

**ACBL Board of Directors  
Louisville, KY  
March 7 – 10, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Robinson on Monday, March 7 at 8:35 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Joan Gerard #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Margot Hennings #6, Bob Heller #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Bill Cook #10, Beth Reid #11, William Arlinghaus #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, Bonnie Bagley #17, Claire Jones #18, Donald Mamula #19, Merlin Vilhauer #20, Bruce Blakely #21, Ken Monzingo #22, Rand Pinsky #23, Al Levy #24, and Richard DeMartino #25.

Absent: Paul Janicki #2

Also

Present: Michael Kovacich, Chairman Board of Governors, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Jay Baum, CEO, Dee Wallace, Jeff Johnston, Butch Campbell, Vicki Campbell, Patricia Glover, Joe Jones, Jim Miller, Dana Norton, Carol Robertson, Sol Weinstein, Sam Whitten, and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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**Approval of Orlando Minutes**

The Orlando, FL minutes are approved.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-145 Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes of the executive committee meetings on December 27, 2010 and January 7, 2011 are received.

**MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**December 27, 2010**

*The Executive Committee met December 27, 2010 at 6 p.m. CST, by conference call, to approve the following:*

*Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Richard DeMartino, President; Jerry Fleming, Chairman; Georgia Heth, Al Levy. Rand Pinsky (alternate for Donald Mamula) missed the phone call but called in his vote a few minutes after the phone call was concluded.*

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*Re: 2019 Fall NABC, San Francisco and ACBL Masterpoints awarded for Philadelphia 2010*

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*The committee addressed two motions which had previously been e-mailed to the full board.*

*Moved that the 2019 Fall NABC be held at the San Francisco Marriott as the host hotel.*

*Carried unanimously.*

*Moved that the following ACBL Masterpoints be awarded, effective with Philadelphia 2010:*

<u>WBF Event Award</u>	<u>WBF Award</u>	<u>Closest NABC Equivalent</u>	<u>Masterpoint</u>
IMP Pairs	300	IMP Pairs	100
Mixed Teams	138	Master Mixed Teams	70

*Carried. Nay: Fleming*

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.*

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**MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**January 7, 2011**

*The Executive Committee met January 7, 2011 at 11 a.m. CST, by conference call, to approve the following:*

*Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Craig Robinson, President; Richard DeMartino, Chairman; Bill Cook, Treasurer; (non voting member) Georgia Heth, Al Levy and Rand Pinsky.*

*Also present were Jay Baum, CEO; Jim Miller, Kelley McGuire.*

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*RE: ACBL Masterpoint Races*

*ACBL masterpoints awarded for WBF Championships events will be accredited to the same ACBL masterpoint races as if they had been won at an ACBL event.*

*Barry Crane Top 500  
Senior Masterpoint Race  
All Mini-McKenney races  
Youth  
Juniors  
All District races  
All Unit races*

*Effective immediately.*

*Carried unanimously.*

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.*

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**Non Agenda Item**

Item 111-39 Seeding Method was accepted as a non-agenda item and assigned to the Conditions of Contest Committee.

**Item 111-146: Election of Treasurer**

Bill Cook is elected ACBL treasurer for a one-year term from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-147: Appointments to Hall of Fame Committee**

Mike Passell, Ralph Katz and David Berkowitz are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2014 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-148: Appointments to Competitions & Conventions**

Doug Doub, Bob Hamman, Elaine Said, and Jonathan Weinstein are appointed for one-year terms from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2012 NABC.

Mildred Breed is appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2014 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-149: Appointments to Ethical Oversight**

Dennis Clerkin, Eric Rodwell, Arnold Fisher, Cheri Bjerkan, and Bob Glasson are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2014 NABC.

Carried.      Nay: 1, 19.      Abstain: 8

**Item 111-150: Appointments to ACBL Disciplinary Committee**

Lisa Berkowitz, Nagy Kamel and Tom Peters are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2014 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-151: Appointments to ACBL Laws Commission**

Peter Boyd, Gary Blaiss and Howard Weinstein are appointed for five-year terms from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2016 NABC.

**Pension Plan Report**

Stan Subeck, Pension Plan Trustee, reported informally on the Pension Plan.

**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)

**Item 111-152: 2018 Fall NABC San Francisco, CA**

2018 Fall NABC to be held in San Francisco, CA at either the Hilton or Marriott hotels in San Francisco, CA November 22 – December 2 passed at the Fall 2010 meeting in Orlando is rescinded.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-153: Education Status Report**

The education status report is received. (Attachment C)

**Item 111-154: Special Events Status Report**

The special events status report is received. (Attachment D)

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The Board went into Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. No actions were reported. Upon conclusion of the Executive session, the Board of Directors recessed and reconvened in open session on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 9 a.m.

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The meeting was called to order by President Craig Robinson on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, March 7, with the addition of Paul Janicki, #2.  
Also Present: Same as Monday, March 7

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<b>Internet Bridge</b>	
Levy (C), Jones (VC)	
Arlinghaus, Blakely, Monzingo, Vilhauer	Staff: Campbell, B.
Committee Report by Chairman	

**Item 111-110: Robot Points**

ACBL masterpoints shall not be awarded in any game that includes one or more robots as participants.

Effective January 1, 2012

Motion failed: Aye: 5, 7, 9, 22.

**Item 111-111: Sanctioned Online Games**

The following regulations for sanctioned online play are adopted:

- A player may not enter more than two ACBL-sanctioned online games of any kind in any 60-minute period.

All other regulations regarding online bridge remain in effect as is, including the following:

- All masterpoints won online continue to count toward a player's total.
- Online masterpoints continue to not count toward masterpoint races such as the McKenney and Mini McKenney.
- Online races, as currently established, continue.
- Online masterpoints continue to be unpigmented, with no online masterpoints needed for any Rank advancement.
- The regulation that no more than 1/3 of the total masterpoints required for Rank advancement can be attributed to online masterpoints continues. For example, to become a Gold LM (2,500 masterpoints required, with certain pigmentation) no more than 833.33 masterpoints can count toward the 2,500 masterpoint requirement.
- Online masterpoints continue to count 100% toward strat and flight advancement.
- Robot games continue to run as an Individual event.

Effective July 1, 2011

Carried unanimously.

**Ranking**

Jones (C), Arlinghaus (VC)  
Gerard, Heller, Janicki, Levy, Subeck

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto.  
(Attachment E)

**Bylaw**

Harlan (C), Janicki (VC)  
Arlinghaus, Blakely, Heth, Monzingo, Vilhauer

Staff: Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 111-50: ACBL President / Chairman Qualifications**

The ACBL Bylaws are amended to read as follows:

**ACBL Officers.**

6.1.1 President. The Board of Directors shall elect from among its members a President of the ACBL to serve for the following calendar year or until a successor is elected. A person may only serve as president if he is also serving as a member of the Board of Directors. ~~The President may serve his term of office if he is not re-elected to the Board of Directors. The President shall be entitled to vote provided the President is a Director.~~

6.1.2 Chairman. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be the immediate past President of the ACBL if he is the director from his district. If the immediate past President of the ACBL is not the director from his district, the most recent past President serving as a director shall be the chairman. The Chairman shall serve for a period of one (1) year beginning at the expiration of his term of office as President or until his successor shall take office. ~~The Chairman may serve his term of office if he is not reelected to the Board of Directors. The Chairman shall be entitled to vote provided the Chairman is an elected Director~~

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-51: Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation ACBL, Inc.**

The attached Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the American Contract Bridge League, Inc. as amended is submitted to the membership for its approval at the 2011 annual membership meeting. (Attachment F)

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-52: Voting Electronically**

Chapter 4.C.4.4 is amended as follows:

**4.4 Electronic Voting**

When voting on a motion to be approved by unanimous written consent pursuant to New York Code Section 708(b), the Board may do so electronically (by e-mail or facsimile).

Each member's vote must contain a fax or e-mail copy of the voter's signature to be valid.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.



**Item 111-53: Amendment of Chapter IV, Section E.1.1.5.1 - Meetings**

The second sentence of Chapter IV, Section E.1.1.5.1 of the Codification is deleted.

Effective immediately

Motion failed.           Aye: None

**Item 111-54: Chapter IV, Section E.1.1.1.1 - Executive Committee**

The first sentence of Chapter IV, Section E.1.1.1.1 of the Codification shall is amended to read as follows:

The purpose of the Executive Committee is to transact business of a time sensitive nature requiring action between Board of Directors meetings.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.

<b>Governance</b>	
Cook (C-Gov), Seals (C-BodOp)	
Anderson, Fairchild, Mamula, Reid	Staff: Miller
Committee Report by Chairman Cook	

**Item 111-70: Nominations**

1. When there is a nomination from the floor immediately preceding a vote in an election conducted by the ACBL board, either a) all candidates are given up to 5-minutes to advance their candidacy prior to the vote, or b) the election be held no sooner than 24 hours following the new nomination.

Motion Failed.           Aye: 1, 7, 16, 17, 21.

2. For regularly scheduled elections for the positions of ACBL president, WBF Representatives, and ACBL Treasurer, nominations shall be closed two weeks prior to the meeting when the election will be conducted, unless one or more nominees withdraws in the last 30 days of the election.

Deferred to the 2011 Summer meeting in Toronto, ON.

Deferral carried.           Nay: 5, 12, 22.

**Item 111-71: Interim Votes**

Interim vote totals in elections conducted by the ACBL Board of Directors will be announced immediately following the vote count, just as they are now following the final vote.

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 6, 12, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21,

**Item 111-72: Volunteer Dinner**

The ACBL Board of Directors will do a comprehensive review of the policies and procedures that govern the volunteer dinner held prior to each NABC to determine if these functions can be improved to better serve their purpose.

Motion failed. Aye: None Abstain: 1

**Item 111-73: Transfer of Natchitoches, Winn and Grant Counties Louisiana**

Natchitoches, Winn and Grant counties in Louisiana are transferred from Unit 170 to Unit 221.

Effective as soon as can be implemented by Management

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-75: Bridge Ventures**

ACBL, as the sole shareholder of Bridge Ventures moves to dissolve the corporation.

This will rescind 933-71, 942-51 and 993-45.

Deferred to the 2011 Summer meeting in Toronto, ON.

Deferral carried unanimously.

<b>Board Operations</b>	
Seals (C-BodOp), Cook (C-Gov), Anderson, Fairchild, Mamula, Reid	Staff: Miller
Committee Report by Chairman Seals	

An oral report was given.

**NABC Advisory**

Johnston (C)

Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Hennings, Monzingo, Subeck, Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto.  
(Attachment G)

**Marketing/Juniors**

Anderson (C), Reid (VC)

Cook, Harlan, Heller, Hennings, Janicki, Retek, Seals

Staff: Campbell, V.

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 111-120: ACBL-wide games**

ACBL-wide special games may not be conducted during any month that is designated as a special fund month. Currently, the months of February (Junior), April (Charity), and September (International) are designated as special fund game months.

Management will select appropriate dates for the ACBL-wide events.

Item 033-113 is rescinded. [Item 033-113 provides that the International Fund Game #1 may only be held on Super Bowl Saturday.]

Effective January 1, 2012.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-121: Junior Fund Monies**

Item 051-121 is rescinded.

*“Monies raised from Junior Fund games will be available for all Junior activities. The first \$50,000 or the amount collected annually, whichever is less, will be given in July of the following year to the USBF to fund Junior Team activities”.*

Deferred to the 2011 Summer meeting in Toronto, ON.

Deferral carried.      Nay: 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 19, 22.    Abstain: 3

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**Technology Committee**

Arlinghaus, S. (C) Vilhauer (VC)

Arlinghaus, B., Jones, Levy, Monzingo

Staff: Campbell, V.

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto.  
(Attachment H)

**Conditions of Contest**

Subeck(C)

Arlinghaus, Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Hennings,

Janicki, Jones, Monzingo, Pinsky, Vilhauer

Staff: Campbell, B.

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 111-31: Stop Card**

Stop cards may not be used after the first round of a non-competitive auction.

Motion failed.           Aye: 4, 16.

**Item 111-33: Women's KO**

A 2-day Swiss Qualifying or RR be added to the format for the Women's KO ...  
to be held the first two days of the event and to award event seeding points  
which would impact placement in the KO phase.

Effective immediately.

Deferred to the 2011 Summer meeting in Toronto, ON.

Deferral carried unanimously.

**Item 111-35: Barometer-style Events**

The following Special Conditions of Contest are established for Barometer-style  
events (players playing the same boards at the same time):

For Barometer-style events, the Tournament Director shall, before the start of  
each round, advise all players to be seated. No cards shall be removed until the  
Tournament Director announces that play shall begin.

Any player not seated in a timely fashion may be subject to a procedural penalty.

Effective immediately  
Carried. Nay: 20.

### **Item 111-36: Seeding Points for NABC+ Knockout Events**

The seeding point formula for masterpoints is changed to the following:

$SP = 1 + \ln [(.22\{MP-300\}/700) + 1] / \ln (1.22)$  for players with more than 300 masterpoints with a cap of 11 seeding points from masterpoints.

For players with fewer than 300 masterpoints  $SP = MP/300$  (zero for players with less than 150 masterpoints).

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.

### **Item 111-39: Seeding Method**

Seeding for the Vanderbilt KO at the Spring 2011 NABC will be based, for each player, on the greater of the two seeding point totals (capped at 50) calculated by the following two methods.

Method 1: The current method (current appendix B) (based on performance in previous events and masterpoint holding, as amended by 111-36).

Method 2: WBF Masterpoint total divided by 100 **plus** WBF placing point total multiplied by 1.75.

The Competitions and Conventions committee will review the results of this new seeding method and submit a formal motion in Toronto with additional discussion.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Absent: 5.

**Tournaments**

Arlinghaus (C)  
Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Hennings,  
Janicki, Jones, Monzingo, Pinsky, Subeck, Vilhauer      Staff: Campbell, B.  
Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 111-37: Platinum Pairs**

The Platinum Pairs are renamed the ‘Norman Kay Platinum Pairs’.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-38: ACBL Codification: Chapters IX Regionals & X Sectionals**

Chapters IX Regionals and X Sectionals of the Codification be replaced with the following revised chapters.

Deferred to the 2011 Summer meeting in Toronto, ON.

Deferral carried unanimously.

**Steering Committee**

Arlinghaus, B. (C)  
Arlinghaus, S., Boyd, DeMartino, Gitelman, Marcus, Vilhauer      Staff: Oshlag  
Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto.  
(Attachment I)

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The Board went into Executive Session at 3 p.m. No actions were reported.

Upon conclusion of the Executive session, the Board of Directors recessed and reconvened in open session on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 9 a.m.

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The meeting was called to order by President Craig Robinson on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, March 9

Also Present: Same as Wednesday, March 9, with the addition of Darbi Southers.

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**Appeals & Charges**

Mamula (C), Heth (Hearings), Fairchild (VC)

Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Morse, Pinsky, Subeck

Staff: Miller

Committee Report by Chairman Heth

**Item 111-01: Report on Hearings**

In the Matter of the Application for Readmission to the American Contract Bridge League by Massimo Lanzarotti, ACBL number 9891560, pursuant to Board Regulation 073-04, the Committee found as follows:

1. The application for readmission is denied.
2. In the event that Mr. Lanzarotti applies for readmission, the Committee would like to remind him of ACBL Board Regulation 073-04 and the requirements therein.

In the Matter of the Application for Readmission to the American Contract Bridge League by Andrea Buratti, ACBL number 9891552, pursuant to Board Regulation 073-04, the Committee found as follows:

1. The application for readmission is denied.
2. In the event that Mr. Buratti applies for readmission, the Committee would like to remind him of ACBL Board Regulation 073-04 and the requirements therein.

In the Matter of the Review of the Decision of the Unit 532 Disciplinary Committee against Charles Johnson, ACBL number Q505640, the Committee affirmed both the finding of guilt and the discipline imposed.

**International / Federations**

Levy (C), Heth (VC)

Harlan, Morse, Retek

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 111-100: Dues / Membership Payments**

Dues paid to the World Bridge Federation by the ACBL for National Bridge Organizations' dues are to be paid from funds raised from "International Fund games" before any other donations are made from those games.

Effective June 30, 2011

Motion failed.           Aye: 9, 17, 20, 22.

**Finance**

Reid (C), Cook (VC)

Anderson, Heller, Levy, Mamula, Pinsky, Retek, Seals

Staff: Glover

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 111-55: Freedom of Information**

All Board members should have access to important documentation unless it is deemed confidential by the President and the Treasurer. In that case the Board members will be provided with a summary of the information contained in that document, excluding the confidential details.

Motion failed.           Aye: 1, 16.   Abstain: 7, 20.

**Item 111-57: 2011 Budget**

- A) The 2011 budget projecting a net income of \$140,880 but footnoted to reflect an additional projected expense of \$24,000 in real estate taxes is approved.
- B) The 2011 Capital budget projecting expenditures of \$681,000 as of 01/01/11 is approved.

Carried.           Nay: 1.

**Masterpoints**

DeMartino (C)

Arlinghaus, Gerard, Heller, Jones, Subeck

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.



**Strength of Field**

Subeck (C)

Arlinghaus, Gerard, Heller, Jones, Vilhauer

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

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It was moved by George Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 11 and its units, District Director A. Beth Reid and Tournament chair Hannah Davis and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Galt House Hotel for its fine cooperation.

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. No actions were reported.

Upon conclusion of the Executive session at 3:41 p.m., the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 3:42 p.m.