

**Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
Philadelphia, PA
July 14, 2012**

Mike Kovacich, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Saturday, July 14, 2012 at 6:56 p.m.

Opening Remarks

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Memphis, TN meeting held March 18, 2012 are approved.

Carried.

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Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the American Contract Bridge League convened at 7 p.m. Sharon Anderson, ACBL President, presided.

Anderson spoke about the strategic planning sessions that the Board and staff are involved in. She has requested input from the Board of Governors. She would like the following questions to be answered:

- As you look at the strategic focus areas for the next 5 years, listed below, what specific ideas do you have that would help the ACBL move forward?
 - ✓ Develop & implement focused programs for member recruitment
 - ✓ Identify & replicate best practices & innovations
 - ✓ Integrate technology to meet member needs
 - ✓ Retain more members
 - ✓ Provide top-quality director at tournaments.

- How could you and those you work with contribute to the ACBL's focus areas?

CEO's Report

Robert Hartman presented the CEO's report. (See board exhibits)

League Counsel's Report

Peter Rank presented the League Counsel's report. (See board exhibits)

Treasurer's Report

Rand Pinsky, ACBL Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report.

Being no further business, the annual membership meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.
The Board of Governors reconvened from recess.

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Chairman's Report

Chairman Kovacich presented his report on the meeting of the Board of Directors. (See Board Minutes)

Motions for Reconsideration

Moved by Mary Poplawski District 4 that the ACBL Board of Directors reconsider Item 122-110 Bar Playing Directors in STaC Games.

Motion failed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Nominations were opened for Chairman of the Board of Governors for the 2013/2014 term.

Richard Anderson (District 18), Chris Compton (District 16), and Ellen Kent (District 25) were nominated for the office of Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Barry Harper (District 18) and Richard Popper (District 4) were nominated for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors. (Note: Defeated candidates for Chairman may then run for the office of Vice Chairman)

Nominations were closed after no further nominations were made from the floor. The election for the Chairman and Vice Chairman positions will be held at the Fall 2012 Board of Governors meeting in San Francisco, CA.

It was noted that the San Francisco, CA meeting will be held on November 25, 2012 at 9 a.m.

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Approval of New Life Masters

Moved by Ellen Kent, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#98,264 to #98,997) will be designated as Life Masters.

Carried unanimously.

Thanks for Hospitality

It was moved by Ellen Kent and carried unanimously that the Board of Governors expresses their thanks to District 4 and its units, District Director Craig Robinson and Tournament Co-Chairs Jo Ann Glasson and John Marks and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown Hotel for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 8:05 p.m.