

**ACBL Board of Directors
Atlanta, GA
July 29 – August 1, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Mamula on Monday, July 29, at 9 a.m.

Present: Leo Weniger, #1, Paul Janicki #2, Glenda Calkins #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.

Also

Present: Richard Anderson, Chairman Board of Governors, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Robert Hartman, CEO, Jeff Johnston, Joe Jones, Bruce Knoll, Pat Rogoski, Sylvia Hardin, Alex Tuner, Jim Miller, Carol Robertson, Bryan Delfs, Ken Horwedel, Sam Whitten, Steve Bates, Shaneka Cunningham, Christina van Leeuwen and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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Approval of St. Louis Minutes

The Spring 2013 St. Louis, MO minutes are approved.

Carried unanimously.

Approval of Non Agenda items

- Motion for consideration of non-agenda item, NABC Seeding, is assigned to CoC.
- Motion for consideration of non-agenda item, Zone 2 NBO Trials, is assigned to Tournaments.

ACBL CEO Report

The report of CEO Robert Hartman is received. (Attachment A)

League Counsel Report

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

Item 132-165 Director of Elections

Kelley McGuire is appointed as Director of Elections.

Effective September 1, 2013
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-166 Goodwill Committee Co-Chair Appointments

Janice Anderson (Western Canada) is appointed as a Co-Chair to the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee.

Effective immediately

Item 132-168: Hall of Fame Committee Appointment

Alan Sontag was reappointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2013 NABC through the end of the Spring 2016 NABC.

Effective Spring 2013 NABC.

Item 132-169: Competitions & Conventions Committee Appointment

Chris Compton is appointed to fill the remaining term vacated by Joan Gerard from the end of the Spring 2013 NABC through the end of the Spring 2014 NABC.

Effective Spring 2013 NABC.

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The meeting was called to order by President Donald Mamula on Wednesday, July 31, at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, July 29
Also Present: Same as Monday, July 29

Item 132-167: Election of WBF Representative

Bill Cook and Donald Mamula have previously declared their candidacies to fill the unexpired term vacated by the late Joan Gerard through the end of December 2013.

There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. By secret ballot Bill Cook was elected as the ACBL representative to fulfill the remaining term as the World Bridge Federation Representative through December 31, 2013.

GOVERNANCE	
Heth (C) Harlan (VC)	
Bagley, Calkins, Cook, Fairchild, Reid, Seals, Weniger	Staff: McGuire/Miller
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 132-80: Board Operations Documents

The following Board Operation Documents are accepted as amended.

- Board Member Protocol
- Skills Assessment
- Board of Director’s Job Description
- Board Member Standards of Conduct
- Welcoming Pamphlet for New Members of the Board of Directors

(See Chapter IV ACBL Board of Directors Codification Appendix I)

Effective immediately
Carried.

Item 132-81: Hall of Fame Operating Procedures

The Hall of Fame Operating Procedures are amended as follows:

TIMELINE

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JANUARY

Between January 1 and January 7 the Election Package Subcommittee reviews revisions made by nominees, verifies their accuracy and decides what new material is worthy of inclusion in the biographies. Once the subcommittee review has been concluded, ACBL staff prepares the election packages. The HoFC Chair receives a copy of the election package and approves the distribution of the election materials. ACBL staff distributes the election packages on or about January 10 and specifies the return date deadline, which should be approximately 4 weeks after

the distribution date. There will not be a grace period, and no exceptions will be made for any ballot returned after the return date deadline.

FEBRUARY

The election period runs from the election package distribution date to the day when the Director of Elections begins tabulation of the ballots which shall be immediately after the deadline specified in the election package.

Ballots will be processed and counted as determined by the ACBL Director of Elections.

Effective January 1, 2014
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-82: Chapter VI Club Sanctioned Games

Chapter VI – Club Sanctioned Games A – D of the Codification are approved. . (Attachment C)

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-83 Chapter VI A Club Sanctioned Game

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VI A – Club Sanctioned Games are rescinded. (Attachment D)

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-84 Chapter VI B Club Sanctioned Game

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VI B – Fees and Charges are rescinded. (Attachment D)

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-85 Chapter VI C Club Sanctioned Game

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VI C – Directors and Managers are rescinded. (Attachment D)

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-86 Chapter VI D Club Sanctioned Game

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VI D – Special Club Games are rescinded. (Attachment D)

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-87 Chapter VI E Club Sanctioned Game

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VI E – Conventions are rescinded. (Attachment D)

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-88 Chapter VI F Club Sanctioned Game

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VI F – Discipline are rescinded. (Attachment D)

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-89 Chapter VI G Club Sanctioned Game

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VI G – Cruises/Land Cruises are rescinded. (Attachment D)

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-90 Chapter VI H Club Sanctioned Game

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter VI H – Penal Institutions are rescinded. (Attachment D)

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-91 Chapter VI Rescinded Items

The following motions from the brown pages regarding Clubs are rescinded:

Chapter VI A – 721-62, 721-62A, 742-1, 742-53, 751-43, 773-21B, 781-21, 782-23, 782-24, 792-11, 793-11, 793-53, 842-11, 843-101, 851-75, 852-12, 852-13, 852-14, 853-11, 853-22, 862-96, 862-97, 862-37, 863-28, 901-102A, 921-23, 922-26, 923-21, 923-26, 931-47, 931-48, Exec Comm New Club Plan 933, Exec Comm Increase in Membership dues 933, 933-56, 933-57, 941-44, 941-45, 943-43, 951-37, 963-64 and 043-139.

Chapter VI B – 721-67, 762-33, 941-42, 983-95 and 983-173.

Chapter VI C – 742-44, 743-51, 811-31, 822-25, 853-12, 861-105, 922-27, 933-53, 941-71, 942-46, 952-42, 962-69, 972-68, 972-73, 973-04, 983-72, 991-66, 991-191, 993-190, 993-191, 001-171, 002-151, 003-171, 003-101, 011-190, 021-200, 033-105, 033-113, 042-139, 073-57, 082-32, 083-85, 083-86, 091-32, 101.32 and 101-33.

Chapter VI D – 981-173, 983-194 and 103-133.

Chapter VI E – 801-45 and 802-31.

Chapter VI F – 781-2, 782-21, 782-33, 883-2, 913-2, 933-55, 972-13, 011-42, 021-101, 032-48 and 072-60.

Chapter VI G – 732-11, 801-43, 893-105, 913-81, 933-56, 953-49, 953-13, 953-14, 972-175, 983-40, 993-231, 012-133, 043-83, 043-137 and 081-32.

Chapter VI I – 083-32.

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-92: Competitive Bidding Policy

Chapter II – Business Management: A. Finance Section 2 – Competitive Bidding Policy is amended as follows:

Section 2 – Competitive Bidding Policy

- 2.1 A competitive bidding policy is designed for use when a project warrants the time expended by both the vendor and the purchaser. Typically, these are large dollar purchases. For the purposes of this policy, we will use a minimum amount of \$50,000 when implementing the competitive bidding policy.
- 2.2 When the ACBL is interested in purchasing a product or service and the cost of that product warrants a competitive bid, the following will be followed.
 - 2.2.1 Determine detailed specifications and criteria in the form of a written Request for Proposal (RFP) that will be established for the product or service.
 - 2.2.2 Ensure the market consists of an adequate number of sellers to warrant the procedure. A minimum of three sellers is the acceptable number of suppliers to query. If there are not enough sellers in the market, the operating bidding policy will be in effect.
 - 2.2.3 Verify the validity of the seller's ability to supply the known quality and specifications of the desired product or service.
 - 2.2.4 Allow sufficient time for the seller to gather the necessary information to adequately respond to the Request for Proposal. Adequately define the due date for receiving responses.
 - 2.2.5 If possible, require a sample of the product being purchased from each bidder for comparative purposes.
 - 2.2.6 Request a written response when clarification is needed from a bidder on some element of the proposal.
 - 2.2.7 Bids will be extensively reviewed and compared to specifications and to each other as to cost and quality. A cost/benefit analysis will be provided to the CEO comparing the proposals by cost and by the important elements of the specifications. Important deficiencies of the proposal must be prominently mentioned. The report will make a recommendation to the CEO.
 - 2.2.8 Give reasons for the selection that was made, as well as reasons why the other top bidders were not selected.

- 2.2.9 In those situations where sufficient expertise is not available within Management to properly evaluate the product or service, Management will seek out that expertise from other sources including members of the Board of Directors, ACBL members and/or independent consultants.
- 2.2.10 Management at all times retains the right to refuse any and/or all bids.
- 2.3 Exceptions to the ACBL competitive bidding policy require prior approval by the ACBL Board or ACBL Executive Committee and subsequent notification to the Audit Committee. Appropriate exceptions include, but are not limited to:
 - 2.3.1 Expenditures of up to \$100,000.
 - 2.3.2 Renewals or extensions of existing agreements which increase the total purchase price to over \$50,000 when the seller or consultant's performance justifies such renewal or extension.
- 2.4 Excluded from the competitive bidding policy are:
 - 2.4.1 Purchases of utilities, such as water, sewage, etc., where competitive sources are not available.
 - 2.4.2 Purchases of proprietary maintenance contracts, i.e., where alternate authorized sources are not available.
 - 2.4.3 Purchases of maintenance contracts where use of alternate sources is inconsistent with the best interest of the League.
 - 2.4.4 Purchases involving major repairs due to the urgency of repair.
 - 2.4.5 Purchases involving a documented sole source of supply, either where Purchasing has exhausted the search for additional suppliers or where comparable products available from multiple sources are found not to meet the requirements of the League.

Effective immediately.
Carried.

Item 132-93: Retiree Medical Benefit Plan

Group IV Retiree Medical Benefit Plan is amended as follows:

Part I:

Group IV Eligible Employees: any Employee who becomes an Employee on or before *December 31, 2013*, and leaves employment with the employer, either: (i) at or after attainment of age sixty-five (65) with not fewer than twenty (20) years of service, or (ii) as a result of early retirement at or after attainment of age fifty-five (55) with not fewer than twenty (20) years of service. An Employee shall become a Group IV Eligible Employee only upon the satisfaction of the standard set forth above and upon attaining age 65.

Part II:

RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN

As amended:

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This Plan, which will be referred to as the “Plan,” will exclusively control the determination of benefits to which Employees may become entitled and may be amended from time to time, or discontinued, by the Employer without notice to any Employee.

Effective January 1, 2014.
Carried.

Item 132-94: Transfer to Zip Code 92704 to Unit 515

The geographic area within zip code 92704 in the Santa Ana Unit 541 shall be transferred to the adjacent Balboa Unit 515.

Effective September 1, 2013
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-95: Hall of Fame Election Procedures

1. ...
2. ...
3. The number of votes allowed for each elector, as described in Section 5B of the Hall of Fame Operating Procedures shall be amended as follows:
 - 1 vote for 1-3 candidates
 - 2 votes for 4 - 5 candidates (unchanged)
 - 3 votes for 6 or 7 candidates (increased from 2)
 - 4 votes for 8 or 9 candidates (increased from 3)
 - 5 votes for 10 or more candidates (increased from 4)

4. The number of journalist electors, as described in Section C of Appendix II, shall be reduced from 10 journalists to 5 journalists.

Effective January 1, 2014
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-96: Conditions of Contest Review

Chapter XIV, Section A. of the Codification shall be amended by repealing board motion CoC Review (003-84).

CoC Review (003-84)

Beginning with 2001 the review and approval of the CoC shall be done at the Summer Meetings for the following calendar year.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously.

Item132-97: ACBL Disciplinary Committee

Chapter 4, Section D of the ACBL Codification shall be amended by revising Section 5.3.2-5.3.4 as follows:

5.3 ACBL Disciplinary Committee

5.3.2. The committee will consist of 12 members appointed by the president for three year terms.

5.3.4 The president, after consultation with the current chairman, appoints the ACBL Disciplinary Committee members. The president shall appoint four members per year. Appointments are subject to Board approval.

Effective Spring NABC 2014
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-98: ABA Point Conversion

The ACBL Codification, Chapter III, Section F American Bridge Association is amended as follows:

Section 1 – Membership

1.1 Point Conversion

- 1.1.1 An ABA member who joins ACBL for the first time will receive 10% of his total ABA points as a credit in ACBL red points to a maximum of 200 points.
- 1.1.2 For purposes of determining ACBL eligibility points, a new ACBL Member will be awarded eligibility points at a ratio of three ABA points to one ACBL point. The first 1,000 ABA points will not be considered when determining the ratio described in subsection 1.1.2. Any current ACBL Member may appeal to the ACBL to revise his current number of ACBL eligibility points pursuant to this section.
- 1.1.3 An ABA Life Master will be treated as an ACBL Life Master when it involves any of the items in 1.1.2 above.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-99: Chapter VII – International Bridge

Chapter VII – International Bridge A, B, C and D of the Codification is approved. (Attachment E)

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Chapter VII B – International Bridge Section 3 is deferred.

Deferred to the 2013 Fall meeting in Phoenix, AZ.
Deferral carried.

Item 132-100: Chapter VII A International Bridge

The following items listed in the current Codification of Chapter VII A. Policy are rescinded. (Attachment F)

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 132-101: Chapter VII B International Bridge

The following items listed in the current Codification of Chapter VII B. WBF Representatives are rescinded. (Attachment F)

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 132-102: Chapter VII C International Bridge

The following items listed in the current Codification of Chapter VII C. WBF Masterpoints are rescinded. (Attachment F)

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 132-103: Chapter VII D International Bridge

The following items listed in the current Codification of Chapter VII D. World Championship Participation are rescinded. (Attachment F)

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 132-104: Chapter VII E International Bridge

The following items listed in the current Codification of Chapter VII E. World Championship Captains and Coaches are rescinded. (Attachment F)

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 132-105: Chapter VII International Bridge Rescinded Items

The following motions from the brown pages regarding International Bridge are rescinded.

Chapter VII A – 723-84A, 751-53, 752-31, 752-32, 781-44, 781-45, 791-53, 792-Olympiad Site Selection, 801-63, 802-55, 813-36, 823-45, 831-22, 831 or 832-Proposed Amendment to WBF Bylaws, 832-24, 833-32, 851 Proposed WBF Bylaws, 861-51, 861.52, 861-53, 871-47, 871-111, 872-141, 911-63, 911-64, 931-71, 942-35, 951-57, 952-80, 953-83, 953-84, 953-99, 972-151, 973-151, 981-152, 981-155, 983-150, 012-115, 012-116, 042-65 and 082-67.

Chapter VII B – 753-37, 841-31, 913-132, 923-132, 923-62, 931-33, 933-105, 942-37, 943-31, 943-104, 943-106, 961-51, 962-121, 972-153, 973-132, 981-154, 983-151, 993-40, 993-96, 001-95, 003-203, 013-260, 013-261, 023-191, 041-69, 043-177, 053-132, 071-02, 073-177, 083-133, 08-30-10 Exec committee and 103-148.

Chapter VII C – 713-92, 721-71, 763-112, 792-52, 793-61, 842-53, 93-55, 912-55, 933-43, 941-32, 942-32, 943-33, 953-99, 982-153, 983-152, 031-66 and 031-111.

Chapter VII D – 751-54A, 761-65, 771-44, 772-52, 773-41, 781-42, 782-42, 812-35, 823-43, 833-31, 851-42B, 852-41, 861-US Nominations for World Championships, 861-54, 871-65, 901-57, 913-71, 913-78, 913-144, 921-58, 921-59, 921-60, 922-61, 922-65, 923-62, 923-67, 931-34, 931-55, 933-41, 933-42, 941-34, 941-35, 941-87, Executive Comm 4/26/94, 943-32, 952-90, 953-82, 953-87, 962-142, 92/11/2000, 022-115 and Executive Committee 5/14/2000.

Chapter VII E – 751-54C, 752-31, 753-32, 752-99B, 812-32, 813-32, 892-43, 922-64, 922-66, 923-61, 943-34, 953-80, 953-86 and 983-154.

Chapter VII F – 752-80, 752-81, 773-65, 781-91, 892-45, 892-48, 893-52A, 901-51, 902-41, 903-141, 903-142 and 961-93.

Chapter VII G -743-44, 782-43, 792-53, 802-56, 903-54, 912-56, 933-45B, 941-33, 943-35, 953-81, 961-85, 963-124, 963-126, 981-150, 982-150, 982-151, 992-96, 002-94 and 002-96.

Chapter VII H – 713-98, 721-74, 723-83, 823-84, 742-34A, 743-95B, 772-56, 802-59, 831-21, 863-46, 872-73, 872-74, 873-62, 891-53, 911-62, 912-57, 912-58, 912-59, 913-74, 913-75, 921-51, 933-44, 942-33, 942-36, 952-82, 963-122, 963-123, 971-121, 973-150, 991-97, 991-98, 991-99, 992-99, 001-93 and 001-94.

Chapter VII I – 791-51, 802-54, 821-34, 913-74, 913-75, 921-51, 921-52, 921-56, 921-57, 933-44, 941-31, 942-34, 942-38, 961-95, 962-138, 962-143, 963-121, 971-114, 981-151, 991-96 and 003-92.

Chapter VII J – 713-97, 722-42A, 753-31, 763-11, 771-45, 802-57, 833-34, 843-43, 863-41, 871-61, 901-42, 902-44, 913-73, 913-77, 921-54, 921-55, 922- NPC of 1990 Reisinger & Vanderbilt, Executive Committee 4/16/92 and 4/28/92, 923-123, 923-64, 931-31, 931-32, 931-38, Executive Committee 4/16/93, Executive Committee 5/16/93, Executive Committee 6/18/93, Executive Committee 7/7/93, 942-31, 951-80, 962-127, 993-210, 002-93, 012-117 and 013-60.

Chapter VII K – 843-64B, 883-52, 892-41, 891-52, 892-47, 893-51, 893-54, 901-56, 911-61, 913-76, 921-53, 953-85, 953-33, 953-11, 972-45, 972-155, 972-91, 982-152, 991-95, 991-210, 992-210, 001-181, 001-182, 002-181, 002-182, 011-116, 012-230, 012-231, 013-217, 013-230, 013-232, 031-152 and 041-154.

Chapter VII L - 822-32, 823-42, 823-44, 823-24, 863-29, 871-48, 882-24, 891-67, 893-52B, 893-53, 893-56, 901-54, 901-58, 901-60, 903-52, 903-74, 911-65, 912-53, 912-54, 933-46, 951-

66, 962-125, 972-154, 973-152, 973-153, 981-141, 992-95, 001-92, 001-126, 002-55, 003-92, 011-115 and 032-70.

Chapter VII M - 983-42 and 993-153

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 132-106: Chapter I Membership

Chapter I Membership, Section 3.2 and 3.3 is amended as follows:

Section 3 - Junior Fund Games

- 3.1 February is designated as Junior Fund month.
- 3.2 Replace all Unit or District Charity Games with one class of Fund or Foundation games. There will be a maximum of 4/year per Unit and 4/year per District. The fee structure will be the same as special Fund or Foundation games at clubs. Any of the four allotted sessions may be held as a Junior Fund game, Charity game, Educational Foundation game, Grass Roots Fund Game or International Fund game, except January is reserved for Grass Roots Fund games, February is reserved for Junior Fund games, April is reserved for Charity games and September is reserved for International Fund games.
- 3.3 As approved by the ACBL Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bridge Federation, an all inclusive North American Junior Fund (the “Junior Fund”) is established.
 - 3.3.1 All funds derived from Junior Fund games held in North America shall be held by the ACBL.
 - 3.3.2 In accordance with regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors, the Junior Fund shall be used to finance junior programs and activities, promote the game of bridge to juniors and allocate funds to junior teams representing NBOs located in WBF Zone Two in Junior/Youth World Championship events (as defined by the WBF) including University World Championship events.
 - 3.3.3 Management shall indicate income and expenses for junior/youth activities as separate line items in the budget and financial statements.
 - 3.3.4 Funds derived from Junior Fund (JF) Games will be used only to fund activities and programs limited to junior (ages 21-25) and youth (younger than 21) players.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 132-107: New Unit Formation, Shell Coast of Florida

The area along the Gulf Coast of Florida encompassing Venice in the north to Marco Island in the south to include Sarasota County not in Unit 102, Charlotte County, Lee County, and Hendry and Collier Counties west of CR29 be formed into a new unit.

Deferred to the 2013 Fall meeting in Phoenix, AZ.

Deferral carried. Nay: 4, 7, 22, 24.

BYLAW & COMPLIANCE

Heth (C)

Bagley, Harlan, Jones

Staff: McGuire/Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 132-11: Bylaw Amendment Section 5.3.3

5.3.3 A District Director shall not serve more than four full terms (not to include partial terms), effective January 1, 2014. During the initial implementation of such restriction, sitting board members who will have reached that limit prior to January 15, 2014 shall be allowed to serve one additional term starting after January 15, 2014 or later. All other sitting board members shall be restricted to the four term limit.

Effective January 15, 2014

Motion Failed: Aye: 1, 4, 6, 7, 10, 17, 19, 20, 22 Abstain: 16

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Monzingo (C)

Arlinghaus, Blakely, DeMartino Hennings, Heller, Janicki, Jones, Levy,

Morse, Pinsky, Robinson, Subeck, Vilhauer

Staff: Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 132-31: District NAP Finals – Online Conditions of Contest

Each District may choose to host their North American Pairs (NAP) District Finals through an ACBL approved online host according to the provisions of Appendix VII of the NAP CoC listed below.

Appendix VII

**Conditions of Contest
For District NAP Finals Hosted Online**

I. General Conditions

- 1) This event will be conducted at a variety of playing sites, and hosted online by an ACBL approved host. (See Section IV.)
- 2) Regarding any of the below, the decision of the Director in Charge (DIC) will be final. The DIC is empowered to remedy any omissions in these CoC.
- 3) Unless specifically noted below, the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, the ACBL Convention Charts, the ACBL Alert Chart, the CoC for the 2013/2014 NAP, General CoC for pairs events and ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy shall govern this event.
- 4) The DIC must be an ACBL Director, hold the rank of Tournament Director or higher, and shall have the authority to assign his own staff.
- 5) The Tournament Organizer will provide a format for the event which includes contingencies for any number of pairs in each flight.
- 6) If feasible and except in #10, below: Contestants in each flight will play the same deals as others within their flight.
- 7) Each Contestant shall have access to these CoC and the event's format (#5 above). Failure to have reviewed these conditions, or lack of proficiency with computers or the software used by the online host does not excuse any irregularity, or violation of these conditions.
- 8) Each pair must pre-register by one week prior to the announced date of the contest. Late entrants may be accepted for the convenience of the movement and only at the discretion of the DIC. At the time of pre-registration, pairs are required to submit funds for participation and the following information for each pair member:
 - a) Name
 - b) ACBL Number
 - c) User ID for online host
 - d) Site of participation
 - e) Any special needs addressed by these CoC.
- 9) In the event a Contestant is handicapped, where he is unable to use a computer, and in all cases where a Contestant does not have the requisite computer skills, said Contestant may bring an Operator to relay calls, plays and explanations thereof. Communication between the Contestant and his Operator is to be conducted in writing. Any notes from a Contestant/Operator interaction may be used to settle disputes. The Operator must be named in preregistration, and is subject to the approval of the DIC.
- 10) Should a technical difficulty arise which delays play for one or more tables, play in all unaffected tables shall continue and 15 minutes will be allotted to resolve the issue before

play is suspended. If play is suspended for longer than 15 minutes, the decision of the DIC about the continuation of the event shall be final.

II. Security

- 1) Each Contestant must preregister to participate at a particular site, and no Contestant may participate from a physical location other than a site designated by the Tournament Organizer, and approved by the DIC. The DIC shall be informed, no later than 2 days after the close of registration, of each designated site.
- 2) The Tournament Organizer will designate at least one Monitor for each playing site. The DIC shall be informed, no later than 2 days after the close of registration, of the proposed Monitor for each site and their contact information. The proposed Monitor is subject to approval by the DIC.
- 3) Monitors shall ensure the enforcement of these CoC and will be primarily responsible for the enforcement of any security-related issues at their designated location.
- 4) Monitors need not be Directors and may not rule on any irregularity occurring during play nor penalize a Contestant for any violation of these conditions. Monitors must immediately inform the DIC of any irregularity or violation of which they become aware in any manner.
- 5) Contestants are not permitted to be in possession of any electronic communication devices while they are competing. VIOLATION OF THIS CONDITION WILL RESULT IN A MANDATORY PENALTY OF 1 FULL BOARD, AND A SECOND VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN THE PAIR'S DISQUALIFICATION.
- 6) Chatter at each physical location shall be kept to a minimum. No discussion of hands is permitted at any given location until all bridge play at that location has concluded.
- 7) Contestants must connect to the internet through a designated on-site router.
- 8) Contestants may only run the following applications during the play period:
 - a. Online Host Software or
 - b. An internet browser for the purpose of accessing the Online Host and/or (in the A Flights only) for the purpose of accessing the ACBL's defense database.
- 9) Monitors shall ensure that Contestants cannot view the "computer screens" of other Contestants within their own flight.
- 10) Monitors shall ensure that Contestants, competing at the same site as their partner, are seated in positions which obscure their view of one another.
- 11) Contestants must not relay, through chat visible to partner or at the monitoring site, any extraneous information.

III. The Play

- 1) Contestants are required to post a complete convention card, in ACBL format, inclusive of any supplemental notes.
- 2) The ACBL Mid-Chart may apply to Flight 'A' at District option. Pairs playing methods requiring a written defense must pre-alert their opponents, and post a written description of the method(s) along with their convention card. Contestants opposing a pair playing such methods are permitted to access the ACBL's defense database and keep said defenses open in their internet browser.
<http://www.acbl.org/play/defenseDataBase.html>
- 3) The ACBL General Convention Chart applies to Flights B & C.
- 4) The Director must be summoned electronically for any irregularity which occurs during play. Once the Director has been summoned, all play and bidding shall cease until the Director authorizes its continuation.
- 5) Contestants are required to alert and explain their own calls (not their partner's). When one makes an alertable call, the bidder must give a full explanation of the agreement to his opponents (and only his opponents.) Stating the common or popular name of the convention is not sufficient.
- 6) Any Contestant may request, but only at his turn to call or play, information concerning an opponents' methods. Such inquiries may be asked of either or both opponents, but must be asked in a private chat. Replies to these inquiries must be given in a private chat.
- 7) Violations of conditions, which make available to one's partner extraneous information by a remark, a question, a reply to a question, an unexpected alert, failure to alert, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement or mannerism (Security 9-11 & The Play 5 & 6), shall be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, and are subject to procedural penalties. The Monitors and Contestants must report any such violations to the DIC.
- 8) Any deviation in tempo does convey extraneous information and is subject to rectification under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Any Contestant experiencing technical difficulties which may be construed as conveying extraneous information should immediately inform the Monitor or Director.
- 9) Claims, concessions, agreement thereto and contention or cancellation thereof will be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
- 10) Unintended calls or plays will be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. If a Contestant makes an unintended call or play he should summon the Director immediately. As in live play, undoes are permitted only upon instruction of the Director.

IV. Requirements for ACBL approved Online Host

- 1) Online Hosts must be accessible to all of the events participants.
- 2) The Host must have the ability to run three separate flights.
- 3) The Host must have the capability to run distinct random deals for each session.
- 4) The Host must ensure the conditions of each deal are consistent with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge (Laws 1, 2, 4-6)
- 5) The Host shall ensure that each participant may chat with either or both of his opponents, and with all of the Contestants at his table, but not privately with partner.
- 6) All deals, auctions, play and chat shall be recorded and available for review, in real time, by the Director.
- 7) If feasible, the auction should appear for each Contestant three bids at a time.
- 8) The Host must have the capability of running a pairs movement, where each board is played simultaneously at each table.

Effective immediately for inclusion in the 2013-2014 NAP CoC.
Carried unanimously

Item 132-32: Conditions of Contest for Screens in GNTs and Spingold/Vanderbilt

Screens shall be used in the GNTs starting in the round of 8 in the Championship Flight and Flight A and in the round of 4 in Flights B and C.

Screens shall be used in the Spingold/Vanderbilt starting in the round of 16.

Screens shall be used in the 0-5000 Mini-Spingold starting in the round of 8; and in the 0-1500 Mini-Spingold starting in the round of 4.

If, due to space limitations, Management believes that they will be unable to comply with these regulations, Management may reduce the number of screens as appropriate.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 132-33: NABC+ Victory Points Scales

The ACBL shall adopt NABC+ Victory Point Scales calculated by the following formula:

Calculate 15 times the square root of the number of boards in the match. Call this B.
Calculate the "Golden Mean" which is $(\sqrt{5}-1)/2$, approximately 0.618. Call this value Tau.

For any IMP margin $M < B$ (M less than B), the winner's VP will be given by $V = 10 + 10 * (1 - \text{Tau}^{(3M/B)}) / (1 - \text{Tau}^3)$. If $M \geq B$, the winner gets 20 VP. The loser gets 20-Winner's VP.

The CoC of NABC+ Swiss team events or NABC+ events with a Swiss component shall be modified to reflect the new NABC+ Victory Point Scales.

Effective January 1, 2014

Carried. Nay: 4, 7.

Item 132-34: Conditions of Contest Score Corrections

The ACBL CoC shall be amended as follows:

PAIR EVENTS GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

CORRECTION AND APPEAL PERIODS

1. The score correction period for player errors expires at the completion of play of the session following the one in which the error occurred or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier.
2. For director errors the correction period expires twenty-four hours after the completion of the event or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier. The Tournament Director-in-Charge in consultation with the ACBL Senior Director of Bridge, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a director error at a later time.
3. For qualifying events the score correction period for both player and director errors expires one hour before the first session following qualification. The carryover score for qualifiers may be corrected up until the end of the first session following qualification.
4. The appeal period of or for a Director's ruling expires one half hour after the completion of a session or at the starting time of the next session, whichever is earlier.

SWISS TEAMS
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

CORRECTION AND APPEAL PERIODS

PLAYER ERRORS:

No increase in score need be granted unless the Director's attention is called to the error prior to the announced starting time of the next match or thirty minutes after the completion of the match whichever is earlier.

SCORER ERRORS:

Decrease in score due to players' errors and mis-reporting the agreed result of a match:

Expires one hour prior to the announced starting time for play on the next day of the same event, twenty-four hours after completion of the event, or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier. The Tournament Director-in-Charge, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a director error at a later time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tournament Director-in-Charge may decline to amend the overall rankings if the team could have known at the time that one or more pairings were made based on an incorrect cumulative total. In any case, all matches played prior to correction of an error stand as played.

The appeal period for or of a director's ruling expires thirty minutes after the completion of the match or at the start of play in the next match, whichever is earlier. When an appeal will not be heard prior to the playing of one or more matches, each of the teams will be credited, for pairing purposes, with a score reflecting a favorable ruling. A match ends for a pair when all boards scheduled for play are completed and they leave the table or meet with their teammates.

BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

CORRECTION AND APPEAL PERIODS

1. The score correction period for player errors expires at the completion of play of the session following the one in which the error occurred or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier.
2. For director errors the correction period expires twenty-four hours after the completion of the event or thirty minutes after completion of the last event of the tournament, whichever is earlier. The Tournament Director-in-Charge in consultation with the ACBL Senior Director of Bridge, however, may in unusual circumstances elect to make a correction of a director error at a later time.
3. For qualifying events the score correction period for both player and director errors

expires one hour before the first session following qualification. The carryover score for qualifiers may be corrected up until the end of the first session following qualification.

4. The appeal period of or for a Director's ruling expires one half hour after the completion of a session or at the starting time of the next session, whichever is earlier.

Effective January 1, 2014
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-35: NABC Seeding

Unless otherwise specified in the CoC for an NABC+ event, all seeded entries must be purchased not later than 15 minutes prior to the advertised or stated starting time for the event. Players who are deemed by the seeding panel to be Number One or Number Two seeds and who fail to purchase their entry in this timely manner will not be permitted to play in the event unless the seeding panel determines that they are needed to balance the seeding in a section.

Deferred to the 2014 Summer meeting in Las Vegas, NV.
Deferral carried. Nay: 2, 7, 11, 17, 18, 19, 22.

AUDIT	
Levy (C) Jones, Reid	Staff: Jones

Committee Report by Chairman

A oral report was given.

BRIDGE	
DeMartino (C) Arlinghaus, Blakely, Hennings, Heller, Janicki, Jones, Levy, Monzingo, Morse, Pinsky, Robinson, Subeck, Vilhauer	Staff: Bates/Horwedel/Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 132-20: Reclassifying the Machlin Women's Swiss & the Wagar Women's KOs

Chapter I, Section B, Paragraph 1.6.1 of the Codification is amended to read:

- 1.6 *Grand Life Master Qualification:

- 1.6.1 Win a North American Bridge Championship with no upper masterpoint restriction (excluding the Super Senior Pairs, the Wagar Women's KO won after 2013 and the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams won after 2013) or an Open Team Trials or its equivalent or Women's Team Trials or its equivalent or any of the following WBF events: Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Rosenblum Cup, McConnell Cup, Open Pairs, Women's Pairs, Olympiad, Women's Team Olympiad, WBF Mixed Pairs, WBF Senior Pairs, WBF World Swiss Teams, WBF World Mixed Teams or WBF Senior Teams

Effective January 1, 2014

Carried. Nay: 16. Abstain: 20.

Item 132-21: 0-10,000 National Events

The following 0 – 10,000 National events be added to the schedule:

1. A 0 - 10,000 Swiss, to be held on the second Saturday and Sunday of the Fall NABC (the second and third days of the Reisinger and North American Swiss events.) This will be a 4-session event with 2 qualifying and 2 final rounds with qualification determined by the same guidelines as other NABC four-session Swiss events.
2. A 0 – 10,000 KO, to be held starting on Monday of the Spring NABC (the same day the Vanderbilt starts.) The CoC will be consistent with the other NABC KOS, subject to approval by the CoC Committee. Two-way, three-way and four-way matches will be divided into 14-board segments. 28-board matches will consist of one pair of segments and 56-board matches of two pairs of segments. In three-way matches, seven boards will be played against each of the other two teams in each segment.

For these events, the following conditions will apply:

- The events will award 10% platinum points, subject to a 10 point maximum, for overall awards only.
- The first place award for the 0-10,000 Swiss will be 70 Masterpoints, the other place awards will be determined by the General Masterpoint Formula. The first place award for the 0-10,000 KO will be 100 Masterpoints, the other place awards will be determined by the General Masterpoint Formula.
- The winners of this event will not qualify for Grand Life Master status.
- These events will be reviewed following a two-year trial period.

Effective January 1, 2014

Carried. Nay: 1, 15.

GRASS ROOTS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Hennings (C)

Arlinghaus, Blakely, DeMartino, Heller, Janicki, Jones, Levy, Monzingo,

Morse, Pinsky, Robinson, Subeck, Vilhauer

Staff: Horwedel/Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 132-42: Masterpoint Limit for Flight B NAPs

Paragraph 1 under Flighting of the North American Open Pairs (902-91A) in the Codification, Chapter XI—Special Events, Section B. NAOP/NLMNAP, shall read as follows:

Chapter XI—Special Events, Section B. NAP

1. North American Pairs - Flight A, 0 - unlimited MPs; North American Pairs - Flight B, 2500 MPs; and North American Pairs - Flight C, 0-Non-Life Masters.

and NAOP Flight B Masterpoint Range (993-113) in the Codification, Chapter XI—Special Events, Section B. NAOP/NLMNAP, shall read as follows:

Chapter XI—Special Events, Section B. NAP

The masterpoint limit for the NAP Flight B is changed to 2500, starting with the 2014-2015 event.

Effective June 1, 2014 for applicability for the 2014/15 cycle

Carried unanimously.

Item 132-43: Masterpoint Limit for Flight B GNTs

Paragraph C under Review of GNT Format (893-41) (992-110) (013-131) in the Codification, Chapter XI—Special Events, Section A. GNT/CNTC, shall read as follows:

C. The GNT competition is revised to have four Flights as follows:

Flight C: non-LM up to 500 MP

Flight B: 0-2500 MP

Flight A: 0-6000 MP

Championship Flight: 0-unlimited

At the option of the Canadian Bridge Federation, Districts 1 and 2 are exempt from all but the zero MPs to Non-Life Master event.

and Flight B of the CNTC (992-111) in the Codification, Chapter XI—Special Events, Section A. GNT/CNTC, is rescinded and the following is adopted:

The Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC) Flight B masterpoint limit is increased from 2000 to 2500.

Effective September 1, 2013 for applicability for the 2013/2014 cycle
Carried. Nay: 2, 3, 6, 13, 21, 25. Abstain: 5.

Item 132-44: Correcting Date for Distribution of Grass Roots Funds

The Grass Roots Fund Month regulations 122-55 and 123-45 in the codification be rescinded and replaced by the following:

The Grass Roots Fund month, established by the ACBL in 2012 and first held in December 2012, shall be moved from December to January, starting in January 2014. There shall be no Grass Roots Fund Month in 2013. Clubs may hold special games under the same rules and regulations applicable to the other special fund months (currently benefitting the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity Foundation).

In 2013, the Grass Roots annual collection year shall begin January 1, 2013 and end January 31, 2014. Subsequent annual years will begin on February 1st and end on January 31st of the following calendar year. Funds raised and received shall be returned annually no later than March 31 of the same calendar year as the end date of Grass Roots Fund Month to the individual District in which those funds were raised, and shall be used by the District to help fund Grass Roots Events. Grass Roots Events are defined as the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs. The ACBL shall not charge the Districts any fee for the cost of collecting and disbursing these funds.

The Grass Roots Fund shall be considered an additional, eligible beneficiary from regionally rated games at sectionals along with the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity and Educational Foundations.

Note: The January International Fund Game has been moved to March.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously.

TOURNAMENT

Robinson (C)
Arlinghaus, Blakely, DeMartino, Heller, Hennings, Janicki, Jones,
Levy, Monzingo, Morse, Pinsky, Subeck, Vilhauer Staff: Horwedel/Whitten
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 132-50: NABC 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams Event

Concurrent with the Open Swiss Teams on the final two days of the Summer NABC there shall be a 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss Teams with similar CoC (qualifying Swiss movement and qualifying 50% +ties to create an even number.)

For these events, the following conditions will apply:

- The events will award 10% platinum points, subject to a 10 point maximum, for overall awards only.
- The first place award for the 0-10,000 Mixed Swiss will be 60 Masterpoints, the other place awards will be determined by the General Masterpoint Formula.
- The winners of this event will not qualify for Grand Life Master status.
- This event will be reviewed following a two-year trial period.

Effective January 1, 2014 (2014 Summer NABC in Las Vegas)

Carried. Nay: 2, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 19, 21, 24, 25.

Item 132-51: 0-10,000 Pairs at the Summer NABC.

A new National event, the 0-10,000 Pairs, shall be scheduled to be played on the first Saturday and Sunday of the Summer NABC (the second and third days of the Life Master Pairs. This shall be a four-session event, with qualification to the finals determined by the same guidelines as for other NABC events. Allowable conventions shall be the same as 0-5000 Life Master Pairs.

For these events, the following conditions will apply:

- The events will award 10% platinum points, subject to a 10 point maximum, for overall awards only.
- The first place award for the 0-10,000 Pairs will be 70 Masterpoints, if fewer than 100 tables. If 100 tables or more, the first place award will be 80 Masterpoints. The other place awards will be determined by the General Masterpoint Formula
- The winners of this event will not qualify for Grand Life Master status.
- This event will be reviewed following a two-year trial period.

Effective January 1, 2014 (2014 Summer NABC in Las Vegas.)

Carried. Nay: 1, 12, 15.

Item 132-52: Nationally Rated Event Schedule

The following events are removed from the NABC nationally rated event schedules:

- National 199er (Summer NABCs)
- National 99er (Fall NABCs)

- Non-Life Master Pairs (Fall NABCs)

Effective January 1, 2014 (these events will be held as scheduled in 2013)
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-53: Expansion of IN Regionals

The ACBL Codification, section 102-141 is amended as follows:

- B. Regional Tournament Allocations
- 2. Each District is allocated four annual Regionals which may be open or senior. Each District is allowed to split one Regional. In addition, a District is allocated the following tournaments annually:
 - a. One Junior Regional
 - b. One Youth Regional.
 - c. One 0-199er Regional, or one 0-299er Regional, or one Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 500 MPs or one Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 750 MPs.

Effective immediately.
Carried Nay: 21

The ACBL MPBOOK is amended as follows:
A Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 750 MPs shall award 10% gold for overall awards and section tops in the top bracket, flight or strata of two-session or longer events. All other masterpoint awards shall be red points.

Effective immediately.
Carried. Nay: 5, 21.

Item 132-54: Limited / Junior Sectionals

Chapter X, Subsection A. of the Codification is amended as follows:

CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS A. GENERAL

Sectional Tournament Scheduling and Allocations (102-40) (103-162)

1. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

- a. Each unit is required to hold a Sectional at least once every two years.

- b. Sectionals are allocated to Units. There are no restrictions as to the number of Sectionals a Unit may conduct. A District has the right of approval for Sectionals conducted by its Units. A Unit must abide by the decision of the District as to how many Sectionals it may run.
- c. Sectionals must be at least two days and no more than five days in duration, with the following exceptions: Limited/Junior Sectionals and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs). Limited/Junior Sectionals must be at least one day and no more than five days in duration. A Unit may not schedule more than three I/N Sectionals in any calendar year. STaCs must be at least two days and no more than seven days in duration. A unit may not attempt to circumvent this rule by scheduling back-to-back sanctions that run consecutively.

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-55: Regionals at Sea

The ACBL Codification, section 131-55 is amended as follows:

Regionals at Sea (103-161) (123-112) (131-55)

The ACBL and only the ACBL shall be permitted to sponsor Regionals at Sea (“RaS”).

The ACBL may sponsor up to four RaS per year.

Three of the four RaS should depart from different geographic “areas.” The areas are defined as East Coast (Atlantic other than Florida), West Coast (Pacific) and Gulf Coast (Gulf of Mexico plus the entire Florida coast.) ACBL Management shall, to the best their ability, attempt to avoid conflict with land-based Regionals.

Except as specified in this motion, RaS must conform to the same rules and regulations as land-based Regionals.

RaS are exempt from the rules regarding maximum tournament sessions and days. The tournament schedule will be determined by the tournament manager subject to the approval of the ACBL staff.

Effective immediately.
Carried. Nay: 9.

Item 132-56: NABC Nationally Rated Events

Chapter VIII. D. of the Codified Minutes shall be amended as follows:

- 1.1 Any change made by the Board of Directors in the schedules of the Spring, Summer and Fall Nationally-rated events will not be effective for at least six months.

Effective
Carried unanimously.

Item 132-57: Conditions of Contest Appendix R Ribbon Event Eligibility

CoC, Appendix R, Ribbon Event Eligibility, shall be revised as follows:

I. RED RIBBON ELIGIBILITY: N.B. Qualifications that were won previous to 1991 that expired and/or were credited to a player entered in a Blue Ribbon Event prior to 1991 no longer count as a Red Ribbon Qualification. No qualification earned previous to 1986 may count.

1. First through eighth in all North American Bridge Championship knockout events with an upper masterpoint limit of at least 300 and not more than 1500.
2. First through 10th and ties in North American Bridge Championships of four or more sessions that have an upper masterpoint limit of no more than 2000 masterpoints.
3. First and second (including ties) in all regionally rated red or gold point events of two or more sessions that have an upper limit of at least 500 points and of no more than 2000 masterpoints.
4. Members of the Flight B and the Non-Life Masters District Champions in the Grand National Teams.
5. First and second (including ties) in Non-Life Master single-site District finals; first-place pairs at each site in split-site District finals.
6. First and second (including ties) overall in the NABC Pairs and first (including ties) overall in the YNABC Swiss Teams.
7. First and Second place finishers in the National Final of Flight B and Non-Life Master Flight of the GNT and the Non-Life Master Flight of North American Pairs (NAP).
8. Players with a Blue Ribbon or Silver Ribbon qualification provided they do not have more than 2500 masterpoints as of the last point notification prior to the event.
9. First and second in any bracket of a bracketed KO which does not award 100% gold points for overall placing when no member of the team has more than 1500 masterpoints.

II. SILVER RIBBON ELIGIBILITY: Silver Ribbon eligibility will be earned for first and second place (and ties) in the following qualifying events: gold and/or red point, regional and higher Senior events of at least two sessions with an upper masterpoint limit of at least 500. Players with Blue or Red Ribbon qualification, provided that they meet the ACBL's Senior age requirements.

III. BLUE RIBBON ELIGIBILITY: N.B. Qualifications that were won previous to 1991 that expired and/or were credited to a player entered in a Blue Ribbon Event prior to 1991 no longer count as a Blue Ribbon Qualification. In no instance may a qualification won prior to 1986 be counted.

1. First through eighth in the Vanderbilt, Spingold, Women's, or Senior Knockout Teams at NABC Championships. First through 16th when an event runs 7 days or longer.
2. First through 10th and all ties in all other nationally rated events that have an upper masterpoint limit of more than 1500 masterpoints. First through 15th and all ties in a nationally rated six session event with no upper masterpoint limit.
3. Except for Side Game Series, first and second (including ties) in all gold point regionally-rated events with no upper masterpoint limit or with an upper masterpoint limit of more than 2000 masterpoints. For bracketed KOs the foregoing applies to brackets with one team averaging at least 2000MPs per player.
4. The 100 players having the greatest total of master-points as of the Sept. 1 ACBL computer cycle.
5. All members of the Championship and A Flight District champions in the Grand National Teams and the winners and zonal champions in the Canadian National Team Championship Flight A.
6. Winners of the Canadian Women's Team Championship.
7. First and clear second in single-site District finals of North American Open Pairs - Flight A and Flight B. First and ties for first in multiple site District finals.
8. First and Second (including ties) in the National Final of the Championship and A Flights of the GNT and Flights A and B of the North American Open Pairs (NAOP).
9. All past world champions.
10. Canadian Open Pairs - Regionally Rated (COPC), Mexican Grand National Teams,(MGNTC), Bermuda National Pairs (BNPC), and Bermuda National Teams (BNTC). 1st and 2nd place finishers in the pair events and winners of the team events.

IV. CoC, Red Ribbon Pairs, shall be revised as follows:

2. The Red Ribbon Pairs is open to pairs, each of whom has fewer than 2500 Master Points (as of the masterpoint cycle ran prior to the start of the NABC). Further, each player must have earned a Red, Blue or Silver Ribbon qualification and be an ACBL paid-up member. Please consult Appendix R for more complete information on how these qualifications are earned.

Effective January 1, 2014
Carried.

Item 132-58: Micro-Spingold NABC Knockout Teams

Micro-Spingold NABC Knockout Teams, now restricted to players with fewer than 1500 masterpoints, is increased to include players with fewer than 2000 masterpoints.

Deferred to the 2013 Fall meeting in Phoenix, AZ.
Deferral carried. Nay: 22

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The meeting was called to order by President Donald Mamula on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, July 31

Also Present: Same as Wednesday, July 31

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MEMBERSHIP ACQUISITION & RETENTION

Hennings (C)

Calkins (VC/Juniors) Harlan (VC/Boomers)

Blakely, Cook, Morse, Reid, Seals, Subeck, Weniger

Staff: Turner

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 132-125: CBF 2014 World Youth Championship Request

The CBF's 2014 World Youth Championship Budget is approved for up to \$36,000.

The Budget for United States Junior Bridge Championship (USJBC) to send teams for the 2014 World Youth Team Championship is approved up to \$90,000.

Effective January 1, 2014

Carried. Nay: 1, 7, 9, 17, 22.

MASTERPOINT POLICY

Heller (C) Arlinghaus (VC - Technical)

Calkins, DeMartino, Janicki, Jones, Monzingo, Weniger

Staff: Horwedel

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 132-115: M Factor Change

Second reading required

The M factor in masterpoint computations (MPbook, p.1) shall be amended as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} M &= .3 + UL/1000 \text{ if } UL \leq 100 \\ &.4 + (UL-100)/4000 \text{ if } 100 \leq UL \leq 500 \\ &.5 + (UL-500)/10000 \text{ if } 500 \leq UL \leq 3000 \\ &.75 + (UL-3000)/20000 \text{ if } 3000 \leq UL \leq 8000 \\ &1.00 \text{ if } UL \geq 8000 \end{aligned}$$

where UL is the upper masterpoint limit for the game or stratum in question.

Effective January 1, 2014

Deferred to the 2014 Spring meeting in Dallas, TX

Deferral carried. Nay: 22 Abstain: 8

Item 132-116: X Game Award

Second reading required.

The rules for X game awards (MPbook, p. 10) shall be amended as follows:

- 1) 1^{st} in X = 1^{st} in A * M factor for X stratum * (#entries in X stratum/ total #entries in A/X strata)
- 2) The DIC may change the limit for the X stratum from the published limit only if it is necessary to create a legal game. In that case, the DIC may change the X stratum limit to the lowest legal limit (i.e., one of the allowed limits) which makes the stratum large enough for the game to be itself legal.

Effective January 1, 2014

Deferred to the 2014 Spring meeting in Dallas, TX

Deferral carried. Nay: 22

Item 132-118: Platinum Points

Chapter 1. A. of the Codified Minutes shall be amended as follows:

2.2 Platinum Points

- 2.2.1. Masterpoints earned in Nationally-rated events held at NABCs which have no upper masterpoint limit shall be Platinum Points.
- 2.2.2. Nationally rated-events with an upper masterpoint limit of 10,000 will receive 10% Platinum Points for overall awards only.

Carried. Nay: 15.

Note: The following changes to MP were approved by the Masterpoint Policy Committee and will be given to the full board at the Fall NABC:

Wagar KO Teams 80 MPs 1st, 3% decay for any teams less than 32, 40 MPs for 1st if 16 or fewer teams enter.

Machlin Swiss Teams 70 MPs 1st, 3% decay for any teams less than 32, 35 MPs for 1st if 16 or fewer teams enter.

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The Board went into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. No actions were reported.

Upon conclusion of the Executive session at 4:30 p.m. the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

At 4:30 p.m., the ACBL President Donald Mamula tendered his resignation as President of the ACBL and it was accepted unanimously upon the motion of Georgia Heth, seconded by Merlin Vilhauer.

Effective August 12, 2013.

Election of ACBL President

Bill Cook, Jr. is elected ACBL President to serve from August 13, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Morse and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 7 and its units, District Director Bob Heller and Tournament Chair Jack Feagin and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Hyatt Regency Downtown Hotel for its fine cooperation.

The Board adjourned *sine die* at 4:50 p.m.