

## CHAPTER VII - INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

### B. WBF REPRESENTATIVES

#### Zone 2 Representatives to the World Bridge Federation (712-73)

Representatives of Zone 2 to the World Bridge Federation need not be members of the Board of Directors. Effective immediately

#### Proxy for ACBL Member(s) of WBF Council (833-35)

Moved, that in the event of the incapacity, or inability to act, of any previously designated and accredited ACBL member of the WBF Executive Council, at any meeting of said Council, the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League (WBF Zone II) hereby appoints and accredits, as its proxy for such missing member or members, its senior member (in length of continuous service) present at such meeting to cast the vote or votes of such missing member or members in any fashion said proxy deems proper.

#### Reimbursement of Expenses for WBF Representatives and ACBL Participants in International Events (923-62) (993-96) (093-20)

The following is a clarification of the current regulations governing the reimbursement of expenses for WBF Representatives and ACBL participants in international events:

- A. Reimbursement of Expenses for WBF elected representatives will be from the ACBL General Fund. Following are the regulations governing this reimbursement.
  - 3.1. Airfare - Actual ticket price reflecting the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates. In addition, reasonable actual expenses for transportation to and from airports at home and at the tournament location. There is no expense reimbursement for spouse/companion.
  - 3.2. Per diem - Regular ACBL per diem for each day of reimbursed lodging plus two days. The ACBL Board will consider paying a higher per diem to the WBF representatives if higher costs are involved due to location of the WBF meetings.
  - 3.3. Hotel - Actual double occupancy room cost at the headquarters hotel beginning no sooner than one day prior to the opening ceremony and concluding no later than the night of the day when the last official meeting/function was held. Payment for hotel expenses will not exceed seven (7) nights. Exception of this rule may be allowed to secure a less expensive air ticket in order to achieve overall savings.

WBF representatives, whether ACBL Board members or not, are expected to attend all regular WBF meetings held during the seven (7) days for which their hotel is reimbursed per 3.3 above, starting with the first meeting, and any special meetings called by the WBF President during that time period. In addition, WBF representatives are expected to attend WBF committee meetings of which they are members during that seven-day period. Failure to do so will result in a

reduction in the amount of expense reimbursement allowed, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as illnesses, as determined by the ACBL Treasurer.

Should a WBF representative be unable to attend WBF meetings, the President of the ACBL will serve as alternate. In the event that the President is himself a WBF representative or cannot attend, he will designate another member of the ACBL Board of Directors as alternate.

#### Election of WBF Representatives (962-121) (082-24)

When two or more positions for WBF representative exist, the election procedure is as follows:

1. Voters will vote for one position at a time. If the terms are different, the positions will be filled in order of term length starting with the longest or longer.
2. The voting will proceed as follows:
  - a. On the first ballot, each elector casts one vote. The candidate with the highest number of votes, if a majority, is elected.
  - b. If there is no nominee with a clear majority on the first ballot, the one nominee, if any, with the fewest number of votes is eliminated and another vote is taken. If there is no single nominee with the fewest number of votes, then no nominee is eliminated and another vote is taken.
3. Once the first position is filled, the process is repeated for the second and any subsequent position.

#### WBF Status Report (082-67)

A report shall be presented to the Board of Directors from the ACBL Representatives to the WBF prior to each meeting of the ACBL Board. This Report shall include but not be limited to the following information:

- Any actions by the WBF regarding World Bridge that have transpired since the last meeting of the ACBL Board.
- The agenda or any actions expected to come before the WBF prior to the next meeting of the ACBL Board.
- Financial information such as budgets, operating statements and balance sheets including explanations of unusual expenses.
- The assignments that ACBL representatives have in the WBF.
- Any compensation, reimbursement or benefits from the WBF to any ACBL Board of Directors member.

This report should be e-mailed to the ACBL Board of Directors at least 15 days prior to any ACBL Board meetings, or it may be included in the Journal.

WBF Representatives Reimbursement Policy and Hosting a WBF Special Meeting (103-68)

- A. No expenses will be paid by the ACBL to the ACBL's WBF representatives for attending the annual WBF Executive meeting.
- B. The ACBL will host, when held in Zone 2 during an NABC, a WBF Management Committee or Officers Meeting. No more than one such meeting shall be hosted per year.
- C. ACBL shall provide up to 50 room nights including one junior suite for up to five nights; light refreshments during the meeting; up to four lunches for ten people during the meetings; and appropriate meeting space for up to four days.