

**ACBL Board of Directors  
Las Vegas Hilton  
July 14 – 17, 2008  
Las Vegas, NV**

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Morse on July 14, at 9 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Jonathan Steinberg #2, Joan Gerard #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Nadine Wood #6, Bruce Reeve #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Bill Cook #10, Beth Reid #11, William Arlinghaus #12, Harriette Buckman #13, Sue Himel #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, Jerry Fleming #17, Richard Anderson #18, Donald Mamula #19, Jeffrey Taylor #20, Roger Smith #21, Corinne Kirkham #22, Rand Pinsky #23, Al Levy #24, and Richard DeMartino #25.

Also

Present: Linda Mamula, Chairman Board of Governors; Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay Baum, CEO; Rick Beye, CTD; Gary Blaiss, EAO; staff, Natasha Brown, Patricia Glover, Julie Greenberg, Jim Miller, Dana Norton, Carol Robertson, Patty Tucker, and Kelley McGuire.

**Approval of Detroit Minutes**

The Detroit MI minutes are approved.

Carried.

**Executive Committee Minutes**

There were no Executive Committee minutes to be presented.

**Item 082-131: Ratification of Audit Firm**

Ratification of the Audit firm for 2008 is deferred to the Fall 2008 meeting.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-132: Election of ACBL President**

Jerry Fleming is elected ACBL President for a one-year term January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

**Reconsideration Item(s)**

Guest Travel for NABCs - Reconsideration failed.

**Non Agenda Items**

2014 Summer Las Vegas, NV assigned to Full Board.  
Life Master Requirements assigned to Life Master Committee.

Carried unanimously.

**ACBL CEO Report**

The report of CEO Jay Baum is received. (Attachment A)

**League Counsel Report**

The report of League Counsel Peter Rank on the status of litigation is received.  
(Attachment B)

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The meeting was called to order by President Dan Morse on Wednesday, July 16 at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday.  
Also Present: Same as Monday.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Gayle Andrews, District 22 Director.

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**APPEALS & CHARGES**

Heth (C) Steinberg (VC)  
Anderson Buckman Fleming Levy Smith

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 082-01: Report on Hearings**

In the matter of the review of the Unit 242 Disciplinary Committee decision regarding James R. Barush, ACBL # 7127391 in accordance with Section 7.2.6 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations:

The finding of guilt is affirmed.

The discipline imposed is modified as follows:

1. The 4.5 (four and one-half) month term suspension is increased to nine (9) months suspension.
2. The 7.5 (seven and one-half) month term of probation following the suspension is increased to three (3) years probation following the nine (9) months suspension.
3. The removal of all masterpoints, titles and/or awards won from January 1, 2007 through November 22, 2007 is affirmed.

Report is received.

<b>JUNIORS</b>			
Gerard (C)	Anderson (VC)		
Himel	Smith	Steinberg	Wood
Committee Report by Chairman			

A verbal report was given.

<b>MARKETING</b>					
Seals (C)					
Buckman	Harlan	Heth	Kirkham	Levy	Taylor
Committee Report by Chairman					

A verbal report was given.

<b>BOARD OPERATIONS</b>								
Harlan (C)		Wood (VC)						
Buckman	Gerard	Himel	Kirkham	Levy	Reid	Seals	Steinberg	Taylor
Committee Report by Chairman								

**Item 082-20: ACBL Board of Directors Documents**

The following board documents are approved:

- Board Member Protocol
- Skills Assessment
- Board of Directors Job Description
- Board Member Standards of Conduct
- Welcoming Pamphlet

Deferred to the Fall 2008 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-21: ACBL Board of Directors Agenda Items and Amendments**

Chapter IV, Board Procedures, C Meetings, Section 3, Paragraph 3.5 is amended as follows:

- 3.5.1 No motion or proposed amendments to motions may be substantively changed from the presentation in the journal. However, an amendment that is in conflict with the spirit of the original motion submitted, and yet still relevant to it, is in order. The ACBL President, Chairman of the appropriate committee and ACBL League Counsel will make the determination as to whether or not a revised motion or proposed amendment is, in fact, a new concept that would require a new motion to be submitted to the journal at a subsequent meeting.
- 3.5.2 If it is determined that the proposed motion or amendment is in order, no vote will be taken until Board members have been presented with a written copy of the revised and/or amended motion.

Effective Date: Immediately

Carried.       Nay: 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 19.

**Item 082-22: Board of Directors Attendance at Board of Governors Meeting**

ACBL Board members (BoD) wishing reimbursement for the additional nights of hotel and per diem that are paid for attending the Board of Governors (BoG) meeting may not play in any bridge event that will or may preclude their attendance at any part of the BoG meeting.

Effective immediately.

Carried.       Nay: 2, 3, 24, 25.

**Item 082-23: ACBL President's Suite**

The ACBL President's suite at NABCs will be closed to the general public.

Effective January 1, 2009

Motion Failed.       Aye: 1, 18, 20, 22.

**Item 082-24: ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code**

Chapter IV, Board Procedures, A. Administration, Section 5, ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code, be amended by replacing 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10 and 5.11 with the following:

- 5.7 The ACBL President will receive complaints from any member of the Board of Directors or the CEO concerning inappropriate behavior of a board member. The President may refer complaints to the Board Oversight Committee. In the event that the President declines to refer a complaint to the Board Oversight Committee, the complainant may take the complaint to the Chairman of the Board Oversight Committee for further review. The committee will review the facts of the case, make any necessary inquiries of the parties involved and make a recommendation to the ACBL President, who will present the case to the Board of Directors if consequences are recommended. The committee may decide that no consequences are appropriate. Nothing in this resolution will replace or abrogate ACBL Human Resources policy or the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations with regard to sexual harassment of ACBL, District or Unit employees.
- 5.8 Offenses for which board members may be referred to the Board Oversight Committee include, but are not limited to:
- 5.8.1 Inappropriate communication with any ACBL employee by telephone, mail, email or in person. Inappropriate communication includes, but is not limited to, condescending, rude or insulting remarks, and requests for significant amounts of information without going through the appropriate committee chairman.
  - 5.8.2 Sexually explicit remarks or behavior toward any employee.
  - 5.8.3 Condescending, rude or insulting remarks made to another board member or Chairman of the Board of Governors in a board meeting or by phone, mail, or email.
  - 5.8.4 Conduct that would embarrass or damage the credibility of the ACBL or the Board of Directors.
  - 5.8.5 Discussing any personnel matter, other than in a private conversation, in any forum except an Executive Session of the Board of Directors.
  - 5.8.6 Breaching the confidentiality of any ACBL business discussion designated as confidential.
- 5.9 Any board member accused of an offense will be informed of the details of such offense and have the right to address the Oversight Committee and present evidence before any action is taken. All information obtained will be kept confidential, except as set forth below in 5.10.
- 5.10 In most cases an informal discussion with the offending Board member and the President or the Oversight committee will be sufficient. For serious offenses stronger consequences may be recommended by the Board Oversight Committee, which include, but are not limited to:

5.10.1 Submittal of a motion to the Board of Directors for a private censure in an Executive Session.

5.10.2 Submittal of a motion to the Board of Directors for a public censure to be included in the minutes. The motion will only say that the board has censured the member.

5.10.3 Submittal of a motion to the Board of Directors for removal of the board member for cause. If such a motion is introduced, procedures in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised for Trial of Members, should be followed, subject to the ACBL Bylaws.

5.11 Any board member accused of an offense will have the right to address the Board, present evidence and have a representative present before any action is taken.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

<b>GOVERNANCE</b>					
Cook (C)	Himel (VC)				
Harlan	Mamula	Pinsky	Reid	Seals	Taylor

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 082-85: New Unit in District 7**

A new unit is formed that will encompass Glynn County in southeastern Georgia.

Carried.      Nay: 1, 6, 7, 8, 12.      Abstain: 3, 13, 19, 24, 25.

**Item 082-86: Laws of Bridge**

The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge is a reference to The Laws of Duplicate Bridge and vice versa.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-87: Per Diem Rate**

The per diem meal rate for authorized travel by ACBL representatives to the WBF, by members of the ACBL Board of Directors and by the ACBL President is set according to IRS standards or, where applicable, to State Department standards accepted by the IRS for the destination city.

Effective October 1, 2008.

Carried.        Nay: 20

**Item 082-88: Unit Requirements, Privileges and Responsibilities**

The ACBL Handbook, Chapter 3, Section Two and Section Three, is amended as follows:

**SECTION TWO: REQUIREMENTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

A unit functions as an organization chartered by ACBL, which, in accordance with its charter, supervises and promotes many, but not all, aspects of ACBL bridge within its boundaries. (See the ACBL Unit agreement.) It has the exclusive right to conduct all sectionals held within its territory. In addition, it may obtain sanctions from ACBL to organize and conduct other games such as unit championships, unit-wide games, unit charity games and extended team events, and club games. The regulations that govern these events appear in Chapters 4 and 5.

**I. UNIT REQUIREMENTS**

A unit must meet the following ACBL requirements to receive and maintain its ACBL charter:

- Hold an annual membership meeting.
- Produce a written annual financial statement and make it available to its district director and any of its members upon request.
- Adopt bylaws that are consistent with those of ACBL and file a copy with ACBL. On request, ACBL will provide copies of typical unit bylaws.
- Conduct at least one sectional tournament every two years. (A waiver, for cause, may be granted by the district.)
- Select a standing disciplinary chairperson and otherwise comply with Section 1.1 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. See Chapter 11.
- Elect a unit board of directors in accordance with its bylaws.
- Process reports of dishonest or unethical conduct by participants in sanctioned games at clubs under its jurisdiction, and discipline members guilty of such conduct in a manner fully consistent with the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. See Chapter 11 and Appendix D.
- Process reports of dishonest, unethical, or improper conduct by participants in sanctioned games at unit events or tournaments under its jurisdiction and discipline members guilty of such conduct in a manner fully consistent with the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. See Chapter 11 and Appendix D.
- Select a designated unit electronic contact (UEC).

**II. UNIT PRIVILEGES**

As an organization chartered by ACBL, the unit has certain privileges. The Unit receives a share of ACBL membership fees as established by the ACBL Board of Directors and may:

- Conduct up to 16 (note: up to 24 effective 1/1/09) unit championship sessions per year.

- Hold up to four sectional-rated charity sessions per year.
- Run games on behalf of ACBL and/or the district where there is a void.
- Participate in elections for District Director, First and Second Alternate Directors and Board of Governors Representatives.

### **III. UNIT ACTIVITIES**

A unit is encouraged to carry out the following:

- Conduct sectional tournaments and regional and/or NABC tournaments when authorized by the district.
- Perform basic marketing functions as established by the ACBL Board of Directors.
- Encourage people to conduct ACBL-sanctioned club games within the unit.
- Promote the development and enrollment of bridge players as members of ACBL.
- Promote interest in duplicate bridge by providing a continuous and attractive program of bridge events to supplement those offered by clubs with sanctioned games.
- Cooperate with the district and ACBL in the promotion of district-wide and ACBL-wide tournaments.
- Establish and maintain amicable relations with neighboring units, the district and conferences, thus fostering cooperation on matters of mutual interest.
- Select people to fill the positions of Education Liaison, Tournament Coordinator and Intermediate/Newcomer Coordinator.
- Conduct other activities in keeping with its purposes.

### **IV. LOSS OF UNIT STATUS AND PRIVILEGES**

Units must comply with the requirements set forth in II above. Failure to do so will result in an initial penalty of the withholding of a Unit's share of membership dues and service fee rebates until it is in compliance with this regulation. Continuation of non-compliance may result in further action up to and including revocation of the Unit's Charter.

## **SECTION THREE:**

### **III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Unit members elect the unit board of directors for the terms of office defined by the unit bylaws. All unit board members must be active ACBL members and must belong to ACBL through the units they represent. The unit board manages and conducts the affairs of the unit. Should a board member leave office before his or her term expires, vacancies will be filled according to the unit's bylaws.

Active, rated tournament directors and any other permanent ACBL employees may not serve as voting members of unit and/or district boards.

Effective date: Immediate.

Carried unanimously.

### **Item 082-89: Unit 473 and Unit 465 Transfer**



Reno Unit #473 and Carson/Tahoe Unit 465 is transferred from District 20 to District 21.

1. District 20 will host the 2010 Reno NABC.
2. District 21 will allow District 20 to conduct the Reno Regional at the dates currently scheduled through 2010.

Effective as soon as can be implemented by Management.

Carried. Nay: 4, 7.

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### **Executive Session**

At 1:15 p.m. on July 15, 2008, the Board of Directors met in Executive Session to consider the Report of the Real Estate Committee, Item 082. After due discussion by the Board of Directors, the following motion was moved, seconded and passed.

RESOLVED: that, contingent on relocation incentives that can be realized, management is directed to find a new site for the ACBL headquarters in the Memphis metropolitan area. Further, management is authorized to hire a consultant to deal with incentives. The RFP requirements for the hiring of such a consultant are waived.

The Board reconvened at 3 p.m.

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### **BYLAWS & COMPLIANCE**

Himel (C)  
DeMartino Heth Mamula, D. Mamula, L. (BoGC)  
Committee Report by Chairman

A verbal report was given.

### **INTERNATIONAL & ZONAL**

Arlinghaus (C)  
Anderson Cook Gerard Levy Retek Robinson  
Committee Report by Chairman

### **Item 082-65: WBF Constitution**

The ACBL Board of Directors advises their WBF representatives that it opposes any bylaw changes that would reduce the decision-making power of Zone 2 within the WBF.

Carried.        Nay: 3, 5, 9.

**Item 082-66: WBF Zonal Authority Action**

The ACBL Board of Directors receives the information requested below:

Chapter VII. A.

Zonal Authority Action (081-65)

- A. The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), acting as the WBF Zone 2 Authority, expresses its disapproval of all non-bridge related public statements and demonstrations by any Zone 2 federation representative participating in an international bridge competition.
- B. The ACBL requests that the federations in the jurisdiction of Zone 2 adopt regulations disallowing such public statements and demonstrations.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-67 WBF Status Report**

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.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 4

**LIFE MASTER REQUIREMENTS**

Arlinghaus (C)

Buckman Gerard Heth Pinsky Seals

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 082-140: Life Master Requirements**

The requirements for Life Master are modified to include earning 500 points, of which 250 must be pigmented as follows:

50 must be gold or platinum

50 must be red, gold or platinum  
75 must be silver  
75 must be black

These requirements do not apply to people who are ACBL members as of December 31, 2009 and maintain continuous membership in the ACBL until they achieve Life Master status. These players will attain Life Master status upon earning 300 points, of which 150 must be pigmented as follows:

25 must be gold  
25 must be red or gold  
50 must be silver  
50 must be black  
(the rules in effect July 1, 2008)

For members achieving Life Master under the modified rules, the rank of Bronze Life Master is abolished. For these members, a new rank of Advanced NABC Master is created. The requirements for this rank are 300 masterpoints, of which 150 must be pigmented as follows:

25 must be gold or platinum  
25 must be red, gold or platinum  
50 must be silver  
50 must be black  
(these are the requirements for Life Master in effect July 1, 2008)

Effective January 1, 2010

Carried unanimously.

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The meeting was called to order by President Dan Morse on Thursday, July 17, at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday.  
Also Present: Same as Monday.

The ACBL Board of Directors adjourned its meeting and reconvened as the ACBL Educational Foundation to hold its annual membership meeting.

### **Educational Foundation Membership Meeting**

The membership meeting of the ACBL Educational Foundation was called to order by Jim Kirkham, Educational Foundation Trustee.

The Bylaws of the Educational Foundation were approved.

The ACBL Educational Foundation adjourned and the ACBL Board of Directors reconvened at 9:25 a.m.

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**BRIDGE**

Wood (C)      Arlinghaus (VC)  
DeMartino   Gerard   Kirkham   Levy   Retek   Robinson

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 082-30: STaC Sessions**

A scheduled STaC session may be held in lieu of an ACBL-wide special event.

Effective September 1, 2008

Carried.      Nay: 23

**Item 082-32: Guidelines for ACBL Club Games**

Item 073-57 B. 1. is amended as follows:

ACBL management has the right to cancel a club director's accreditation for cause upon thirty days notice to the club director. Any one of the following shall constitute "cause" for cancellation of accreditation: direction of a club game out of compliance with ACBL regulations, unsuitable club venue or discriminatory practices by the club director as set forth in this Handbook. A cancellation of accreditation is for a fixed period of time whereupon the club director may apply for reinstatement of accreditation. ACBL management may require a new Directors examination as a condition for reinstatement of accreditation. Alternatively a cancellation may be permanent without the possibility of reinstating accreditation.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-33: Host Portion of NABC Entry Fees**

Item 033-31: NABC Entry Fees is rescinded:

“Of the NABC entry fee increase, 25% of the per table increase will be directed toward the ‘per table fee to locals’ line item.”

Effective January 1, 2009

Carried. Nay: 6, 7, 12.

**Item 082-34: NABC Appeals**

ACBL Tournament Directors will hear and rule upon all bridge appeals filed in NABC+ events.

Effective January 1, 2009.

Motion Failed: Aye: 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22.

**Item 082-36: NAP/GNT Residency Guidelines**

The following guidelines for NAP/GNT Residency exceptions are adopted.

**NAP/GNT Residency Requirements – Background**

The North American Pairs and Grand National Teams were created initially with the expectation that players would play in and represent the districts in which they lived. They were to be "grass roots" events. As time passed, implementation of this original intent became increasingly difficult and, as a result, numerous abuses occurred where players were often not playing in the district in which they lived. This was especially true in the top flight of the GNT where expert partnerships are often established over increasingly large geographical distances. Several years ago, a BOD Committee was established to address this issue. After lengthy and extended deliberations over two years, in an effort to restore the integrity of the original intent of these two great events, the BOD approved the following measures:

For the GNTs: A member's principal physical residence as of September 1 of the year prior to the National Final shall establish the district in which said member is eligible to participate beyond the club qualifying stage. For the NAPs: A member's principal residence as of June 1 of the year prior to the National Final shall establish the district in which the member is eligible to participate beyond the club level.

The expectation is that exceptions to this rule will be rare, especially in the top flight of each event. A player seeking an exception must obtain permission in writing from the ACBL District Director representing the district in which the member has a principal

residence and from the ACBL District Director representing the district in which the member wishes to play. Both District Directors must approve the request for the exception to be granted. Further, any exceptions in the top flight must also be approved by a BOD Credentials Committee. The expectation is that District Directors will approve and forward requests to the Credentials Committee only in very special cases (see below). There is no appeal from the Credentials Committee decision.

The Credentials Committee (CC) is also responsible for clarifying which district a player is allowed to play in when said player's eligibility is in question. When a challenge to one's eligibility from a unit final stage or later stage has been made, the CC may request documentary evidence from the member whose eligibility is in question. If a member is unable to verify to the CC's satisfaction that he or she is playing in the district of the member's principal residence, the CC shall automatically disqualify the member and his or her partner and teammates (if the event is the GNT). When a member is disqualified by the CC, the matter will be referred to the ACBL President who may choose to make charges to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee in accordance with section 2.2.3 (d) of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

The BOD and the Credentials Committee both recognize that implementation of these measures may inconvenience some members who were granted exceptions in previous years. Nevertheless, the general consensus is that implementation and strict interpretation of these measures is necessary to restore the integrity of these events. The alternative, which was carefully considered by the BOD, was to eliminate these two great events from our schedule.

#### Guidelines for Exceptions:

As noted above, the expectation is that exceptions will be rare. Following are three situations where an exception may be considered:

- “Snowbird”. A member with seasonal residences who spends more than half of the GNT (September 1 – February 28) or NAP (June 1 – August 31) qualifying period in a district other than the district of his principal physical residence may play in the district of seasonal residence. If he chooses to do so, he must play in that district's district finals to be eligible to play in the national finals. Such a player will not be eligible to be added to a team from the district of his principal residence.
- A player with multiple domiciles should apply to the Credentials Committee for a one-time choice of district in which he wishes to play. This player may be asked to document his time in each of his residences. The player must spend at least three months each year in a district in order to have it considered as a domicile possibility. Once a player chooses a district in which to play, he must play only in that district until he no longer has a domicile in that district.

A participant who is a full-time student, a member of the armed forces or whose employment requires temporary relocation may play in the District in which he temporarily resides.

- In rare cases, a player who is a member of a unit in a district in which he does not reside may seek permission to play in the district in which he has a unit membership. Such an exception will be considered only if all of the conditions below are met:
  - Lives sufficiently close to the district borders
  - Has been a member of the unit in which he wishes to play for at least 5 years continuously prior to the start of the competition in the year for which the exception is being requested.
  - Must not have played in the GNT or NAP in another district for that period of time. (The 2006/2007 GNT or NAP is not considered for this requirement.)
  - Must have been actively involved as a volunteer in the Unit or District in which he wishes to play for at least two years. Possibilities include, but are not limited to: Unit or District Board Member, Chair of NABC or major NABC Committee, District or Unit Recorder, Tournament Chair, or Club Manager.

Note: Simply playing bridge in the other District/Unit or having a regular partner who resides in the other District is not considered sufficient reason for an exception to the “play where you live” rule.

Any player seeking an exception for this reason must document the reasons why an exception should be considered and send it to both District Directors involved, as described above. The District Director of the District in which the player is a member must confirm the fact that the player has been an active volunteer in the District (or Unit) where the player does not live before forwarding such requests to the Credentials Committee (top flight only).

Should an exception be granted for this reason, the player is eligible to play only in that district and may not change unit affiliation unless the player’s principal physical residence changes.

Effective date: Immediately

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 24.

<b>CONDITIONS of CONTEST</b>
Reeve (C)



**Item 082-55: Conditions of Contest for 2009 – 2010**

The Conditions of Contest for 2009 – 2010 are approved.

The GNT CoC are amended to include the following participation requirements:

Every team member of every team must play at least half of the scheduled boards of each day of the event (exclusive of play-offs) in order to continue participating on that team for the remainder of the event. The team captain may submit an application for exemption from the requirements of this paragraph to the Director in Charge but must do so (other than for emergencies) prior to entering the team.

Effective January 1, 2009

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-56: Reisinger Conditions of Contest**

The Reisinger Conditions of Contest are amended as shown:

Each team must select a captain, playing or non-playing, who will be responsible for all official representations to the tournament director or committee. The captain, or his designee, must enter the team not later than two hours prior to game time. At that time the completed entry must include a listing of the names of all players and a notation as to who is captain.

Effective January 1, 2009

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-57: NABC Qualifying Pairs Comparison Groups**

All Conditions of Contest for major pair events in all flights are changed as noted:

For the first two qualifying sessions, the field will be divided into comparison/qualifying groups of two or three sections.

Effective January 1, 2009

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-58: Knock Out Teams Conditions of Contest**

The Knock Out Team General Conditions of Contest are amended to include:

A board that is not scheduled for play in a particular match/segment will not be counted towards the result of that match/segment even if played at both tables. The determination of which boards are scheduled for play in any match/segment rests solely with the Director.

Effective January 1, 2009

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-59: Mini Spingold Conditions of Contest**

First day pairings in both Flights may include two-way, three-way and/or four-way matches. The DiC will create a bracket that is to the best playing advantage of the field.

Effective January 1, 2009

Carried unanimously.

**TOURNAMENTS**

Arlinghaus (C)

Anderson Gerard Kirkham Levy Robinson Seals Steinberg Taylor

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 082-120: Platinum Pairs**

The Platinum Pairs is established as an annual event, subject to a BoD approved schedule, starting in 2010. This will be a six-session qualification pair event open to members that have won 50 or more platinum points in the three years prior to the event.

Effective 2010 NABC

Deferred to Fall 2008 NABC.

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 20.

**Item 082-121: Hand Records**

Units holding sectionals on the same weekend will be permitted, at their election, to use identical hand records for pair events and receive extra points based on the highest scores reported from the participating units.

Motion failed. Aye: 8, 11, 15.

**FINANCE AND BUDGET**

Fleming (C) Robinson (VC)  
Cook DeMartino Mamula Reid Retek

Committee Report by Chairman

A verbal report was given.

**AUDIT**

Retek (C)  
Pinsky Reid

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 082-10: Audit Procedures**

The Charter of the ACBL Audit Committee is approved. (Attachment C)

Carried unanimously.

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**082-134: Education Status Report**

The Education status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

**082-135: Intermediate Newcomer Status Report**

The Special events status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-137: Summer 2013 NABC**

Management is authorized to negotiate and sign a contract for the 2013 Summer NABC to the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, GA for the following dates August 1 – August 11, 2013.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-138: Fall 2013 NABC**

Management is authorized to negotiate and sign a contract for the 2013 Fall NABC to the Sheraton in Phoenix, AZ for the following dates November 28 – December 8, 2013.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 082-139: Summer 2014 NABC**

Management is authorized to negotiate and sign a contract for the 2014 Summer NABC at the Hilton in Las Vegas, NV for the following dates July 17 – July 27, 2014.

Carried unanimously.

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**Closing Remarks**

It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 17 and its units, District Director Jerry Fleming, Tournament Chairman Ken Monzingo, Assistant Chairman Bonnie Bagley and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Las Vegas Hilton for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 12:35 p.m.