

## CHAPTER I - MEMBERSHIP

### C. DUES AND LIFE MASTER SERVICE FEES

#### Annual ACBL Membership Dues (831-12)

- B. All dues processing shall be handled by ACBL Management with no charge to the Unit.
- D. Beginning with 1984, or as soon as can be implemented by Management, billing shall be done on a staggered basis throughout the year.

#### Regulations to Implement Bylaws (Membership Dues) (833-11)

Moved, that Regulation II, A (1) "Failure to Pay Dues" of the regulations to implement the Bylaws (1977 Fall Board action) be amended to read as follows:

- a. Membership dues are payable the first day of the month which has been designated as the Renewal Month for each ACBL member and shall be considered delinquent one month thereafter. (833-11)

#### Canadian Bridge Federation Membership Dues (933-32)

Effective immediately, the approval of the ACBL is not required for the Canadian Bridge Federation to increase the fee that is added to the membership dues billings of Canadian members. This additional fee is remitted to the CBF in support of its operation/projects. (See 883-124)

#### Amendment of Item 943-58 (deferred from Minneapolis), Life Master Service Fees (931-63) (951-20) (962-51)

Life Master service fees must be paid in order to be eligible for inclusion on any masterpoint race list, for inclusion on any Life Master upgrade list, to receive the *Bulletin*, to receive point confirmations, and to receive qualified reimbursements to an NABC or any other event for which ACBL provides a monetary reimbursement.

#### Patron Memberships (951-31)

The sum of \$20 per year shall be deducted from each Patron membership and \$10 each shall be given to the ACBL Charity Foundation and the ACBL Educational Foundation.

#### Club Reward for Recruitment (953-42)

A \$50.00 gift certificate for the ACBL Store will be given to a club official or an accredited or registered teacher for every 25 new members recruited by that club official or accredited or registered teacher during each calendar year.

Patron Membership Program (973-67)

- B. Management shall create a method of tracking those patron members who do not renew, and shall offer them a standard membership.
- C. All new patron members shall receive an upgrade of their existing memberships if their request is made within 90 days.

Membership Fees and Product Price Changes (983-48) (991-22)

Management is authorized to establish the price of all ACBL products and services with the exception of sanction fees, membership fees, life master service fees, and tournament director fees.

Canadian Exchange Rate for Annual Dues (993-22)

- B. The following is adopted:

ACBL=s policy with regard to setting the exchange rate for annual dues of Canadian members is to optimally balance the needs to:

1. Protect the Canadian ACBL member from overpaying because the Canadian dollar strengthens;
2. Protect the ACBL from exchange losses because the Canadian dollar weakens;
3. Control the administrative burdens and costs of changing dues renewal exchange rates too often.

The average exchange rate prevailing during the last 5 business days of July shall be used to determine the exchange rate applicable to the dues rate for new Canadian members for the succeeding calendar year.

The exchange rate used to determine the dues rate for renewing Canadian members shall be the rate established for that year, except that the exchange rate will be modified during a year under the following conditions:

Once a quarter on the 20<sup>th</sup> day (or on the first business day thereafter) of March, June, September and December, the average Canadian exchange rate as reported in the Wall Street Journal for that week will be checked. If this rate differs from the exchange rate then in effect for billing renewing ACBL Canadian members by 3 Canadian cents or more, the average exchange

rate for that week shall become the rate used to bill renewing Canadian members effective with bills issued in the following month . This revised rate shall remain in effect for the remainder of the calendar year unless and until altered in accordance with this paragraph.

Effective date: Immediately. If the WSJ exchange rate in effect on November 22, 1999 shall differ from the renewal billing exchange rate then in effect by the specified 3 cents, the rate used for renewal billings sent out in December 1999 shall be modified. Thereafter the first date for possible modification shall be in March 2000 in accordance with the above provision.

### Membership Dues Increase (042-31)

Membership dues and service fees will increase as follows:

One-year membership from \$32 to \$35  
One-year Life Master service fees from \$29 to \$32  
New Member from \$24 to \$26  
Junior membership from \$12.75 to \$14

Youth membership remains the same at \$5.00 and Patron Membership is increased per item 042-143 Patron Member.

### Patron Member (042-143)

#### A. Patron Membership Status

1. Dues (in US dollars)
  - a. Individual = \$250
  - b. Household = \$350
  
2. Benefits as below:
  - a. Advance hotel reservations at host hotel at NABCs.
  - c. Daily Bulletin delivered to the member's room at the NABC host hotel.
  - d. A complimentary set of Daily Bulletins from all three North American Bridge Championships.
  - e. Express entry for Patron Members only at NABCs.
    - f. A gift certificate of \$50 in merchandise (\$75 certificate for a patron household membership) for any patron member renewal or initial sign-up at the new membership rate. The certificate may be used to purchase merchandise at the NABC ACBL Product Store or from the ACBL Sales Department.
  - g. A complimentary subscription to the World Bridge News.
  - h. A special ACBL membership badge that identifies this member as a Patron Member.

- i. A special drawing for ACBL Patron Members only to win an opportunity to play with a top bridge star at a Educational Foundation game during an NABC.
- j. Fifty percent (50%) discount off the price of a ticket (household 50% off of two tickets) to the Hall of Fame Dinner.
- k. Patron Members cocktail party in the President's Suite at NABCs.
- l. Free membership in Hertz Corporation's #1 CLUB Gold.
- m. Names published annually in The Bridge Bulletin.

Management may at its discretion, from time to time eliminate or add benefits as it determines appropriate.

Life Master Service Fees (052-32)

Those joining or rejoining ACBL after January 1, 1996 will pay dues at the established rate. When these players attain Life Master status, they will continue to pay the established rate with no service fee differential.