

CHAPTER VII – INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

B. WBF REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1 – Policy Re WBF Representatives

- 1.1 Representatives of Zone 2 to the World Bridge Federation need not be members of the Board of Directors.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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 should be emailed to the ACBL Board of Directors at least 15 days prior to any ACBL Board meetings, or it may be included in the Journal. This report shall include but not be limited to the following information:
 - a. Any actions by the WBF regarding World Bridge that have transpired since the last meeting of the ACBL Board.
 - b. The agenda or any actions expected to come before the WBF prior to the next meeting of the ACBL Board.
 - c. Financial information such as budgets, operating statements and balance sheets including explanations of unusual expenses.
 - d. The assignments that ACBL representatives have in the WBF.
 - e. Any compensation, reimbursement or benefits from the WBF to any ACBL Board of Directors member.

Section 2 – Election of WBF Representatives

- 2.1 When two or more positions for WBF representative exist, the election procedure is as follows:
 - 2.1.1 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.

2.1.2 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.
- c. Once the first position is filled, the process is repeated for the second and any subsequent position.

Section 3 - Reimbursement of Expenses

- 3.1 Airfare, hotel and per diem for ACBL representatives to attend World Bridge Federation Executive Council meetings are paid by the WBF.
- 3.2 WBF representatives, whether ACBL Board members or not, are expected to attend all regular WBF Executive Council meetings held during the seven days starting with the first meeting, and any special meetings called by the WBF President during that seven day time period. In addition, WBF representatives are expected to attend WBF committee meetings of which they are members during that seven day period, unless a representative is a member of two or more committees which are holding meetings at the same time, in which event the representative shall attend one of the conflicting committee meetings.
- 3.3 No expenses will be paid by the ACBL to the ACBL's WBF representatives for attending the annual WBF Executive meeting.

Section 4 – WBF Special Meeting

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 The 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 10 people during the meetings; and appropriate meeting space for up to four days.