joined the ABNY Young Professionals to discuss her path to politics and the state's initiatives for 2018 moving forward.



FEBRUARY 9, 2018

Boardroom Breakfast with Joshua Sirefman, Sidewalk Labs

Joshua Sirefman, Head of Development at Sidewalk Labs discussed the Sidewalk Toronto project, and how it created a new kind of mixed-use community.



APRIL 12, 2018

Boardroom Breakfast with Keith Mestrich, President & CEO of Amalgamated Bank

ABNY Young Professionals held a discussion with Keith Mestrich, President & CEO of Amalgamated Bank. Keith provided an overview of Amalgamated Bank shared his professional experiences, and discussed the values-based financial institution model that Amalgamated Bank follows.



FEBRUARY 21, 2018

ABNY YP Tour of Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action Exhibit at Queens College

The ABNY Young Professionals ventured out to Queens College's Godwin-Ternbach Museum for a guided tour of Waging Peace: 100 years of Action. The exhibition included an original print of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail.



APRIL 17, 2018

Boardroom Breakfast with Carl Weisbrod

ABNY Young Professionals convened for a discussion with Carl Weisbrod, Senior Advisor at HR&A Advisors, Inc. Along with his previous roles as Director of the NYC Department of City Planning and Chairman of the NYC Planning Commission, Mr. Weisbrod has spent over 35 years serving the people of New York, and left his mark on some of the city's most dynamic and fastest-growing neighborhoods.



FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Silicon Alley's 140th Anniversary Party

Along with TechNYC, Google, and the NY Tech Alliance, ABNY hosted a celebration for the 140th Anniversary of Silicon Alley. The program included hearing from top NYC startups pitching their original ideas, along with the presentation of a proclamation by Manhattan Borough President, Gale Brewer.



MAY 16, 2018

Boardroom Breakfast with Matthew Washington, Deputy Borough President for Manhattan

Manhattan Deputy Borough President Matthew Washington discussed his path to public service and gave some insight onto the work and vision of the Manhattan Borough President's office.



FEBRUARY 28, 2018

ABNY University: How To Work With Reporters & the Press

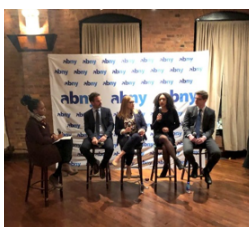
The ABNY Young Professionals came together for a breakfast with Andrew Brent, Head of Communications at Brookfield Properties, and Julie Wood, Vice President of Communications and External Affairs at Motivate. They presented on how to work with reporters and the press on a city, state, and national level.



MAY 24, 2018

Boardroom Breakfast with Kathy Wylde, President & CEO, Partnership for NYC

Partnership for NYC President & CEO Kathy Wylde discussed the initiatives that the Partnership is working on, her path to public service, and engaged in a dynamic question and answer session.



MARCH 6, 2018

Covering the City Hall Beat: A Conversation with NYC Journalists

ABNY Young Professionals hosted city hall journalists from the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, New York Post, and the New York Daily News to discuss their careers and experiences covering local politics. The panel was moderated by Professor Christina Greer of Fordham University.



JUNE 14, 2018 **What's On Tap? with Nightlife Mayor Ariel Palitz and Council Member Rafael Espinal**

ABNY Young Professionals hosted Nightlife Mayor Ariel Palitz and Council Member Rafael L. Espinal where they shared insight on their careers in public service, including their work together establishing the nation's first Office of Nightlife to support nightlife businesses and communities that keep New York City's economy thriving 24/7.



AUGUST 21, 2018 **Empire Outlets Hard Hat Tour**

ABNY Young Professionals took the ferry out to Staten Island to explore the future Empire Outlets. Led by BFC partners, the tour showcased New York City's first and only premium outlet mall, and how it would impact New York City's economy and tourism.



JUNE 21, 2018 **ABNY Talks on Human Services and Unions**

Dr. Lilliam Barrios-Paoli, Senior Advisor to the President of Hunter College and Former Deputy Mayor for HHS presented on promoting the well-being of New Yorkers: understanding human services in NYC. Alan van Capelle, President and CEO of the Educational Alliance presented on the evolution of labor's role in NYC.



SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 **Emerging Tech Innovators in NYC: Demos and Networking at Alley powered by Verizon 5G Lab**

ABNY Young Professionals convened for a unique discussion centering around the emerging tech innovators shaping the world of tomorrow. The panelists discussed their products and how they believe 5G capability will change the world of tomorrow.



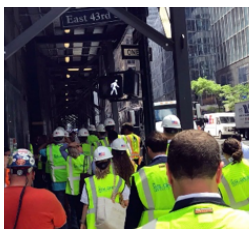
JULY 24, 2018 **ABNY Talks on Eminent Domain and Charter Revision Commission**

ABNY Talks welcomed Lisa Bova-Hiatt, General Counsel of the CUNY Construction Fund and Executive Counsel of CUNY, and Anthony Crowell, Dean and President of NY Law School to discuss on the topics of eminent domain and charter revision.



SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 **Tour of Domino Park**

ABNY Young Professionals were given an exclusive tour of the newly opened Domino Park by Two Trees Management. The YPs were given an in-depth tour that touched on the history of the site and highlighted many of the great views from the property.



AUGUST 2, 2018 **One Vanderbilt Tour**

ABNY Young Professionals met in midtown for an exclusive tour of SL Green's One Vanderbilt. This hard hat tour featured the new open work spaces, and the amazing views from the development.



OCTOBER 18, 2018 **Boardroom Breakfast with Jennifer Raab, President of Hunter College**

Hunter College President Jennifer Raab oversees the largest college in the City University of New York system and has helped transform Hunter College into a selective, highly ranked academic institution.



AUGUST 7, 2018 **Boardroom Breakfast with Marissa Shorenstein, President, Northeast Region for AT&T**

AT&T Northeast Region President Marissa Shorenstein discussed her career, the organizations mission and current initiatives, and her insight into civic engagement and leadership.



OCTOBER 22, 2018 **What's on Tap? with Council Member Carlina Rivera**

Council Member Carlina Rivera joined the ABNY Young Professionals to discuss her trajectory to the City Council, her experiences on the council, and what she is hoping to achieve while in office. Council Member Rivera represents the 2nd Council District and was elected to office in 2017.



NOVEMBER 15, 2018 **Tour of the NYC Department of Sanitation with Commissioner Kathryn Garcia**

ABNY Young Professionals heard from Department of Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia on her vision for zero waste in New York City. Following the presentation, the Young Professionals saw the inner workings of the Department through a tour of the facilities.



NOVEMBER 29, 2018 **Policy Brief on Congestion Pricing with Ya-Ting Liu**

Ya-Ting Liu provided an in-depth explanation of congestion pricing. This Policy Brief gave ABNY Young Professionals a deeper understanding of the policy's history and potential impact.



NOVEMBER 19, 2018 **What's on Tap? with Emma Wolfe, Chief of Staff to Mayor de Blasio**

Emma Wolfe, Chief of Staff to Mayor Bill de Blasio, discussed her current role and her impact on the city before taking questions from Young Professionals on various aspects of being a public servant.



DECEMBER 11, 2018 **Boardroom Breakfast with Michael Capiraso, President and CEO of New York Road Runners**

Michael Capiraso met with ABNY Young Professionals to discuss his professional journey, his current role as President and CEO of NYRR, and how NYRR engages New Yorkers.

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 2018.

WORKING WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



FEBRUARY 6, 2018 **Working Women's event with Madelyn Wils**

ABNY reconvened its Working Women's Committee at MCR Development's TWA lounge in 1 WTC for an evening of cocktails and discussion on issues that are important to women in the New York City workforce. Members Lynn Kelly and Patti Ornst interviewed Madelyn on her career that spanned several public sector and private sector leadership roles.



APRIL 24, 2018 **Working Women's luncheon hosting 21 in '21**

ABNY hosted a luncheon featuring 21 in 21, and organization focused on encouraging women to run for public office with the goal of getting 21 women in the New York City Council by 2021. Speakers included former City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, former Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley, and Executive Director Moira McDermott.



MAY 30, 2018 **Working Women's Screening of the RGB - The Ruth Bader Ginsburg Documentary**

ABNY hosted the Working Women's Committee to watch a screening of RGB - The Ruth Bader Ginsburg Documentary which profiled the exceptional life and career of an incredible New Yorker.

Promote The Vote



Leading up to the 2018 primaries and general 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.

2020 Decennial Census

In 2018, ABNY launched a major initiative to coordinate private sector support to the 2020 Decennial Census. The Federal Administration and the Census Bureau proposed major changes to the 2020 Census that have the potential to dramatically reduce response rates from New Yorkers, which would ultimately reduce federal funding to New Yorkers, reduce our representation in Washington DC and change how districts are formed for State and municipal elections and how our rights are protected.

ABNY hired Melva Miller, former Deputy Borough President of Queens to lead the initiative, and launched an organizing committee co-chaired by Carl Weisbrod, Senior Advisor of HR&A Advisors, and Darren Walker, President of the Ford Foundation, to shape the support efforts towards an accurate Census count, as well as coordinating the expertise, experience and resources from ABNY and partner communities.

Committee Members



- Darren Walker – President of the Ford Foundation (Chair)
- Carl Weisbrod – Senior Advisor of HR&A Advisors (Chair)
- Steven Rubenstein - Chairman of ABNY (Chair)
- Jennifer Jones Austin - Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director
- Steve Choi - Executive Director of the New York Immigrant Coalition
- Hector Figueroa - President of 32BJ SEIU
- Patrick Gaspard - President of the Open Society Foundations and former US Ambassador
- Sharon Greenberger- President & CEO of the YMCA of Greater New York
- Hope Knight - President & CEO of the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation
- Michael Mulgrew - President of the United Federation of Teachers
- Bill Rudin - CEO of Rudin Management and Chairman of REBNY
- Jon Silvan - Founding Partner & CEO of Global Strategy Group
- Lorie Slutsky – President of The New York Community Trust
- Kathy Wyld - President and CEO of the Partnership for NYC

Working closely with the City and State, ABNY has been in the initial stages to plan for a 2020 count, and have engaged in some early initiatives including:

- **ABNY Breakfast New York City and the 2020 Census**
On March 23, ABNY hosted Chief Demographer of the NYC Department of City Planning, Joseph Salvo and Congressman Adriano Espaillat to discuss the importance of the 2020 Census and inform the public on the implications of a miscount in New York City.
- **Making New York Count in 2020**
On June 19, ABNY was a primary sponsor for a day of census education to launch the New York 2020 Counts Coalition, a coalition of dozens of civically-oriented and community-based organizations who will be involved in the 2020 Census count initiative
- **Citizenship Question Lawsuit**
With the addition of the Citizenship Question, six lawsuits were filed against the Federal Government representing 18 states and several municipalities, including both New York City and State. ABNY provided support of New York's participation.

- **Providence, RI**

On October 23, ABNY joined Borough President Gale Brewer and a delegation to travel to Providence, Rhode Island to hear from the Census Bureau and local officials and leaders to learn about their experience with the only test count administered by the Census Bureau prior to the 2020 Census.

- **Research Polling and Focus Group**

In order to support all partners who are working on developing strategies for an effective count, ABNY undertook efforts to learn how New Yorkers were reacting to the changes proposed to the 2020 Census through focus groups and polls.

Advocacy Topics

At ABNY, we've always been advocates for making New York City a better place to live, work and visit. Below is a sample of ABNY's advocacy work in 2018.

- **Development Projects**

Testimony in support of the following development projects to Community Boards, Borough Presidents, City Council, the Board of Standards and Appeals, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, and City Planning Commission

- **12 Franklin Street** – Proposed development of commercial and mixed use space in the Greenpoint/North Williamsburg Area.
- **110 East 16th Street** – Proposed conversion of a multilevel parking garage into mixed use/residential development that included the restoration of an adjacent landmarked building.
- **180 East 88th Street** – One of several developments where the BSA reviewed issued Department of Building's permits for compliance with zoning regulations.
- **424 5th Avenue** – The redevelopment of the historic Lord & Taylor building into a new WeWork anchor location in midtown Manhattan
- **550 Madison** – The interior landmarking of the SONY building including the consideration of the Privately Operated Public Spaces (POPs).
- **888 Broadway** – The conversion of space from ABC Home & Carpet into commercial space in Midtown South
- **260 11th Avenue** – Proposed combination of 260 11th Ave, 549 West 26th Street and a vacant lot at 550 West 27th Street in the West Chelsea Historic District
- **1640 Flatbush** – Proposed mixed use development on a site currently used as a gas station

- **Tesla Letter of Support**

In February, ABNY submitted a letter of support to the New York State legislature to support S6600/A8248 to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to certificates of registration for entities that manufacture or assemble zero emission vehicles.

- **Museum of Pop**

In June and July, ABNY submitted testimony to the LPC and Community Board on the reconstruction of the New York Public Library Science, Industry, and Business Branch to allow for MoPOP, a Seattle-based cultural institution planned for New York City.

- **Tourism**

In November, ABNY testified in front of the Council Committee on Economic Development and Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations on the importance of tourism to New York City. ABNY testified along with Times Square Alliance and Center for Urban Future, who ABNY partnered with in the creation of the *Destination New York* report.

- **C4Q/Pursuit Letter of Support**

In July, ABNY submitted a letter of support of a Consolidated Funding Application to the NYC Regional Economic Development Council.

- **LaGuardia AirTrain**

In July and October, ABNY testified to the Port Authority indicating support for the LaGuardia AirTrain. ABNY Executive Director Angela Pinsky also joined the Friends of LaGuardia Airtrain Coalition as a co-chair along with Building Congress President & CEO Carlo Scissura and Queens Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Thomas Grech.

- **LinkNYC**

In April, ABNY testified during an oversight hearing to the New York City Council Committee on Technology in support of the installation and expansion of the LinkNYC Kiosks.

- **Garment District Rezoning**

In November, ABNY testified in support of the proposed rezoning of the Garment District, which is accompanied by a suite of initiatives by the Economic Development Corporation to support the garment industry remaining in the area, as well as relocating to other parts of New York City, including Sunset Park.

- **Long Island City Innovation Center**

In September, ABNY testified at a public scoping hearing in support of the Long Island City Innovation Center, a partnership between the City, TF Cornerstone, C4Q, and the Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center.

- **Landmarks Preservation Commission Streamlining Reviews**

In March, ABNY testified in support of the Landmarks Preservation Commission's proposed amendments to the rules of the LPC which would streamline reviews, remove aging calendared applications, and reform review of common renovation requests.

- **One Vanderbilt Plaza**

In July and September, ABNY testified in support of the open space proposal between One Vanderbilt and Grand Central Terminal as a result of the rezoning proposals for East Midtown.

Spirit of ABNY 2018

On May 1, 2018 the ABNY Foundation hosted its 12th Annual Spirit of ABNY in the iconic Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center, and honored those leaders who are building a better New York.



Lew Rudin Founder's Award

James P. O'Neill

*Commissioner of the New York City
Police Department*

For increasing diversity and inclusion in the NYPD, and ensuring New York City remains the safest big city in America




New York Magazine & Pam Wasserstein

For 50 years of groundbreaking journalism through a New York lens about "the highbrow, the lowbrow, brilliant and despicable"



Chair of the Democratic Caucus Congressman Joseph Crowley

For tirelessly promoting and protecting our New York values with his leadership and advocacy in Washington



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