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ARTICLE I

NAME, PURPOSES, AND LIMITATIONS

- 1.1 **Name.** The name of the organization is the American Contract Bridge League, Inc. (hereinafter called ACBL). The ACBL is incorporated under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Laws of the State of New York.
- 1.2 **Purposes.** The purposes of the ACBL are as follows:
- 1.2.1 To develop, promote and support programs that encourage participation in the game of bridge.
  - 1.2.2 To promote membership in the ACBL.
  - 1.2.3 To provide organized bridge activities and services to satisfy the social, recreational, educational, and competitive needs of the ACBL membership.
  - 1.2.4 To develop and maintain standards of membership, conduct and ethical behavior.
  - 1.2.5 To develop relationships with other bridge and non-bridge organizations which will benefit the ACBL, its members or bridge.
  - 1.2.6 To preserve and record the history of bridge.
  - 1.2.7 To carry out such other activities as are consistent with the purposes of the ACBL and its Certificate of Incorporation.
- 1.3 **Limitations.**
- 1.3.1 The ACBL is permitted to engage in any other activity permitted to be engaged in by Corporations: (a) exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986, as the same may be amended or supplemented; and (b) formed under the New York Not-for-Profit

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Corporation Act, as the same may be amended or supplemented (the “Act”).

- 1.3.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the ACBL shall not engage in activities not authorized for a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(4), or a Corporation formed under the Act, as the same may be amended or supplemented.
- 1.3.3 No part of the net earnings or other assets of the ACBL shall inure to the benefit of, be distributed to or among, or revert to any director, officer, contributor, or other private individual having, directly or indirectly, any personal or private interest in the activities of the ACBL, except that the ACBL may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and may make payment and distributions in furtherance of the non-profit purposes stated in the Certificate of Incorporation.
- 1.3.4 No rule or regulation adopted by the ACBL shall be inconsistent with the Certificate of Incorporation or in contravention of the Act. These bylaws shall not be altered or amended in derogation of the provisions of this Section.

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## STRUCTURE, TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

- 2.1 **Countries.** The territory under the ACBL's jurisdiction includes the countries of Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, and the USA and all their military and diplomatic posts throughout the world. Other countries may be added by vote of the Board of Directors.
- 2.2 **Districts.** The territory under the ACBL's jurisdiction, with the exception of military and diplomatic posts outside the countries of Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, and the USA, shall be divided into as many geographical areas, to be known as Districts, as the Board of Directors, with the approval of the Board of Governors, shall designate.
- 2.2.1 A District shall have a governing body empowered to act on and implement ACBL's and the District's rules and regulations.
- 2.2.2 A District shall adopt bylaws and a form of representative government that shall not contravene the Bylaws, rules and regulations of the ACBL.
- 2.2.3 A District may be censured, suspended, expelled, or otherwise disciplined in accordance with regulations established by the Board of Directors.
- 2.3 **Units.** Each District shall be divided into geographical areas, to be known as Units, to which the ACBL shall issue a charter with powers included.
- 2.3.1 Such charter shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors and may be altered or revoked in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors.
- 2.3.2 A Unit shall adopt bylaws and a form of representative government that shall not contravene Bylaws, rules and regulations of the ACBL.

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2.3.3 A Unit may be censured, suspended, expelled, or otherwise disciplined in accordance with regulations established by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III**  
**MEMBERSHIP AND FEES**

- 3.1 **Members.** The ACBL shall have members in such classes and numbers according to policies adopted by the Board of Directors.
- 3.2 **Membership and Voting Rights.** The voting rights (if any), term, characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations, and obligations attaching to each or any class of members shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Any change in voting rights shall be subject to approval by the Board of Governors. Application for membership in the ACBL shall be made pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Directors.
- 3.3 **Membership Dues and Fees.** Membership status shall not be changed unless the member has failed to pay dues in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors, or unless the member has been suspended or expelled in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of membership dues and/or assessments for all classes of membership.
- 3.4 **Disciplinary Action.** All members of the ACBL may be suspended, expelled or otherwise disciplined in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors.
- 3.5 **Arbitration.** All members of the ACBL shall be subject to binding and compulsory arbitration in cases and controversies involving the ACBL.
- 3.6 **No Ownership.** The Members of the ACBL shall have no ownership rights in the assets of the Corporation, but may receive the right to enjoy the benefits of the ACBL so long as

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they comply with such Membership rules and regulations as may be established by the Board of Directors. A member's rights may not be transferred.

- 3.7 **Fees** No part of the membership dues or fees shall be refunded by reason of death, resignation, suspension, or any change of membership status.

## ARTICLE IV

## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- 4.1 **Time and Place.** An annual membership meeting shall be held during, and at the location of, the Summer North American Bridge Championships. Notice of the date, time, place, and agenda of the meeting shall be published in the official publication of the ACBL not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.
- 4.2 **Special Meetings.** Special membership meetings may be called by (i) the President, (ii) the Board of Directors, or (iii) upon the written request of no fewer than one (1) percent of all members of the ACBL. Written notice calling for a special membership meeting shall specify a date not less than two (2) months, nor more than three (3) months, from the date of such written notice. At least thirty (30) days prior to the special meeting, notice of the date, time, place, and agenda of a special meeting shall be provided to the membership by publication in the official publication of the ACBL or by mail. Special meetings shall take place at the location at which the North American Bridge Championships are held or other site as determined by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
- 4.3 **Quorum.** A quorum at any meeting shall consist of the lesser of (i) at least two hundred and fifty (250) members representing a majority of Districts provided that no one District shall comprise more than twenty percent (20%) of the required minimum of two hundred and fifty (250) members, or (ii) members entitled to cast one-tenth (1/10) of the total number of votes entitled to be cast at said meeting.
- 4.4 **Record.** At all meetings of the members, each member of record shall be entitled to one (1) vote. A “member of record” is a person who is a member in good standing of the

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ACBL as of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the meeting. No proxy voting shall be permitted.

- 4.5 **Voting.** The act of a majority of members voting at a duly called meeting of the voting members at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the voting membership, unless the question or issue upon which the members are voting is one which, by express provision of law, the ACBL's Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a different vote is required, in which case such express provision shall govern and control the decision of such question or issue.

## ARTICLE V

## ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 5.1 **Authority.** There shall be a Board of Directors of the ACBL that shall supervise and regulate the business, property and affairs of the ACBL, except as otherwise expressly provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws. The Board shall dedicate the organization's resources to its purposes as set forth in Article I. The Board shall employ a Chief Executive Officer to manage and conduct ACBL business in accordance with policies and regulations established by the Board of Directors.
- 5.2 **Composition.** The Board of Directors shall be composed of one (1) member from each District of the ACBL. There shall be only one (1) vote per District which shall be cast by the District Director, or, in his absence, by the First Alternate Director, or, in his absence, by the Second Alternate Director. A Director shall be a member of a Unit within the District he represents and must remain a member during his term. If his membership is transferred to a Unit not within the District he represents, he will be deemed to have resigned and his position will be filled according to the provisions of these bylaws. The First and Second Alternate Directors are required to maintain Unit membership as required above.
- 5.3 **Election.** A Director shall be elected for a term of three (3) years or until a successor is elected. As a result of redistricting, the ACBL Board of Directors may establish special election conditions in any District or Districts affected by the redistricting. No decrease in the number of Districts shall shorten the term of an incumbent director.
- 5.3.1 Elections shall be held according to Article VIII of these Bylaws.
- 5.3.2 The term of office shall commence January 1 of the year following the election.

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5.4 **Vacancy.** The method used for filling a vacancy in the office of District Director shall depend on the length of the unexpired portion of the term.

5.4.1 If the vacancy occurs during the first year of a term, the first alternate shall serve as District Director until a new District Director can be elected. The election process shall be commenced within sixty (60) days of the vacancy occurring and shall be completed within ninety (90) days of commencement. The election shall be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors and in compliance with Article VIII, Section 2 herein.

5.4.2 If the vacancy occurs after the completion of the first year of the term, it shall be filled by the First Alternate for the unexpired remainder of the term of the District Director.

5.4.3 A vacancy in the office of the First Alternate Director shall be filled by the Second Alternate Director for the remainder of the term of the First Alternate Director. A vacancy in the office of the Second Alternate Director shall be filled in accordance with regulations established by the affected District Organization.

5.5 **Resignation.** A Director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board of Directors or to the President. Such resignation shall take effect upon receipt if no resignation date is specified or at a later date specified therein. Receipt of the resignation shall be acknowledged. The acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

5.6 **Removal.** A member of the Board of Directors may be recalled at any time.

5.6.1 **Call for Removal of a District Director:**

5.6.1.1 The call for removal without cause of a District Director can be made

by: (i) a majority vote of a majority of the Unit Boards; or (ii) twenty (20) % of the District members by petition.

5.6.1.2 The call for removal for cause of a District Director can be made by a majority of the District Directors. Cause shall include but is not limited to: (i) missing three (3) or more Board of Directors meetings in one term, or (ii) conduct unbecoming a Board member which prejudices the purposes of the ACBL.

**5.6.2 Removal of a District Director:**

5.6.2.1 Removal without cause of a District Director shall be voted on by the Unit Board members of that District. It shall require a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Unit Board members voting as specified per Article VIII.

5.6.2.2 Removal for cause of a District Director shall require three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Board of Director members present and voting on the issue at a duly called meeting. At least thirty (30) and no more than ninety (90) days written notice of such meeting shall be given to the full Board and the Director subject to removal.

5.6.2.3 The Director subject to removal may not vote on the question of his removal.

**5.7 Board of Director Meetings.**

5.7.1 The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings each year in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors. Notice of regular meetings shall be given by Management to members of the Board of Directors at

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least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

- 5.7.2 Special meetings may be called by the President of the Board of Directors and must be called upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors. Notice of the date, time, place, and agenda of special meetings shall be given to each Director at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Business transacted at special meetings shall be confined to the agenda furnished with the meeting notice.
- 5.7.3 A quorum at meetings of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the members.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**OFFICERS OF THE ACBL**

6.1 **ACBL Officers.**

- 6.1.1 **President.** The Board of Directors shall elect from among its members a President of the ACBL to serve for the following calendar year or until a successor is elected. A person may only serve as president if he is also serving as a member of the Board of Directors.
- 6.1.2 **Chairman.** The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be the immediate past President of the ACBL if he is the director from his district. If the immediate past President of the ACBL is not the director from his district, the most recent past President serving as a director shall be the chairman. The Chairman shall serve for a period of one (1) year beginning at the expiration of his term of office as President or until his successor shall take office.
- 6.1.3 **Treasurer.** The Board of Directors shall elect a Treasurer from its members to serve for one year beginning on May 1 following the election or until a successor is elected. The Treasurer may serve his term of office if he is not reelected to the Board of Directors.
- 6.1.4 **Removal.** Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed from office with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of ACBL would be served thereby.
- 6.1.5 **Vacancy.** A vacancy in the office of President or Treasurer, because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of

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Directors for the unexpired portion of such Officer's term from among the members of the Board of Directors in accordance with regulations of the Board of Directors.

### 6.2 **Duties of the ACBL Officers.**

#### 6.2.1 **President.** The President shall:

- 6.2.1.1 Preside at membership meetings and at meetings of the Board of Directors.
- 6.2.1.2 Appoint members to all standing, permanent and special committees.
- 6.2.1.3 Be a member of all standing, permanent and special committees except the Audit committee and the Appeals and Charges committee when it meets as a disciplinary or appellate body.
- 6.2.1.4 Chair the Executive Committee.
- 6.2.1.5 Present a report at each regular meeting of the Board of Governors.
- 6.2.1.6 Preside at the annual membership meeting and provide such reports as are required.
- 6.2.1.7 Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or which are incidental to the office.

#### 6.2.2 **Chairman.** The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall:

- 6.2.2.1 Perform the duties of the President during the absence, incapacity or vacancy of the President.
- 6.2.2.2 Be a member of all standing, permanent and special committees except the Audit committee and the Appeals and Charges committee when it meets as a disciplinary or appellate body.

6.2.2.3 Have such other duties as the Board of Directors or the President may assign.

6.2.3 **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:

6.2.3.1 Present a report in writing at each regular meeting of the Board of Governors.

6.2.3.2 Ensure that the annual audited financial statement and the Treasurer's report is provided to the Board of Directors, to the Board of Governors and at the annual membership meeting.

6.2.3.3 Ensure that a summary of the annual audited financial statement and the Treasurer's report is published in the principal publication of the ACBL.

6.2.3.4 Have such other duties as may be assigned to the office by the Board of Directors.

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COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

7.1 **Executive Committee.**

7.1.1 The function of the Executive Committee is to act on behalf of the Board of Directors between Board meetings to the extent allowable by law.

7.1.2 The Executive Committee shall be composed of:

7.1.2.1 The President of the ACBL, who shall chair the committee.

7.1.2.2 The Chairman of the Board of Directors.

7.1.2.3 The Treasurer, as a nonvoting member.

7.1.2.4 Three members of the Board of Directors: The ACBL's jurisdiction shall be divided into three (3) zones, to be determined by the Board of Directors. Each zone shall have one representative, to be elected by procedures established by the Board of Directors.

7.1.3 An Executive Committee meeting may be called by a majority of the Executive Committee or the President.

7.1.4 The minutes of the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the Board of Directors within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the Executive Committee meeting.

7.2 **Other Standing Committees.** There shall be the following additional standing committees of the Board of Directors:

7.2.1 A **Finance Committee** whose function is to recommend financial policy and regulation for the ACBL.

7.2.2. An **Audit Committee** whose function is to provide an independent oversight of ACBL financial matters.

7.2.3 An **Appeals and Charges Committee** whose function is to decide matters of discipline brought before it and to recommend disciplinary regulations.

7.3 **Additional Committees of the Board of Directors.**

7.3.1 The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors or the President, may designate and appoint one or more committees of the Board each consisting of two or more directors.

7.3.2 Such committees shall have the powers and duties designated by the Board of Directors and shall give advice and make non-binding recommendations to the Board.

7.4 **Procedures.**

7.4.1 All committee-member appointments shall be made by the President. The Audit Committee must have at least one member who is not on the Finance Committee.

7.4.2 Each committee may adopt rules for its meetings which are not inconsistent with the Bylaws, rules and regulations.

7.4.3 No committee shall have the authority to amend or repeal the Bylaws, elect or remove any officer or director, adopt a plan of merger, authorize the voluntary dissolution of the ACBL, or act as prohibited by law.

7.5 **Laws Commission.** There shall be an ACBL Laws Commission which will prepare the Laws under which both duplicate and rubber bridge games will be governed. These Laws may be reviewed and revised periodically by the Commission. The Commission

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shall consist of a minimum of nine (9) members and a maximum of fifteen (15) members.

The members shall be appointed by the President of the ACBL with the approval of the

Board of Directors and each shall serve for a five (5) year term.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTION PROCEDURES

- 8.1 **Electors.** District Directors, First Alternate Directors, Second Alternate Directors, and Representatives to the Board of Governors shall be elected by the Unit Boards of each District under the authority of the Director of Elections of ACBL.
- 8.2 **Elections.** Candidates for District Director, First Alternate Director, Second Alternate Director, and Representatives to the Board of Governors shall submit a written declaration of candidacy to the Director of Elections and shall be elected in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors compliant with the following procedures:
- 8.2.1 Each Unit Board of Directors in the district shall be allocated votes as follows:
- 8.2.1.1 The membership of each unit in the District shall be divided by one hundred (100) to determine the number of votes allocated to each unit board (“Unit Voting Power”). The unit membership shall be the number of unit members recorded by the ACBL as enrolled in each unit on a date to be determined in accordance with Election Regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors.
- 8.2.1.2 Each Unit board member shall be entitled to vote the Unit Voting Power in his unit divided by the number of board members in such unit and voting in person or by mail (Unit Board Member Voting Power).
- 8.2.1.3 Each candidate shall receive the number of unit votes cast for such candidate multiplied by the Unit Board Member Voting Power.
- 8.2.2 Voting will be by secret ballot and no proxies will be permitted.

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- 8.2.3 A majority of votes cast shall elect District Directors and Alternate District Directors. If no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a runoff election in accordance with rules and regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors and consistent with the procedures established above.
- 8.2.4 A plurality vote shall elect Representatives to the Board of Governors.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

- 9.1 **Purposes.** The purposes of the Board of Governors are:
- 9.1.1 To serve as a liaison between the membership and the Board of Directors.
  - 9.1.2 To act as a forum for the expression of membership opinion.
  - 9.1.3 To act as a forum to identify issues and concerns in regard to bridge and ACBL management matters.
  - 9.1.4 To improve communication and coordination among the various Districts, Units, and the Board of Directors.
  - 9.1.5 To ratify decisions of the Board of Directors as specified elsewhere in these bylaws.
- 9.2 **Duties.** In furtherance of these purposes, the duties of the Board of Governors are:
- 9.2.1 To review the resolutions voted on by the Board of Directors.
  - 9.2.2 To forward selected resolutions decided by the Board of Directors back to that body for reconsideration.
  - 9.2.3 To propose new or revised resolutions for consideration by the Board of Directors and receive reports from the Board of Directors on the status of such resolutions.
  - 9.2.4 To initiate or ratify amendments to the Bylaws as specified in Article X.
  - 9.2.5 To ratify proposed changes in the districting of the ACBL.
  - 9.2.6 To recognize new ACBL Life Masters.
  - 9.2.7 To perform other duties as may be specified elsewhere in these Bylaws or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- 9.3 **Categories of Membership.** The following are members of the Board of Governors:

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- 9.3.1 Three (3) Representatives from each District who shall be elected pursuant to Article VIII of these Bylaws. The Representatives shall have a term of office of three (3) years. The term shall commence one (1) year after the start of the term of office of the First and Second Alternate Directors of their District.
- 9.3.2 First Alternate Director and Second Alternate Director of each District who shall be elected pursuant to Article VIII of these Bylaws.
- 9.3.3 All past presidents of the ACBL and all chairmen, past and current, of the Board of Governors who are not concurrently serving on the Board of Directors. These members shall be referred to as members-at-large.
- 9.4 **Voting Privileges.** Each Board of Governors member shall have one vote except that no person shall be a voting member of the Board of Governors while serving as a voting member of the Board of Directors.
- 9.5 **Qualifications.** Each nominee for election to the Board of Governors:
- 9.5.1 Shall be a member of a Unit within the District he represents, and must remain a member during his term. If his membership is transferred to a Unit not within the District he represents, he will be deemed to have resigned and his position will be filled according to the provisions of these bylaws.
- 9.5.2 Shall be a member in good standing of the ACBL.
- 9.6 **Attendance at Meetings.**
- 9.6.1 Any Representative who does not attend at least one (1) regular meeting in any calendar year, either in person or by personally appointed proxy, shall be automatically deemed to have vacated the position of Representative. This provision does not apply to First Alternate Director, Second Alternate Director, or

Member-at-Large.

- 9.6.2 Any First Alternate Director or Second Alternate Director, who does not attend at least one (1) regular meeting in any calendar year either in person or by personally appointed proxy, shall lose his voting privileges until such privileges are reinstated by the Board of Governors.
- 9.6.3 Vacancies on the Board of Governors shall exist (a) on the death or resignation of any Representative, First Alternate Director or Second Alternate Director (b) automatically upon the loss of the status of “ACBL Member in Good Standing” by any Representative, First Alternate Director, Second Alternate Director, or Member-at-Large, or (c) on the failure by a Representative, First Alternate Director or Second Alternate Director to maintain Unit membership as required above.
- 9.6.4 A vacancy in the position of Representative shall be filled by the appropriate District Organization in accordance with its rules and regulations within sixty (60) days of the occurrence of the vacancy. Should the vacancy not be filled within the required time frame, the Chairman of the Board of Governors shall appoint a member of that District to fill the position for the unexpired remainder of the term until the District organization fills the position or until the end of the unexpired term, whichever comes first.
- 9.6.5 A vacancy in the position of First Alternate Director or Second Alternate Director shall be filled as specified in Article V of these Bylaws.

9.7 **Officer Elections.**

- 9.7.1 At its Fall meeting in even-numbered years, the Board of Governors shall elect

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one of its members to the position of Chairman and one of its members to the position of Vice-Chairman, both of whom shall serve a term of two (2) years. The Chairman may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive two-year terms. Any term greater than one year shall be deemed to be a two-year term for the purposes of eligibility for re-election. The term of office shall begin on January 1 of the year following the election.

9.7.2 A vacancy in the office of Chairman shall be filled by the Vice-Chairman for the unexpired remainder of the term. A new Vice-Chairman shall be elected at the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors for the unexpired remainder of his term. If a vacancy occurs in any office other than Chairman, it shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Board of Governors at its next regular meeting provided that 30 days notice of the election is sent to each member.

9.7.3 The Chairman shall attend all regular and special meetings of the ACBL Board of Directors with voice but without vote and with the same compensation and reimbursement of expenses as a Director. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall act on the Chairman's behalf in representing the Board of Governors and shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the Chairman.

### 9.8 **Meetings.**

9.8.1 The Board of Governors shall hold regular meetings in conjunction with the North American Bridge Championships. Notice of regular meetings shall be given by ACBL headquarters to members of the Board of Governors at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

- 9.8.2 A quorum at a meeting of the Board of Governors shall consist of forty (40) voting members of the Board of Governors representing a majority of ACBL Districts either in person or by proxy delegate.
- 9.8.3 Proxy delegate voting shall be allowed subject to the limitation that no member of the Board of Directors may act as proxy at any Board of Governors meeting. A Representative, First Alternate Director or Second Alternate Director may appoint any other ACBL member in good standing from his District other than another voting member of the Board of Governors to serve as his proxy at any meeting. A Member-at-Large may appoint any other ACBL member in good standing other than another voting member of the Board of Governors to serve as his proxy at any meeting. A person shall be allowed only one vote whether by right or as a proxy delegate. Absentee ballots are not permitted.

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### ARTICLE X

#### AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

10.1 **If Initiated by a Member of the Board of Directors.** Any member of the Board of Directors may initiate a proposed bylaw amendment.

10.1.1 The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

10.1.2 If it is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting, it shall be published in the official publication of the ACBL at least thirty (30) days prior to the second vote by the Board of Directors.

10.1.3 If it receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Board of Governors for its approval.

10.1.4 If approved by a majority vote of the Board of Governors at a meeting at which, according to their rules, a quorum is present, the proposed amendment shall be adopted and become part of the bylaws. If an amendment is not approved by a majority vote of the Board of Governors, the Board of Directors may submit the proposed amendment to all ACBL District organizations for approval instead. If approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the ACBL District organizations within one year from the date of submission, the proposed amendment shall be adopted and become part of the bylaws.

10.2 **If Initiated by a Member of the Board of Governors.** Any member of the Board of Governors may initiate a proposed Bylaw amendment.

10.2.1 The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing at any regular or special

meeting of the Board of Governors.

10.2.2 If it is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting, it shall be published in the official publication of the ACBL at least thirty (30) days prior to the second vote by the Board of Governors.

10.2.3 If it receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for its approval.

10.2.4 If approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present and voting, the proposed amendment shall be adopted and become part of the bylaws. If an amendment is not approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Board of Governors may submit the proposed amendment to all ACBL District organizations for approval instead. If approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the ACBL District organizations within one year from the date of submission, the proposed amendment shall be adopted and become part of the bylaws.

10.3 **If Initiated by a Member of ACBL.** A member of the ACBL may initiate a proposed Bylaw amendment.

10.3.1 The proposed amendment shall be submitted in petition form, signed by at least fifty (50) members representing a majority of the Districts.

10.3.2 The exact wording of the proposed amendment must be printed at the top of each page of signatories.

10.3.3 There shall be the following columns for signatories: signatory's name printed legibly or typed, signature, District and Unit number, and ACBL member number of the signatory.

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10.3.4 The petition shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and Board of Governors for review and recommendations.

10.3.5 The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the membership for approval at the next annual members meeting. The proposed amendment and recommendations of the Board of Directors and of the Board of Governors shall be included in the agenda for the meeting and shall also be printed in the official publication of the ACBL at least thirty (30) but no more than sixty (60) days before the annual membership meeting. If approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, the amendment shall be published in the official publication of the ACBL at least thirty (30) but no more than sixty (60) days prior to the second vote at the next annual membership meeting. If approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, the amendment shall be adopted and become part of the Bylaws. If there is not a quorum at an annual meeting at which the amendment is to be considered, the proposed amendment fails.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

11.1 **Indemnity.**

11.1.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, the ACBL shall indemnify its directors, officers and employees, including persons formerly occupying any such positions as authorized by New York State Consolidated Laws.

11.1.2 On written request to the Board of Directors by any person seeking indemnification, the Board of Directors shall promptly determine whether the indemnification is authorized under the New York State Consolidated Laws and, if so, the Board shall authorize indemnification.

11.1.3 A person may seek advance indemnification so long as he certifies that such advance shall be repaid if it is ultimately determined that the person is not entitled to be indemnified by the ACBL for these expenses.

11.2 **Publication.** The official publication of the ACBL shall be as designated by the Board of Directors and shall be published by ACBL management.

11.3 **Inoperative Portion.** If any portion of these Bylaws shall be invalid or inoperative, then, to the extent reasonable and possible, the remainder shall be valid and operative, and effect shall be given to the intent that the portion held invalid or inoperative manifests.

11.4 **Interpretation.** Whenever the context indicates, the masculine gender shall encompass the feminine and neuter, and the singular shall encompass the plural, or vice versa. The headings are solely for organization, convenience, and clarity. They do not define, limit or describe the scope of these bylaws or the intent in any of the provisions.

11.5 **Books and Records.** The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and

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records of accounts and shall keep minutes of all proceedings of its Board of Directors, committees and its members.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The undersigned hereby certifies (i) I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the American Contract Bridge League, a 501(c)(4) nonprofit corporation, (ii) the above Bylaws are a true, correct and complete copy of bylaws adopted at a duly held meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_(membership) on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, and (iii) the Resolutions are in full force and effect on the Effective Date hereof and have not been amended on or subsequent to the Effective Date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto executed this Certificate in my official capacity on \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_.

By:\_\_\_\_\_

**AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE**

**HALL OF FAME**

**OPERATING PROCEDURES**

**IN EFFECT FOR ELECTION YEAR 2006**

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## **Hall of Fame Operating Procedures**

### 1. Powers and Purpose

The ACBL Hall of Fame Committee (HoFC) is charged with the oversight of the Hall of Fame program, selection of the recipients of the Blackwood and von Zedtwitz Awards, and nomination of members in the Open category. It shall have responsibility for setting criteria for selecting nominees, establishing nomination and election procedures, overseeing the induction ceremonies at the Hall of Fame Banquet, in addition to providing input to ACBL Management on the Hall of Fame Gallery at ACBL Headquarters and Hall of Fame Online.

The HoFC shall report to the ACBL Board of Directors (the Board) prior to the institution of a major change in any of the above areas, and shall generally keep the Board informed on all matters concerning the Hall of Fame. The Board shall have ultimate approval on all matters except choosing nominees to be placed on the Hall of Fame ballot or choosing recipients of the Blackwood or the von Zedtwitz Awards.

### 2. Committee Composition and Appointment

The ACBL President and HoFC chair shall endeavor to employ a balanced approach to composing the Hall of Fame Committee, taking into account variations in age, gender and area of residency. At least one member of the HoFC should be from Canada, Mexico or Bermuda. However, suitable committee candidates should not be eliminated from consideration as a result of the desire for a balanced committee.

The HoFC will have staggered three-year terms. In addition to its nine voting members, the ACBL President and CEO shall be permanent non-voting members of the Hall of Fame Committee.

A member of the HoFC must be an ACBL member who has been actively involved in bridge tournament activities (either as a player, in an administrative capacity, or as a member of the press) for at least 20 years and is familiar with the activities of possible nominees.

A HoFC member or chair may not serve more than two full terms. A retired HoFC member or chair may be re-appointed as a committee member or committee chair after a one-year (1) hiatus. A chair must have at least one year of previous service on the committee.

The three-year term of appointed members shall begin at the conclusion of the Spring NABC at which they were appointed and end at the conclusion of the Spring NABC three years later.

There shall be a Veteran's Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Hall of Fame Committee. It shall be composed of players, journalists and/or administrators with extensive knowledge of bridge history and the expert game. The Veteran's Committee

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shall be chaired by a HoFC member and have other members, who may or may not be HoFC members. All appointments to the Veterans Committee are made by the Hall of Fame Committee.

The HoFC shall recommend possible HoFC members and a chair to the ACBL President prior to the Spring NABC.

### 3. Committee Records

ACBL Management will maintain a HoFC Document Archive that includes:

- a. Form letter to Open nominees
- b. Ballot template
- c. Performance chart template
- d. Bio criteria
- e. Cover letter to the electors
- f. List of previous inductees into the Hall of Fame
- g. Form letter to recipients of the Blackwood and von Zedtwitz Awards
- h. Post election form letter to winners and losers
- i. Minutes of previous meetings
- j. Banquet Committee chair checklist
- k. HoFC contact list which shows appointment terms

The HoFC may amend the form or content of the above documents.

New committee members shall receive a copy of the operating procedures and the above documents (last two years of minutes).

### 4. Nomination Criteria, Rules and Procedures

#### ***Nomination Criteria***

The ACBL Hall of Fame Award, in any category, shall be given to distinguished individuals who are held in high regard for their ethics, deportment and sportsmanship, while residing in the territory administered by the American Contract Bridge League.

The ACBL Hall of Fame Open Award shall be given annually to living individuals who have achieved prominence in the game of bridge and have an outstanding tournament record. They shall be elected by electors, as described in Section 5 of these operating procedures.

The ACBL Hall of Fame von Zedtwitz Award shall be given to living or deceased individual(s) who have achieved prominence in the game of bridge and have an outstanding tournament record but who may not have been in the limelight for a significant period of time. A deceased person must be deceased for three years before becoming eligible for selection, but this rule may be waived if at least six HoFC members vote to do so. Each year, as many as two (2) recipients may be selected by the HoFC whenever deemed appropriate.

The Veteran's Committee recommends nominees for the von Zedtwitz Award. A von Zedtwitz selection will often be a person who was a nominee for the Hall of Fame for several years. It may also be a person whose identity has come to light through the Veterans Committee.

The ACBL Hall of Fame Blackwood Award shall be given to individuals who have contributed greatly to the game of bridge without *necessarily* being world class players. Each year, up to one (1) recipient may be selected by the HoFC, whenever deemed appropriate.

In either the von Zedtwitz or Blackwood category, in a year where the HoFC believes that an additional award is clearly warranted, the Board may, upon receiving appropriate rationale from the HoFC in advance, vote to approve an additional award for that year.

Nominees in the Open category must have attained the age of 60 by January 1st of the year of the induction ceremony.

The primary basis for consideration in the Open and von Zedtwitz categories is the player's North American and international record and achievements as a member and representative of the ACBL.

An individual's personal history, whether good or bad, should be considered in nominating candidates or selecting recipients.

A proposed nominee's ACBL disciplinary record may be reviewed as part of the process of determining whether that person meets the criteria to be nominated for admission into the Hall of Fame. Upon request, the committee will be provided with information as authorized by (ACBL) Board Resolution 033-02 as amended.

Individuals shall give their consent for nomination in the Open category, selection for the von Zedtwitz or Blackwood Awards. The HoFC will not replace an individual who has declined nomination in the Open category, but may replace an individual who has declined to receive the von Zedtwitz or Blackwood Award.

Admission to the ACBL Hall of Fame may occur in one of the following ways:

- a. Election as a member in the Open category by the electors
- b. Selection for the Blackwood Award by the ACBL Hall of Fame Committee
- c. Selection for the von Zedtwitz Award by the ACBL Hall of Fame Committee

### ***Nomination Rules and Procedures***

ACBL members may suggest names to be nominated in the Open, von Zedtwitz and Blackwood categories.

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HoFC members shall not be nominated or considered for nomination for the Hall of Fame while serving on the Hall of Fame Committee.

The HoFC shall determine the number of nominees in the Open category. There shall not be more than 15 nominees in the Open category. The voting will be conducted on a straight voting method.

In the Open category, the HoFC will abide by the following voting procedures, starting with the list of proposed nominees agreed to before the fall meeting:

- a. The committee discusses each proposed candidate.
- b. All voting HoFC members rank proposed candidates from one (best) to #x (worst).
- c. Votes are tabulated and those with the lowest totals are nominated. The committee determines the number of candidates that will appear on the ballot, based on any gaps in the voting totals.

In the Open category, a nominee receiving less than 10% of the electors' vote for three consecutive years shall not be nominated for the next three years.

In the Blackwood and von Zedtwitz categories, there will be two votes, starting with the list of potential candidates agreed to before the fall meeting:

- a. The committee discusses each proposed nominee.
- b. The committee votes, using the ranking procedure above.
- c. The committee eliminates all but the two to four best nominees (based on any gaps in the voting totals and the original number of nominees being considered).
- d. The committee re-votes, using the ranking procedures above. The nominee with the lowest total is the recipient of the award.

Blackwood Award and von Zedtwitz Award winners are full-fledged Hall of Fame members.

Details of Nomination Procedures are incorporated into the Timeline.

### **5. Election Procedures**

#### **A. Electors for the Hall of Fame**

The Electors for the Hall of Fame shall be determined as defined in Appendix II.

Electors must be members in good standing and permanent residents of Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, United States, or any territories. Life Members must have paid their service fees.

#### **B. Voting for Nominees**

ACBL Management shall send the electors a ballot package which shall include a cover letter, instructions on how to vote, a ballot, an up-to-date biography for each nominee, a list of Hall of Fame members, and a performance chart showing the North American and international performance history of each nominee. See Appendix I.

The maximum number of votes an elector may cast depends on the number of candidates. The electors shall vote for a maximum of two (2) if there are 5 or 6 nominees, three (3) if there are 7, 8 or 9 nominees, four (4) if there are 10, 11 or 12 nominees, and five (5) if there are 13, 14, or 15 nominees.

### **C. Election Procedures**

Voting will be conducted on a straight voting method, i.e., no weighting. A 50% minimum percentage of ballots cast will be required for a candidate to be elected.

### **D. Campaigning**

Campaign advertisements in the *ACBL Bridge Bulletin*, *The NABC Daily Bulletin* or other ACBL media will not be accepted for publication.

***Candidates may mention they have been selected as a Hall of Fame candidate when being interviewed for a publication.***

The ACBL will not provide names or mailing lists for use by candidates.

It is not permissible to distribute campaign flyers at ACBL tournaments.

#### **6. Timeline**

The HoFC shall meet at every NABC, and otherwise as needed.

### **JULY/AUGUST**

Suggested nominees from ACBL members shall be received from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Notices asking for suggestions shall appear in the July and September *ACBL Bridge Bulletins*, in the Summer *NABC Daily Bulletin*, and on the ACBL web site. An ACBL member making a suggestion shall address his suggestion to the ACBL staff person assigned to the HoFC and shall include his player number.

The ACBL Hall of Fame Banquet shall be at the Summer North American Bridge Championships. (See Hall of Fame Banquet)

**Summer Hall of Fame Committee Meeting** – Proposing Nominees and Recipients.

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The HoFC welcomes and orients new members. The committee begins its formal work by making a list of proposed candidates in the Open and von Zedtwitz categories, reserving Blackwood Award nominees as a separate group (as per the special criteria for their selection).

ACBL Management presents a proposed budget for the Hall of Fame Banquet for the following year to the HoFC. The committee reviews the proposed budget and makes recommendations to Management on any modifications.

After the Summer NABC, ACBL Management provides the HoFC with information packages on previously proposed names to assist the committee in the nominating process. ACBL Management shall also provide information packages on potential nominees turning 60 in the current year. Information provided shall include biographies of players from the *Official Encyclopedia of Bridge* (or previous Hall of Fame elections) and players' performance charts as described in Appendix I. The performance chart shall be prepared based upon a comparison of the player's biography in the encyclopedia and the player's tournament record as shown through a search of the ACBL Hall of Fame NABC data base. Any discrepancies between the performance records and the encyclopedia shall be identified and resolved. A subcommittee may be created to review performance charts and biographies.

The Veterans Committee presents its report to the Hall of Fame Committee.

### **SEPTEMBER /OCTOBER**

ACBL Management provides the HoFC with a list and biographies of suggested nominee names and/or supporting letters regarding nominees submitted by ACBL members during the nomination period. ACBL staff provides information on suggested nominees where requested by the chair.

The list compiled at the Summer HoFC meeting is fine-tuned by the committee by conference call. Names suggested by ACBL members are discussed and considered for addition to the list.

The HoFC Chair presents a report on the review of proposed nominees' disciplinary files.

### **NOVEMBER**

**Fall Hall of Fame Committee Meeting** – Nomination and Selection.

At this meeting, the HoFC members finalize the nominees in the three categories: Blackwood, von Zedtwitz and Open, and select the von Zedtwitz and Blackwood Award recipients. Living nominees not selected for the von Zedtwitz or Blackwood awards may be considered for the Open category.

Committee members unable attend the Fall HoFC Meeting in person or telephonically

may vote in advance based on this list. However, it is preferred that members not in

attendance participate by telephone, and vote after full discussion of proposed nominees.

There shall be no proxy voting.

Those selected for the Blackwood and von Zedtwitz Awards shall be notified without delay, after which the *NABC Daily Bulletin* shall publish an article announcing the recipients.

An Election Package Subcommittee consisting of at least two members of the HoFC and/or consultant(s) chosen by the committee shall review the entire election package for accuracy and completeness, giving final approval to ACBL Management for mailing. The election package shall consist of a cover letter, list of current Hall of Fame members, candidates' biographies, performance chart, ballot, and return envelope to the Director of Elections.

ACBL Management presents a plan for promoting the banquet for comment by the committee.

### **DECEMBER**

ACBL staff finalizes the masterpoints and rankings using the ACBL's December cycle run and adds Fall NABC tournament accomplishments to biographies and the performance chart.

ACBL Management mails each Open category nominee their updated encyclopedia biography and performance record for review and editing on or about December 10th. The nominee shall edit/approve the biography and return it to the ACBL no later than January 1. ACBL staff contacts nominees who have not returned the biography and/or approval to appear on the ballot.

### **JANUARY**

Between January 1 and January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Election Package Subcommittee reviews revisions made by nominees, verifies their accuracy, and decides what new material is worthy of inclusion in the biographies. Once the subcommittee review has been concluded, ACBL staff prepares the election packages. The HoFC Chair receives a fax copy of the election package to be printed and approves the mailing. ACBL staff mails the packages on or about January 10<sup>th</sup> and specifies the return date deadline, which should be approximately 4 weeks after the mailing date.

### **FEBRUARY**

The election period runs from the election package mailing date, to the day when the Director of Elections begins tabulation of the ballots which shall be approximately 10

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days after the deadline specified in the election package. Postmarking of the return ballot is irrelevant.

Ballots will be processed and counted by at least two independent parties (of whom, one will often be the ACBL Director of Elections). If a vote is close and the two counts don't agree, the ballots shall be recounted.

The Director of Elections shall notify the HoFC Chair of the results of the election. Either the HoFC Chair, the Director of Elections, or ACBL Management shall then notify all nominees, both winners and losers. Winners shall be called; losers may be notified by mail or e-mail. Once best efforts have been made to contact all nominees, the HoFC shall be notified and the ACBL web site shall post the new Hall of Fame inductees.

ACBL Management will order portraits of those entering the ACBL Hall of Fame.

### **MARCH**

The Spring *NABC Daily Bulletin* publishes the names of those entering the Hall of Fame in all three categories.

The ACBL Board approves new members to the Hall of Fame Committee.

#### **Spring Hall of Fame Committee Meeting – Post Mortem and Polishing.**

Newly appointed members whose terms begin after the Spring NABC may be invited to audit this meeting.

Between the fall and summer meetings, the HoFC reviews all its activities, rules, and procedures with a view toward making them better. Particular attention should be paid to previous problem areas:

- Ballot package accuracy and content,
- Completing committee and staff tasks in accordance with the timeline,
- Monitoring voting patterns and suggesting changes to the operating procedures when necessary.

The HoFC appoints new Veteran's Committee members if necessary.

### **APRIL/MAY**

New members are provided with a copy of the Hall of Fame Operating Procedures, the most recent election package and papers from the Hall of Fame document archive.

The *ACBL Bridge Bulletin* features an article recognizing the newly elected members to the ACBL Hall of Fame.

Veterans Committee members circulate names of possible recommendations for the von Zedtwitz Award. Management provides biographies and performance charts on them from previous HoFC documents or if unavailable, from the encyclopedia.

## **JUNE**

The Veterans Committee meets via conference call to prepare a short list of possible nominees for presentation at the Summer NABC. The Veterans Committee chair provides a written report on its recommendations to the Hall of Fame Committee.

### 7. Committee Operating Procedures

#### ***Subcommittees***

The chair of the HoFC may appoint subcommittees consisting of HoFC members and non-committee members. Subcommittees are advisory only, and shall report directly to the HoFC as a whole, which may approve, amend or reject the report of the subcommittee.

#### ***Meetings***

The HoFC shall meet at each NABC.

#### ***Agenda***

The chair shall prepare and distribute an agenda prior to each meeting.

#### ***Minutes***

Minutes of meetings shall be taken. After each meeting, draft minutes shall be presented to the HoFC members for additions and corrections. Minutes are presented for approval at the next regular meeting of the committee.

#### ***Quorum***

A quorum shall consist of 50% or more of the members of the Hall of Fame Committee, including its chair. If less than a quorum is present, motions may be discussed but not voted upon. A committee member connected by telephone shall be considered present for a quorum.

#### ***Voting***

A majority of the votes cast is necessary for passage of any motion, subject to quorum rules. Thus, if nine members serve on the Hall of Fame Committee, five are present, two abstain, and the other three vote, two to one in favor, the motion carries. Absentee voting and voting by conference call is permitted. Proxy voting is not permitted.

#### **Attendance**

Regular attendance is important to contributing to HoFC decisions and making a quorum. The chair may ask that a committee member resign if such member has not participated in committee functions, or has a poor attendance record. The ACBL Board *may* remove

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and/or replace committee members for any reason. Committee members shall make every effort to attend the meetings at NABCs.

### *Vacancy*

If for any reason a vacancy occurs on the Hall of Fame Committee, the chair may replace the former member for the balance of the former member's term, subject to the ACBL President's approval with due consideration of the guidelines in Section 2.

### 8. The Hall of Fame Banquet

#### **The Banquet:**

A black tie optional banquet for inducting new members into the ACBL Hall of Fame will be held at the Summer NABC. The primary focus of the banquet will be the Hall of Fame inductees.

#### **The Hall of Fame Banquet Committee and Chair:**

The Chairman of the HoFC will appoint a Banquet Chair from among the members of the Hall of Fame Committee. In the absence of a committee member to perform the duties involved, the HoFC Chair will appoint a Banquet Chair that will best serve the event. The Banquet Chair will select members of the Banquet Committee from within and outside the membership of the Hall of Fame Committee, as deemed appropriate. The Banquet Committee will assist the ACBL Hall of Fame staff person with the coordination, promotion, planning and conduct of the banquet.

#### **Master of Ceremonies and Presenters:**

The HoFC Chair and the ACBL CEO, or his designated representative will select the Master of Ceremonies. Presenters of living inductees will be selected by the inductee, subject to the approval of the HoFC chair. Presenters of deceased inductees will be selected by the Hall of Fame Chair, or his designated representative, after input from the inductee's family.

#### **Invitations:**

All ACBL members and guests will be invited to the Hall of Fame Banquet.

#### **Cost of Banquet:**

A proposed budget for the Hall of Fame Banquet for the following year will be presented by staff to the HoFC at the summer meeting. The committee will review the proposed budget and will make recommendations to Management on any modifications recommended.

#### **Promotion of Banquet:**

Staff will present a plan for promoting the banquet to the HoFC at the fall meeting.

**Awards and Recognitions:**

A plaque/award will be presented to each inductee or his representative. The official portrait of each inductee will be prominently displayed at the banquet.

Winners of NABC+ events and any ACBL members winning World Championships during the last year will be recognized during the ceremony.

A trophy will be presented to the recipient of the Sidney H. Lazard, Jr. Award for Sportsmanship.

**EVENTS ON THE HALL of FAME PERFORMANCE CHART**

- A. Finishing first or second (including ties) in the ACBL events listed below will be shown on the Hall of Fame Performance Chart.
- B. Finishing first, second or third (including ties) in the WBF events listed below will be shown on the Performance Chart.

**ACBL OPEN NABC ++ EVENTS**

Vanderbilt Knockout Teams  
Spingold Knockout Teams  
von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs  
Reisinger B-A-M Teams  
Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs  
Master Individual (1930 – 1960)

**ACBL WOMEN’S NABC ++ EVENTS**

Machlin Women’s Swiss Teams  
Wagar Women’s KO Teams  
Sternberg Women’s B-A-M Teams

**ACBL OTHER NABC + EVENTS**

**SPRING**

Silodor Open Pairs 1  
Wernher Open Pairs 2 (1934 – 2004)  
Jacoby Open Swiss Teams  
Rockwell Mixed Pairs (1946 - 1985)  
Whitehead Women’s Pairs  
Baldwin North American Pairs

**SUMMER**

Mixed B-A-M Teams (1929 – 2004)  
Grand National Teams

**FALL**

Nail Life Master Pairs  
Smith Life Master Women’s Pairs  
Mitchell Open B-A-M Teams  
Keohane North American Swiss Teams

**WBF OPEN TEAM EVENTS**

Bermuda Bowl  
World Olympiad Open Teams  
Rosenblum Teams  
World Open Pairs

**WBF WOMEN'S EVENTS**

McConnell Teams  
Venice Cup  
World Olympiad Women's Team  
World Women's Pairs

**WBF OTHER EVENTS**

World Transnational Mixed Pairs  
World Transnational Mixed Teams  
Transnational Open Teams  
Mixed Transnational Teams  
Senior Bowl

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#### **HALL OF FAME ELECTORS**

**The Electors of the ACBL Hall of Fame will be as follows:**

- A) All living Hall of Fame Members
- B) Paid-up ACBL Members in good standing, who reside in the U.S., Canada or Mexico, and
  - 1. Have won at least **five (5)** of the ACBL/WBF events shown below:

#### **ACBL ++ EVENTS**

Baldwin North American Pairs – Flight A  
Silodor Open Pairs  
Vanderbilt Knockout Teams  
Leventritt Silver Ribbon Pairs  
Rockwell Mixed Pairs  
Jacoby Open Swiss Teams  
Whitehead Women’s Pairs  
Machlin Women’s Swiss Teams  
Grand National Teams – Championship Flight  
von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs  
Spingold Knockout Teams  
Wernher Open Pairs  
Open Swiss Teams  
Wagar Women’s KO Teams  
Nail Life Master Open Pairs  
Mitchell Open B-A-M Teams  
Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs  
Reisinger B-A-M Teams  
Keohane North American Swiss Teams  
Smith Life Master Women’s Pairs  
Sternberg Women’s B-A-M Teams  
Master Individual (1931–60)

#### **WBF EVENTS**

Bermuda Bowl  
World Olympiad Open Teams  
Rosenblum Teams  
World Open Pairs  
World Mixed Pairs  
Senior Bowl  
Senior International Cup

Transnational Open Teams  
Transnational Mixed Teams  
McConnell Teams  
Venice Cup  
World Olympiad Women's Team  
World Women's Pairs

2. Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the following events counts as a win for determining the players that have won five events.

Vanderbilt Knockout Teams  
Spingold Knockout Teams  
Reisinger B-A-M Teams  
Wagar Women's Knockout Teams  
Bermuda Bowl  
World Olympiad Open Teams  
Rosenblum Teams  
McConnell Teams  
Venice Cup  
World Olympiad Women's Teams

- C. Up to 10 journalists, to be selected by the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) Executive Committee.
- D. ACBL Grand Life Masters (Life Members must have paid their service fees).
- E. World Grand Master