

## Junior Committee Meeting

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 at noon

Chair: Paul Janicki

Members: Joan Gerard, Barbara Heller, Bob Heller, Georgia Heth, Nadine Wood

ACBL: Vicki Campbell, Dana Norton

Barbara Heller has joined this Committee in May; welcome!

### 2010 Youth NABC update

- oral report from Dana and Vicki
- 86 registrations to-date; possible reasons for the decrease are the site (New Orleans is not a great city for youth to come to) and economy.
- We discussed the idea of expanding the youth lounge at the future Youth NABCs

Request that the junior/youth information be placed with all other information and pamphlet tables (it seems that placing it at a separate location in Reno did not work out).

Barbara told us about plans of the Atlanta Junior Bridge (AJB). They are in discussion with the Education Department of the State of Georgia to allow teaching bridge in middle schools and accept AJB's teachers' manual to use for a nine-week course. The manual has a catchy title – 'Bridge: A Path to Math (and much more)'; it has almost 300 pages, yet it is simple and has great clarity. The new edition will soon be available on 'Bridge Teachers for Youth' website in PDF format.

Georgia reported that the attendance in District 8 youth camp was up by 50%, although a 100% was hoped for. A possible reason was that the camp was held over Fourth of July holiday, which is a popular time period for other activities.

We discussed plans for the Junior reception, including a tribute for Aileen Osofsky, a presentation of the US junior teams, as well as the presentation of Youth and Junior representatives.

We will work on and would like to see more emphasis on the 'Junior Day' at the NABCs, especially the Spring and Fall NABC; we should try to make sure that there is a special junior event at each of them