

Welcome to the 2026 Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association (CAPBA) Convention at our new home, the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort in Ocean City.

Besides the beach, the resort has undergone renovations with a lot of amenities we hope you will enjoy.

This weekend, we are celebrating the best of broadcast journalism in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Delaware.

Congratulations to all the journalists and stations nominated. We have nearly 200 nominees for this year's awards, which we will hand out on Saturday night.

We hope you can also attend our annual crab feast and auction fundraiser on Friday night, at Hooper's Crab House in the new Buoy Room to benefit the Bob Shilling Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations to the 2026 Bob Shilling Memorial Scholarship Charlotte Pfabe, who is from Annapolis and just finished her junior year at Elon University. Charlotte's work represents the best of our industry, and the high standards that Bob Shilling set for our industry. She will be awarded the scholarship at our banquet Saturday night.

On Saturday morning following our business meeting, we have a very informative seminar hosted by our vice president, Adam Jacobs, on Social Media Storytelling & AI Trends. These are two very important issues facing our industry in 2026, and we hope you leave the seminar with important ideas and information you can take back to your newsrooms.

This convention though is a little bittersweet, as this is the last convention for our contest coordinator Heidi Brown. I speak for everyone on the board when I say our organization and this convention cannot operate without Heidi. I'm very grateful for her years of service and wish her all the best in the next chapter. If you see Heidi this weekend, please give her a hug. She is the best.

Don't forget to visit our Hospitality Suite in Room 274 following the Saturday night banquet for refreshments and fellowship as we celebrate the best in broadcast journalism.

I look forward to seeing you during the weekend. Thanks for joining us at the CAPBA Convention

Robert Lang
Reporter/Anchor WBAL-AM
CAPBA Scholarship