

**Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
Las Vegas, NV
July 20, 2008**

Linda Mamula, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, July 20, 2008 at 9:35 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Chairman Mamula welcomed the new members of the Board of Governors.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held March 9, 2008 in Detroit MI are approved.

Carried.

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The meeting of the Board of Governors was recessed for the start of the annual membership meeting.

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Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the American Contract Bridge League convened at 9:40 a.m. Dan Morse, ACBL President, presided. Morse announced that there was not a quorum.

President Morse announced that Roger Smith, District 21 Board of Directors, is leaving office on August 15, 2008.

Being no further business, the annual membership meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m. The Board of Governors reconvened from recess.

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CEO's Report

Jay Baum presented the CEO's report. Attachment A

League Counsel's Report

Peter Rank presented the League Counsel's report. Attachment B

Treasurer's Report

Craig Robinson, ACBL Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. Attachment C

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mamula presented her report on the meeting of the Board of Directors. (See Board Minutes)

Motions for Reconsideration

Moved and seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors reconsider Item 082-140 Life Master Requirements adding a requirement that platinum, gold, red, and silver points be won in pair games.

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.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Moved by Jay Apfelbaum, District 4 and seconded that no person may be prevented from active, in-hearing, representation at any hearing held by an ACBL disciplinary body merely because they hold a law degree and/or are or were licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction.

Carried by a substantial majority.

Moved and seconded that the ACBL policy disallowing cell phones and other electronic devices at NABC+ events should be modified to allow possession of those devices provided they are turn off and placed in an approved envelope.

Motion failed.

Nominations

Nominations were opened for Chairman for the Board of Governors:

Michael Kovacich (District 7) was nominated for the office of Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Nominations were opened for Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors.

No nominations were made.

Nominations were closed after no further nominations were made from the floor.

Michael Kovacich was elected as Chairman to the Board of Governors to serve a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2010.

Approval of New Life Masters

Moved by Aileen Osofsky, District 24, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#88724 to 89720) will be designated as Life Masters.

Carried unanimously.

Thanks for Hospitality

Moved by Aileen Osofsky (District 24) and carried unanimously, that the sincere thanks of the Board of Governors will be extended to District 17 and its units, District Director Jerry Fleming and Tournament Chairman Ken Monzingo and 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 of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:35 a.m.