

**ACBL Board of Directors
Phoenix, AZ
November 24 – 27, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Cook on Sunday, November 24, 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, Jay Whipple, District Director Elect #9, Dennis Carman, District Director Elect #12, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Robert Hartman, CEO, Jeff Johnston, Joe Jones, Bruce Knoll, Pat Rogoski, Sylvia Hardin, Alex Turner, Carol Robertson, Bryan Delfs, Ken Horwedel, Sam Whitten, Chris Patrias, Dan Plato, Christina van Leeuwen and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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Approval of Atlanta Minutes

The Summer 2013 Atlanta, GA minutes are approved.

Carried unanimously.

Item 133-173: Executive Committee Minutes

The Executive Committee minutes are ratified.

Sunday, August 4, 2013 11:00 a.m. following BoGs meeting Atlanta NABC

Moved that ACBL masterpoints be awarded for WBF Youth Championships. This shall include the *Junior, Youngster and Girls Teams* at the World Team Championships and the *Junior, Youngster and Girls Pairs and Teams* at the World Youth Open Bridge Championships.

Overall awards below the first place and the depth of awards will be computed based on the ACBL formulas. There are no session awards and no awards for Consolation or Secondary events.

First place awards and formulas for overall awards shall be determined at the Fall 2013 BoDs meeting.

Effective July 2013
Carried: 5-0

In attendance: Don Mamula, president, Sharon Anderson, chair of the board, Sharon Fairchild, Eastern zone, Phyllis Harlan, Central zone, Rand Pinsky, Western zone

Also in attendance: Alvin Levy

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The Executive Committee met October 7, 2013 at 11 a.m. CST, by conference call, to approve the following:

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Bill Cook, President, Sharon Anderson, Chairman, Sharon Fairchild, Phyllis Harlan and Rand Pinsky.

Also present were Robert Hartman, CEO and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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RE: Item 132-54 Sectional Tournament Allocations Part 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.

The Executive Committee approved the following:

....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 one-day 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.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Approval of Reconsideration Item

Motion for consideration of non-agenda item, Masterpoint Limit for Flight B GNTs, is assigned to Bridge.

Item 133-168: Certification of Elections

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for three-year terms, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Margot Hennings, District 6; Jay Whipple, District 9; Russ Jones, District 10; Beth Reid, District 11; Dennis Carman, District 12; Bonnie Bagley, District 17; Merlin Vilhauer, District 20; Al Levy, District 24.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as First Alternates to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for three-year terms, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Jean La Traverse, District 1; Jan L. Assini, District 5; Michael Kovacich, District 7; Stan Subeck, District 13; Phil Rea, District 15; Mary Jo Brown, District 18; Jerry Thorpe, District 19; Helen Pawlowski, District 25.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as Second Alternates to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for three-year terms, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Nick L Ecuyer, District 1; Mary Paulone Carns, District 5; Barbara Heller, District 7; Linda Eakes, District 15; Robert Kent, District 23.

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 133-165: Election of ACBL President

Phyllis Harlan declared her candidacy. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. Phyllis Harlan was elected as ACBL President for a one-year term January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2014

ACBL CEO Report

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

NABC STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

Monzingo, (C)

Arlinghaus, Heller, Robinson, Subeck

Staff: Johnston

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

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The meeting was called to order by President Bill Cook on Tuesday, November 26, at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Same as Sunday, November 24

Also Present: Same as Sunday, November 24 with the addition of Russ Jones, District Director Elect #10

League Counsel Report

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

Item 133-166: Election WBF Representative

Dan Morse and Merlin Vilhauer declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. Merlin Vilhauer was elected as ACBL representative to the World Bridge Federation for a three-year term, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 133-167: Election Pension Plan Trustee

Stan Subeck declared his candidacy. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. Stan Subeck was elected as ACBL Pension Plan Trustee for a four-year term, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 133-169: Executive Committee Member & Alternate (Western)

Bruce Blakely was appointed as the Western Zone Executive Committee Member for a three-year term, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Ken Monzingo was appointed as the Western Zone Executive Committee Member Alternate for a three-year term, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 133-173: Executive Committee Member & Alternate (Central)

Beth Reid was appointed as the Central Zone Executive Committee Member for a four-year term, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

Paul Janicki was appointed as the Central Zone Executive Committee Member Alternate for a four-year term, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2014

Item 133-170: 2014 Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Member of the Year

Karl Dencker was appointed as the 2014 Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Member of the Year.

Item 133-171: 2014 Honorary Member of the Year

Jay Baum was appointed as the 2014 Honorary Member of the year.

Item 133-172: 2013 Nadine Wood Volunteer Member of the Year

Silvana Zangri and Kitty Gottfried were appointed as the 2013 Nadine Wood Volunteer Members of the year.

NABC SITE ADVISORY

Johnston (C)

Blakely, Heller, Hennings, Subeck

Staff: Sullivan

Committee Report by Chairman

The ACBL Board of Directors approved the Las Vegas Cosmopolitan as the playing site for the Summer 2019 and the Fall 2024 NABC. The Cosmopolitan – Las Vegas as the host hotel.

Carried unanimously.

The ACBL Board of Directors approved the St Louis Renaissance and Convention Center as the playing site for the Spring 2021 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

STRATEGIC REVIEW & EVALUATION

DeMartino (C), Robinson (VC)

Arlinghaus, Fairchild, Heller, Levy, Mamula, Vilhauer

Staff: Rogoski

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

FINANCE

Reid (C), Robinson (VC)

DeMartino, Levy, Mamula, Monzingo, Pinsky, Seals

Staff: Jones

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 133-70: 2014 Budget

The 2014 operating budget showing a projected excess of revenues over expense of \$5,832 and the 2014 capital budget of \$670,000 are received.

Membership dues increase – New member dues will increase from \$28 to \$29 and regular one year dues will increase from \$37 to \$39 (all other membership types will be adjusted accordingly) beginning April 1, 2014. There will be NO increase in Junior or Patron dues.

Tournament Sanction Fees – All tournament sanction fees will be increased 1.5% beginning April 1, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2014

Carried. Nay: 19, 21 Abstain: 5

GOVERNANCE

Heth (C) Harlan (VC)

Bagley, Calkins, Fairchild, Mamula, Reid, Seals, Weniger

Staff: McGuire

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 133-80: Chapter VII B WBF Representatives

Chapter VII – International Bridge B. WBF Representatives Section 3 shall read as follows:

CHAPTER VII – INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

B. WBF REPRESENTATIVES

Section 3 - Reimbursement of Expenses and Duties of Representatives

- 3.1 Airfare, hotel and per diem for ACBL representatives to attend World Bridge Federation Executive Council meetings are paid by the WBF.

- 3.2 WBF representatives, whether ACBL Board members or not, are expected to attend all regular WBF Executive Council meetings held during the seven (7) days starting with the first meeting, and any special meetings called by the WBF President during that seven day time period. In addition, WBF representatives are expected to attend WBF committee meetings of which they are members during that seven day period, unless a representative is a member of two or more committees which are holding meetings at the same time, in which event the representative shall attend one of the conflicting committee meetings.

Effective immediately

Carried. Abstain: 2, 7, 24

Item 133-81: 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 is formed into a new unit.

Motion failed. Aye: 4 Abstain: 1, 7, 9, 24

Item 133-82: Electronic Smoking Devices

Chapter VIII Section E is amended as follows:

1.16 Smoking Policy at NABCs

1.16.1 Smoking is not permitted in the playing area during any bridge playing event at an NABC. This includes electronic smoking devices.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously.

Item 133-83: Club Committee

The Board of Directors shall establish a permanent Club committee that will include Club Managers/Directors, ACBL Management and Board of Directors.

Motion failed. Abstain: 1, 24

Item 133-84: ACBL Mission Statement

Chapter IV Board Procedures, Section A. Administration and Policy is amended as follows:

A. ADMINISTRATION

The Mission of the ACBL is to promote, grow, and sustain the game of bridge and serve the bridge-related interests of our members.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously.

Item 133-85: Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games

The Codification Chapter XI Special Events shall read as follows:

CHAPTER XI – SPECIAL EVENTS

A. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS - GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS and NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

The Grand National Teams (GNT) and North American Pairs (NAP) were created initially with the expectation that players would play in and represent the Districts in which they lived.

- 1.1 For the GNTs a member's principal physical residence as of September 1 of the year prior to the National Final shall establish the District in which said member is eligible to participate beyond the club qualifying stage.
 - 1.1.1 All residency requirements and requests for exceptions shall also apply to players augmented onto GNT teams.

- 1.2 For the NAPs a member's principal residence as of June 1 of the year prior to the National Final shall establish the District in which said member is eligible to participate beyond the club qualifying stage.
- 1.3 In both events, changes in residence after such date shall not change the District in which the player is eligible to participate.
- 1.4 Guidelines for Exceptions
 - 1.4.1 A player seeking an exception must obtain permission in writing from the ACBL District Director representing the District in which the member has a principal residence and from the ACBL District Director representing the District in which the member wishes to play. Both District Directors must approve the request for the exception to be granted.
 - 1.4.2 Any exceptions in the highest flight of the event must also be approved by a BOD Credentials Committee. The expectation is that District Directors will approve and forward requests to the Credentials Committee only in very special cases.
 - 1.4.3 Listed below are examples of situations where an exception might be considered. Others may arise and will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
 - a. “Snowbird”. A member with seasonal residences who spends more than half of the GNT (September 1-February 28) or NAP (June 1-August 31) qualifying period in a District other than the District of his principal physical residence may play beyond the club qualifying stage in the District of seasonal residence. If he chooses to do so, he may only play in the District level final of one District. He must play in that District’s District finals to be eligible to play in the national finals. Such a player will not be eligible to be added to a team from his other District. All necessary approvals must be obtained before play begins at the District level.
 - b. A player with multiple domiciles should apply to the Credentials Committee for a one-time choice of District in which he wishes to play. This application must be made before the start of the event's qualifying period. This player may be asked to document his time in each of his residences. The player must spend at least three months each year in a District in order to have it considered as a domicile possibility. Once a player chooses a District in which to play, he must play only in that District until he no longer has a domicile in that District.
 - c. A participant who is a full-time student, a member of the armed forces or whose employment requires temporary relocation may play in the District in which he temporarily resides.

- 1.4.4 In rare cases, a player who is a member of a unit in a District in which he does not reside may seek permission to play in the District in which he has a unit membership. Such an exception will be considered only if all of the conditions below are met:
- a. Lives sufficiently close to the District borders
 - b. Has been a member of the unit in which he wishes to play for at least 5 years continuously prior to the start of the competition in the year for which the exception is being requested.
 - c. Must not have played in the GNT or NAP in another District for that period of time.
 - d. Must have been actively involved as a volunteer in the Unit or District in which he wishes to play for at least two years. Possibilities include, but are not limited to: Unit or District Board Member, Chair of NABC or major NABC Committee, District or Unit Recorder, Tournament Chair, or Club Manager.

Note: Simply playing bridge in the other District/Unit or having a regular partner who resides in the other District is not considered sufficient reason for an exception to the “play where you live” rule.

1.4.4.1 Any player seeking an exception for this reason must document the reasons why an exception should be considered and send it to both District Directors involved, as described above. This application must be made before the start of the event's qualifying period. The District Director of the District in which the player is a member must confirm the fact that the player has been an active volunteer in the District (or Unit) where the player does not live before forwarding such requests to the Credentials Committee (Championship Flight only.)

1.4.4.2 Should an exception be granted for this reason, the player is eligible to play only in that District and may not change unit affiliation unless the player's principal physical residence changes.

1.5 The Credentials Committee (CC) is also responsible for clarifying which District a player is allowed to play in when said player's eligibility is in question. When a challenge to one's eligibility from a unit final stage or later stage has been made, the CC may request documentary evidence from the member whose eligibility is in question. If a member is unable to verify to the CC's satisfaction that he or she is playing in the District of the member's principal residence, the CC shall automatically disqualify the member and his teammates.

- 1.6 When a member is disqualified by the CC, the matter will be referred to the ACBL President who may choose to make charges to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee in accordance with section 2.2.3 (d) of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.
- 1.7 The Credentials Committee may consider exceptions under unusual circumstances for otherwise eligible players who change their District through a change in their physical domicile after September 1. Request shall be made at least 30 days before the appropriate District Level final.
- 1.8 There is no appeal from the Credentials Committee decision.

B. GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Section 1 – Guidelines

- 1.1 Any player participating in GNT events must be a dues-paying or service-fee paid-up ACBL member prior to playing in any level of this event except club qualifying.
- 1.2 The GNT competition will have four flights as follows:
 - a. Championship Flight: 0-unlimited
 - b. Flight A: 0-6000 MP
 - c. Flight B: 0-2500 MP
 - d. Flight C: non-Life Master up to 500 MP
- 1.3 The District has the option of conducting any fair bridge competition it chooses to select a winning team for each flight, which is then entitled to play in the National Finals at the Summer NABC. Sometimes a GNT club round qualifying is scheduled, but participation by an individual club is optional.
- 1.4 The ACBL Finals of Flights B and C of the GNT will be a seeded knockout.
 - 1.4.1 Seeding will be by average masterpoints. Ties will be broken by lot.
- 1.5 At the GNT National Finals screens shall be used starting in the round of 8 in the Championship Flight and Flight A and in the round of 4 in Flights B and C. 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.

Section 2 – Fees and Fund Raising

- 2.1 Sanction fees shall be \$1.00 per table per session at all stages of the event. At District option, a surcharge may be added.
- 2.2 Each Regional shall be allocated one (1) sanction-free midnight Swiss game held to subsidize District GNT competition.

- 2.3 A District may permit each club within its area to hold one sectional-rated event (for as many game sessions as the club has sanctioned) as a fundraiser for the Grand National Teams or the Canadian National Team Championship. Each District sets the amount its clubs remit to it, to a maximum of \$6.00 per table.

Section 3 – Miscellaneous GNT Regulations

- 3.1 The regulations that apply to sanctioning Sectionals shall apply to the sanctioning of a District's GNT Final.
- 3.2 ACBL members representing their NCBO or Zone II in WBF competitions shall be granted a waiver of the qualification requirements for Grand National Teams where a conflict of dates exists. This waiver will not apply to a District Final.
- 3.3 Districts may hold events in one or more stages.
- 3.4 Districts may hold Sectional-rated events in conjunction with the District finals of Grand National Team Events.
- 3.5 If a flight is held at a Sectional, silver points shall be awarded at that stage.
- 3.6 District champions of each flight will be eligible to participate in a National finals to be held immediately prior to the start of the summer NABC. A District need not be represented at the National finals.
- 3.6.1 There will be no subsidy from the ACBL nor any required subsidy from the Districts.
- 3.7 The GNT Championship Flight masterpoints won at the NABC Final in the semifinals and finals will be included in the Player of the Year race.
- 3..8 The GNT Championship Flight masterpoints won at the NABC Final in the semifinals and finals will be included for the Fishbein Trophy awarded to the Player winning the most masterpoints at the Summer NABC in NABC+ events.

C. NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP)

Section 1 – Guidelines

- 1.1 Any player participating in NAP events must be a dues-paying or service-fee paid-up ACBL member prior to playing in any level of this event except club qualifying.
- 1.3 The NAP competition will have three flights as follows:

- a. Flight A: 0-unlimited
- b. Flight B: 0-2500 MP
- c. Flight C: Non-Life Master up to 500

Section 2 – Club Level Qualifying

- 2.1 The club qualifying round for all Flights of the NAP will be held in June, July and August.
- 2.2 A club may conduct two qualifying events in each Flight for each weekly game sanctioned in each month.
- 2.3 A game may be held as a stratified event. If there is a separate Non-LM qualifying game, it may be stratified as 0-20, 20-100, 100-500 (non-LM).
- 2.4 A club may move the site of its NAP qualifying game to accommodate increased attendance, but the club must hold the event at the same time as one of its regular sanctioned game sessions.
- 2.5 Clubs hosting NAP games must return the financial report and fees due by the 10th of the following month.
- 2.6 Each club must schedule its NAP game on one of its sanctioned sessions (exceptions can be approved by the unit) within the specified month for qualification.
- 2.7 The ACBL recommends that games of 18 or more tables be divided into two or more sections.
- 2.8 Duplicated boards across all sections are desirable but not mandatory. A minimum of 21 boards must be played, and all games should be seeded. ACBL issues all masterpoints earned at NAP events.
- 2.9 A club level-qualifying event must be a one-session open pair event.
- 2.10 A club-stage event must have a club or higher-rated director. ACBL recommends a non-playing director, but games of one section with 17 tables or fewer may have a playing director.
- 2.11 In emergencies, substitutes may play up to 50% of the boards. Substitutes who play more than 50% of the boards acquire the rights of the original contestants. Masterpoint awards are 100% sectional rated, ½ red, ½ black.
- 2.12 An invitational club may participate and qualify players for the unit level competition. Masterpoint awards for invitational flights are all black and are equivalent to 80% of sectional rating.

- 2.13 With prior unit approval, an invitational club may open its games to all ACBL members, with players earning the same masterpoint awards as they would at open clubs.
- 2.13.1 Before approval is granted, however, the unit must be satisfied that the club will adequately advertise the fact that the game will be open. If a unit refuses permission for an open game, a club may appeal the unit's decision to the district organization.
- 2.14 Players may participate in club level NAP competitions outside their home districts. These players will receive any masterpoints earned and any qualifications earned are for the next level of play in their home district.
- 2.15 At a club level qualifying game, all eligible individuals who earn masterpoints or finish in the top half of the field, and any individuals who score 50% or better, earn qualification to play at the unit level.
- 2.16 When there is a separate Non-LM qualifying game, it may be stratified as follows:
0 - 20, 20 - 100, and 100 - 500 (Non-LM).
- 2.16.1 Only those players placing in the top strat, 100-500 (Non-LM), will be eligible to qualify and go on to the unit round.

Section 3 - Fees and Awards

- 3.1 A District may charge an additional fee, not to exceed \$1.00 per table, at the club level of the North American Pairs Event.
- 3.2 A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights as follows:
- 3.2.1 In districts with three qualifiers, the 1st place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 3rd place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.
- 3.2.2 In districts with four qualifiers, the 1st and 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 3rd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 4th place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.
- 3.2.3 Invited defenders will receive \$700 per person.
- 3.2.4 No individual may collect two concurrent prizes.
- 3.2.5 In the event of a tie, the qualifiers will receive the total of the awards for the tied places, divided by the number of players involved with the tie.

- 3.2.6 The monetary award will be available on site. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the award.
- 3.2.7 There will be no entry fee for the national level of the event.
- 3.2.8 Management may use its best judgment in making exceptions to any of the above.

Section 4 – Miscellaneous NAP Regulations

- 4.1 ACBL members representing their NCBO or Zone II in WBF competitions shall be granted a waiver of the qualification requirements for North American Pairs where a conflict of dates exists. This waiver will not apply to a District Final.
- 4.2 Club or Unit Grand National Pair events may not be held within 25 miles of a Sectional tournament.
- 4.3. At District option, clubs may not hold Grand National Pair Qualifying events in conflict with a Regional in that District.
- 4.4 For the unit level competition, both members of the pair must play in their home district. No player may enter more than one unit level competition per flight.
- 4.5 All participants at the unit level must be ACBL members in good standing and be current in payment of dues or Life Master service fees. Non-members may join ACBL at the time they register to play. To accommodate non-members and others who do not wish to play in the NAP event, a club may conduct a regular game at the same time as the qualifying event.
- 4.6 Districts may hold Sectional-rated events in conjunction with the District finals of North American Pair Events.
- 4.7 The regulations that apply to sanctioning Sectionals shall apply to the sanctioning of a District's Final.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 The number of members used in the formula to determine extra pairs for the National final is equivalent to the number of members in that District eligible to participate in that level of the event. The extra pairs will be based on the percentage of participation, at the club level, within each Flight.
- 4.10 The North American Pairs final will be a four-session event, with between 52 and 78 pairs competing in a two-session Qualifying for a two-session Final with carryover as per

ACBL formula. In Flight A, 28 pairs will qualify for the Final. In Flights B and C, approximately 50% of the original entry will qualify for the Final.

- 4.11 The National Finals of Flight A of the North American Pairs will be held on the Wednesday and Thursday prior to the Spring NABC. Flights B and C will be held on the second Saturday and Sunday of the Spring NABC

D. ACBL-WIDE AND OTHER SPECIAL GAMES

Section 1 - General

- 1.1 ACBL-wide special games may not be conducted during any month that is designated as a special fund month. The months of January (Grass Roots) February (Junior), April (Charity), and September (International) are designated as special fund game months.
- 1.2 Management will select appropriate dates for the ACBL-wide events.
- 1.3 ACBL-wide games held at sites where the minimum number of tables requirement is not met shall award master points on the same basis as those held at sites where these requirements are met but shall be excluded from District and National ranking..
- 1.4 Management shall publish the statistics and a financial review of all special event games in the Journal for each Spring meeting of the Board. The report is to include the administrative man-hour and advertising costs required to support these events.
- 1.5 For ACBL-Wide Charity Games, ACBL-Wide International Fund Games, the annual ACBL-Wide Senior pairs, the annual ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint game and District-Wide Charity games, overall and District awards will be determined as follows (official hand records must be used):
- a. Overall: First Place: 20 points Depth of awards: 10 places
 - b. District: First Place: 10 points Depth of awards: 5 places
- 1.5.1 Winners will receive the greater of the nationwide and the District awards, in addition to masterpoints won at the game itself.

Section 2. – ACBL-Wide Senior Event

- 2.1 The event must be conducted on a specific weekday afternoon designated by the ACBL.
- 2.2 Each club applying for a sanction must either (a) already be sanctioned to conduct a game at that time; or (b) submit its Unit's written approval to conduct the game.
- 2.3 Sanction fee is \$4.00 for each table in play and must be remitted with the report of the game.
- 2.4 Participants must be 60 years of age or older.
- 2.5 For each site, overall and section Masterpoint awards, based on 80% Sectional rating, will be issued by the ACBL.
- 2.6 Hand records and analyses shall be provided.

Section 3 - International Fund Games

- 3.1 If this game is run by a club (or clubs) in a unit, the unit may not schedule any bridge event at the same time, except a Sectional or Regional.
- 3.2 The color of masterpoints awarded for continent-wide International Fund games is 1/2 red and 1/2 black.

- 3.3 One "Midnight" event shall be conducted at each NABC for the benefit of the International Fund.
 - 3.3.1 Organizations sponsoring Regional and Sectional tournaments shall be encouraged to hold a similar event at each of their tournaments. Such events shall carry Sectional rating.

Section 4 – WBF World Wide Pairs (WWP)

- 4.1 The WWP may be held at clubs, Sectionals or Regionals.
- 4.2 The Friday and Saturday games are two separate events.
- 4.3 When this event is held at a tournament as part of a 2-session event, the sponsoring organization pays the sanction fee for the WWP for those players entered in both the tournament event and the WWP. One sanction fee only is paid. The event is scored twice - once as the WWP and once as the tournament event. Participants entered in both are eligible only for the higher masterpoint award. Note: Points remain half /red, half black for the WWP either red/gold or silver as is appropriate for the tournament event.
- 4.4 When the WWP is held at a sectional or regional, it should have its own separate section except that the organization may offer this event, in addition, to those playing in a two session event one session of which is concurrent with the WWP
- 4.5 A one (1) session event may not be played as a WWP and a Tournament Event....i.e. - the event awards only WWP masterpoints. In a one session event a player is only eligible for masterpoints from one event.
- 4.6 ACBL masterpoints will be awarded to overall winners in each District each day each direction.
- 4.7 The financial statistics of the WBF World Wide Pairs will be made available to the Board for review at the Summer meeting.

Section 5 - District and ACBL-Wide Games

- 5.1 Overall masterpoints will be awarded in Continent-wide Charity Games and in Continent-Wide International Fund games that use hand records and for which National and District winners are determined and published in the ACBL Bulletin.
- 5.2 Overall masterpoints will be awarded in District-Wide Charity Games that use hand records and for which District winners are determined.
- 5.3 In addition to District overall awards, Continent-wide overall winners will be determined and overall masterpoints awarded.
- 5.4 Overall point awards will be red points with amounts and depth of awards as recommended by the Masterpoint Committee and approved by the ACBL Board of Directors.
- 5.5 Instant Matchpoint Game
 - 5.5.1 Games meeting open standards will be considered in the open contest. (Note: ½ table games will be included.)
 - 5.5.2 Minimum of five (5) tables is required.

- 5.5.3 Minimum boards to be played by any pair in the open contest is 20.
- 5.5.4 Howell movements meeting open standards will award a gold point for first place.
- 5.5.5 Games will award one (1) gold point to section tops in each direction in each club. The remaining points will be red/black at sectional rating.
Overall Awards: 1st, 20; depth of awards, 10 places
District Winners: 1st, 10; depth of awards, 5 places

Section 6 - State, Province, Country (SPC) Championships

- 6.1 This is an event in which each participating ACBL SPC may name a champion in each category by means of a fair competition that is not necessarily the same from SPC to SPC. The type of event and conditions of contest must be submitted to and approved by the ACBL Tournament Department.
- 6.2 There will not be a National final. The event may be flighted.
- 6.3 With ACBL Management approval, this event or any portion may be run through an on-line service. At SPC option, each flight may be played at three or fewer levels.
- 6.4 ACBL Rules and Regulations apply to all play in the event and supercede special SPC conditions in cases of conflict.

E. CANADIAN SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1.1 It is mandatory for bridge clubs in Canada to hold an ACBL-sanctioned International Fund Game or ACBL-sanctioned charity game annually. Clubs are encouraged to hold both of these events.
- 1.2 The Canadian Bridge Federation may host a second Canada-wide Rookie/Master game each year. Additionally, should they desire to run more such games, consent from the Board of Directors is not required.
- 1.3 The masterpoint award for the COPC National Final is the same as the District Finals Championship Flight North American Pairs. Effective March 1, 1996.
- 1.4 The CBF is granted a sanction to hold sectional-rated black point games during Canadian Bridge week. One or more of these games may be designated as a qualifying event for the COPC by amendment of the COPC conditions of contest.
- 1.5 The annual one-session CBF Simultaneous Pairs game awards sectional-rated masterpoints. In addition to overall Canada-wide awards, there will be overall awards in each of the six CBF Zones.

- 1.6 Districts may hold Sectional-rated events in conjunction with the Zone Finals of the CNTC.
- 1.7 The Canadian Bridge Federation shall be charged a set fee of \$2.00 (US) per table at the first level of play of the COPC, CNTC and CWTC, with no sanction fee for all subsequent rounds of these events.
- 1.8 The ACBL will sanction two new Canadian events to be held during Canadian Bridge week:
 - A. Canadian Senior Team Championship (CSTC)
 - B. Canadian IMP Pairs Championship (CIPC)

Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX.
 Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 133-86: Chapter XI SPECIAL EVENTS – A

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter XI A. GNT/CNTC are rescinded:

RO = Rescind Obsolete

Bold Numbers refer to where items can be found in the new codification.

Chapter 11, A.1 CHAPTER XI - SPECIAL EVENTS

A. GNT / CNTC

Use of Midnight Swiss Games to Help Finance GNT (842-42) See XI B 2.2

Effective immediately, each Regional shall be allocated one, sanction free, midnight Swiss game held to subsidize District GNT competition.

Waiver of Participation in NAOP or GNT for Members Representing a Country in WBF Competitions (862-45) See XI B 3.2 & XI C 4.1

ACBL members representing their NCBO or Zone II in WBF competitions shall be granted a waiver of the qualification requirements for Grand National Teams or North American Open Pairs where a conflict of dates exists. This waiver will not apply to a District Final in either event. Effective immediately.

Review of GNT Format (893-41) (992-110) (013-131) See XI B 1.2

A. The Grand National Team (GNT) event, in its current format, shall be discontinued at the end of the 1989-1990 competition.

B. Each District will offer a fair bridge competition for the newly organized event outlined below.

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

- Flight C: non-LM up to 500 MP
- Flight B: 0-2000 MP
- Flight A: 0-5000 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.

- If a club or Unit holds a stratified qualifying event, then that event will be scored, and masterpoints awarded, for only three strats A (unlimited MP), B (0-2000 MP), C (NLM up to 500 MP). A team that qualifies in strat A is considered to have qualified for the championship Flight (unlimited MP) and/or Flight A (0-5000 MP) depending on its players' masterpoint holding. C. E. Participants at the District level of the competition must be members of the District.
- F. Districts may hold events in one or more stages. **See XIB 3.3**
- G. Sanction fees shall be \$1.00 per table per session at all stages of the event. At District option, a surcharge may be added. **See XI B 2.1**
- H. If a flight is held at a Sectional, silver points shall be awarded at that stage. **See XI B 3.5**
- I. District champions of each flight will be eligible to participate in a National finals to be held immediately prior to the start of the summer NABC. There will be no subsidy from the ACBL nor any required subsidy from the Districts. A District need not be represented at the National finals. **See XI B 3.6**

Sectional-rated Events in Conjunction with GNT District Finals (902-93) See XI B 3.4 & XI C 4.6 & XI E 1.6

Districts may hold Sectional-rated events in conjunction with the District finals of Grand National Team and North American Pair Events and Zone Finals of the CNTC.

Sectional-rated Events in Clubs to Benefit Grand National Teams (903-104) See XI B 2.3

A District Organization may permit each club within its District to hold one (1) Sectional-rated event as a fund raiser for the Grand National Teams or the Canadian National Team Championship. The District may set the amount to be remitted to the District but such amount may not exceed \$6.00 per table. Effective January 1, 1991.

Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103) See XI E 1.7

The Canadian Bridge Federation shall be charged a set fee of \$2.00 (US) per table at the first level of play of the COPC, CNTC and CWTC, with no sanction fee for all subsequent rounds of these events.

Special Event Games (941-70) See XI D 1.4

Management's annual report concerning special event games is accepted. Management will publish the statistics and a financial review of all special event games in the Journal for each Spring Meeting of the Board. The report is to include the administrative man-hours and advertising costs required to support these events.

1999 Budget (Second Reading of item 983-115A 1, 2, &3) RO

3. Fees for ACBL sponsored games will be increased as follows beginning April 1, 1999.

Grand National Teams \$1 to \$1.25

Instant Match Point \$10 to \$11

Senior-wide Game \$2 to \$2.25

Annual Masterpoint Achievement Races (including GNT) (991-233) See XI B 3.7 & XI B 3.8

- B. The GNT Flight A masterpoints won at the NABC Final in the semifinals and finals will be included in the Player of the Year race.
- C. The GNT Flight A masterpoints won at the NABC Final in the semifinals and finals will be included for the Fishbein Trophy awarded to the Player winning the most masterpoints at the Summer NABC in NABC+ events.

Flight B of the CNTC (992-111)RO

The CBF is granted permission to add a Flight B to the Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC).

Regional Allocation Regulations (002-127)See XI B 31. & XI C 4.7

- B. The regulations that apply to sanctioning Sectionals shall apply to the sanctioning of a District=s GNT and NAOP Final.

Canadian Senior Team Championship and Canadian IMP Pairs (032-71) See XI E 1.8

The ACBL will sanction two new Canadian events to be held during Canadian Bridge week:

- A. Canadian Senior Team Championship (CSTC)
- B. Canadian IMP Pairs Championship (CIPC)

GNT Flights B and C Seeding (032-106) See XI B 1.4

The conditions of contest for the ACBL Finals of Flights B and C (non-LM) are amended as follows:

- A. The finals will be a seeded knockout.
- B. Seeding will be by average masterpoints. Ties will be broken by lot.

GNT and NAP Conditions of Contest (052-66) See XI B 1.1 & XI C 1.1

Any player participating in either GNT or NAP events must be a dues-paying or service-fee paid-up ACBL member prior to playing in any level of this event except club qualifying.

NAP/GNT Residency Guidelines (082-36) See XI A

The following guidelines for NAP/GNT Residency exceptions are adopted.

NAP/GNT Residency Requirements – Background

The North American Pairs and Grand National Teams were created initially with the expectation that players would play in and represent the districts in which they lived. They were to be "grass roots" events. As time passed, implementation of this original intent became increasingly difficult and, as a result, numerous abuses occurred where players were often not playing in the district in which they lived. This was especially true in the top flight of the GNT where expert partnerships are often established over increasingly large geographical distances. Several years ago, a BOD Committee was established to address this issue. After lengthy and extended deliberations over two years, in an effort to restore the integrity of the original intent of these two great events, the BOD approved the following measures:

For the GNTs: A member's principal physical residence as of September 1 of the year prior to the National Final shall establish the district in which said member is eligible to participate beyond the club qualifying stage. For the NAPs: A member's principal residence as of June 1 of the year

prior to the National Final shall establish the district in which the member is eligible to participate beyond the club level.

The expectation is that exceptions to this rule will be rare, especially in the top flight of each event. A player seeking an exception must obtain permission in writing from the ACBL District Director representing the district in which the member has a principal residence and from the ACBL District Director representing the district in which the member wishes to play. Both District Directors must approve the request for the exception to be granted. Further, any exceptions in the top flight must also be approved by a BOD Credentials Committee. The expectation is that District Directors will approve and forward requests to the Credentials Committee only in very special cases (see below). There is no appeal from the Credentials Committee decision.

The Credentials Committee (CC) is also responsible for clarifying which district a player is allowed to play in when said player's eligibility is in question. When a challenge to one's eligibility from a unit final stage or later stage has been made, the CC may request documentary evidence from the member whose eligibility is in question. If a member is unable to verify to the CC's satisfaction that he or she is playing in the district of the member's principal residence, the CC shall automatically disqualify the member and his or her partner and teammates (if the event is the GNT). When a member is disqualified by the CC, the matter will be referred to the ACBL President who may choose to make charges to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee in accordance with section 2.2.3 (d) of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

The BOD and the Credentials Committee both recognize that implementation of these measures may inconvenience some members who were granted exceptions in previous years. Nevertheless, the general consensus is that implementation and strict interpretation of these measures is necessary to restore the integrity of these events. The alternative, which was carefully considered by the BOD, was to eliminate these two great events from our schedule.

Guidelines for Exceptions

As noted above, the expectation is that exceptions will be rare. Following are three situations where an exception may be considered:

“Snowbird”. A member with seasonal residences who spends more than half of the GNT (September 1 – February 28) or NAP (June 1 – August 31) qualifying period in a district other than the district of his principal physical residence may play in the district of seasonal residence. If he chooses to do so, he must play in that district's district finals to be eligible to play in the national finals. Such a player will not be eligible to be added to a team from the district of his principal residence.

A player with multiple domiciles should apply to the Credentials Committee for a one-time choice of district in which he wishes to play. This player may be asked to document his time in each of his residences. The player must spend at least three months each year in a district in order to have it considered as a domicile possibility. Once a player chooses a district in which to play, he must play only in that district until he no longer has a domicile in that district.

A participant who is a full-time student, a member of the armed forces or whose employment requires temporary relocation may play in the District in which he temporarily resides.

In rare cases, a player who is a member of a unit in a district in which he does not reside may seek permission to play in the district in which he has a unit membership. Such an exception will be considered only if all of the conditions below are met:

Lives sufficiently close to the district borders

Has been a member of the unit in which he wishes to play for at least 5 years continuously prior to the start of the competition in the year for which the exception is being requested.

Must not have played in the GNT or NAP in another district for that period of time. (The 2006/2007 GNT or NAP is not considered for this requirement.)

Must have been actively involved as a volunteer in the Unit or District in which he wishes to play for at least two years. Possibilities include, but are not limited to: Unit or District Board Member, Chair of NABC or major NABC Committee, District or Unit Recorder, Tournament Chair, or Club Manager.

Note: Simply playing bridge in the other District/Unit or having a regular partner who resides in the other District is not considered sufficient reason for an exception to the “play where you live” rule

Any player seeking an exception for this reason must document the reasons why an exception should be considered and send it to both District Directors involved, as described above. The District Director of the District in which the player is a member must confirm the fact that the player has been an active volunteer in the District (or Unit) where the player does not live before forwarding such requests to the Credentials Committee (top flight only).

Should an exception be granted for this reason, the player is eligible to play only in that district and may not change unit affiliation unless the player’s principal physical residence changes.

Canadian Bridge Federation Simultaneous Pairs (102-110) See XI E 1.5

The ACBL Board of Directors shall sanction a one-session Canadian Bridge Federation Simultaneous Pairs. The event will run annually beginning in 2011 and award sectionally rated masterpoints. In addition to overall Canada-Wide awards there will be overall awards in each of the six CBF Zones.

GNT Conditions of Contest (102-54) RO

The following rules apply for all District Finals of the GNTs. # of Teams entered / flight in District finals	% of Max Award /flight available for games of unlimited size	# of Overall Places
1	as awarded	None

2	50%	1
3 – 4	67%	1
5+	100% if 3+ sessions played in District final; 67% if 2 sessions.	As specified for the type of event, if any phase is a KO, the depth of awards is as specified for a KO event of the same size as the original number of district final entries.

Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX.
Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 133-87: Chapter XI SPECIAL EVENTS – B

RO = Rescind Obsolete

Bold Numbers refer to where items can be found in the new codification.

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter XI B are rescinded:

CHAPTER XI - SPECIAL EVENTS

B. NAOP \ NLMNAP

GNP Split District Finals (793-103) RO

The concept of GNP District Finals being held at two sites with identical conditions of contest is approved. Each District will establish its own conditions for entry, but Management shall work out the details of Master Point awards for the split final.

GNP Events in Conflict with Sectionals and Regionals (811-157)

- A. Club or Unit Grand National Pair events may not be held within 25 miles of a Sectional tournament. (Should a club be unable to hold this event because of a conflict with a tournament on all three weekends, upon application to Management this regulation may be waived.) Effective immediately. **SEE XI C 4.2**
- B. At District option, clubs may not hold Grand National Pair Qualifying events in conflict with a Regional in that District. **SEE XI C 4.3**
- C. Upon application by a District, the regulation requiring back-to-back multiple site Unit Finals may be waived by Management. Effective immediately.

Grand National Events - Name Change (861-42) RO

The Grand National Pairs and the Grand National Rookie Pairs shall be renamed the North American Open Pairs and the North American Rookie Pairs, respectively.

Publication of GNT and NAOP Dates (862-43) RO

Qualifying dates for the North American Open and Non-Life Master Pairs, and the North American Rookie Pairs shall be published at least two years in advance as part of the tournament schedule sent to Units and Districts.

Waiver of Participation in NAOP or GNT for Members Representing a Country in WBF Competitions (862-45) See XI C 4.1

ACBL members representing their NCBO or Zone II in WBF competitions shall be granted a waiver of the qualification requirements for Grand National Teams or North American Open Pairs where a conflict of dates exists. This waiver will not apply to a District Final in either event. Effective immediately.

Flighting of the North American Open Pairs (902-91A) See XI C 1.2

Commencing with the 1991-92 Events, the NAOP and the NANLMP shall be divided as follows: The North American Open Pairs shall be divided into three events:

1. North American Open Pairs - Flight A (NAOP-A), 0 - unlimited MPs; North American Open Pairs - Flight B (NAOP-B), 0-1500 MPs; and North American Non-Life Master Pairs (NANLMP), 0-Non-Life Masters.
3. The North American Open Pairs - Flight B will be held in the same time period as the North American Open Pairs - Flight A. These games, NAOP-B and NAOP-A, may be stratified up to, but not including, the District Final.

Sectional-rated Events in Conjunction with GNT District Finals (902-93) See XI C 4.6

Districts may hold Sectional-rated events in conjunction with the District finals of Grand National Team and North American Pair Events and Zone Finals of the CNTC.

District Surcharge for North American Pairs Event at the Club Level (903-102) See XI C 3.1

A District may charge an additional fee, not to exceed \$1.00 per table, at the club level of the North American Pairs Event.

Scheduling of National Finals of Flights B and C of the GNT and NAOP (963-146) See XI C 4.11

- B. Flight A of the North American Pairs will continue to be held on the Wednesday and Thursday prior to the Spring NABC. Flights B and C will be held on the second Saturday and Sunday of the Spring NABC. Effective with the 1997/1998 event.
- C. Starting time for Flights B and C of the NAP on the final Sunday in 1998 will be the same as the regional events.

North American Open Pairs Club Level Non-LM Qualifying Games (973-173) See XI C 2.16

Effective with the 1998/99 North American Pairs, when there is a separate Non-LM qualifying game, it may be stratified as follows:

0 - 20, 20 - 100, and 100 - 500 (Non-LM).

Only those players placing in the top strat, 100-500 (Non-LM), will be eligible to qualify and go on to the unit round.

NAOP Flight B Masterpoint Range (993-113) RO

The masterpoint limit for the NAOP Flight B is changed to 0-2000, starting with the 2000/2001 event.

Regional Allocation Regulations (002-127) See XI C 4.7

B. The regulations that apply to sanctioning Sectionals shall apply to the sanctioning of a District=s GNT and NAOP Final.

GNT and NAP Conditions of Contest (052-66) See XI B 1.1 & XI C 1.1

Any player participating in either GNT or NAP events must be a dues-paying or service-fee paid-up ACBL member prior to playing in any level of this event except club qualifying.

NAP Monetary Award (071-65) (101-111) See XI C 3.2

A. Item(s) 991-111, 031-21 and 052-70 are rescinded

B. A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights as follows:

1. In districts with three qualifiers, the 1st place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 3rd place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.

In districts with four qualifiers, the 1st and 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 3rd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 4th place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.

Invited defenders will receive \$700 per person.

No individual may collect two concurrent prizes.

In the event of a tie, the qualifiers will receive the total of the awards for the tied places, divided by the number of players involved with the tie.

C. The monetary award will be available on site. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the award.

D. There will be no entry fee for the national level of the event.

E. Management may use its best judgment in making exceptions to any of the above.

NAOP Extra Pairs Formula (073-58) See XI C 4.9

The number of members used in the formula is equivalent to the number of members in that District eligible to participate in that level of the event. The extra pairs will be based on the percentage of participation, at the club level, within each Flight.

NAP/GNT Residency Guidelines (082-36) See XI A

The following guidelines for NAP/GNT Residency exceptions are adopted.

NAP/GNT Residency Requirements – Background

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national finals. Such a player will not be eligible to be added to a team from the district of his principal residence.

A player with multiple domiciles should apply to the Credentials Committee for a one-time choice of district in which he wishes to play. This player may be asked to document his time in each of his residences. The player must spend at least three months each year in a district in order to have it considered as a domicile possibility. Once a player chooses a district in which to play, he must play only in that district until he no longer has a domicile in that district.

A participant who is a full-time student, a member of the armed forces or whose employment requires temporary relocation may play in the District in which he temporarily resides.

In rare cases, a player who is a member of a unit in a district in which he does not reside may seek permission to play in the district in which he has a unit membership. Such an exception will be considered only if all of the conditions below are met:

Lives sufficiently close to the district borders

Has been a member of the unit in which he wishes to play for at least 5 years continuously prior to the start of the competition in the year for which the exception is being requested.

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Must have been actively involved as a volunteer in the Unit or District in which he wishes to play for at least two years. Possibilities include, but are not limited to: Unit or District Board Member, Chair of NABC or major NABC Committee, District or Unit Recorder, Tournament Chair, or Club Manager.

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Should an exception be granted for this reason, the player is eligible to play only in that district and may not change unit affiliation unless the player’s principal physical residence changes.

Item 102-52: NAP Flight B & C Finals (102-52) See XI C 4.10

The North American Pairs Conditions of Contest, National Level Participation is amended as follows:

Flight B & C final will be a four-session event, with between 52 and 78 pairs competing in a two-session play through qualifying approximately 50% of the original entry to a two-session play-through final with carryover as per ACBL formula.

Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX.
Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 133-88: Chapter XI SPECIAL EVENTS – C

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter XI C are rescinded:

RO = Rescind Obsolete

Bold Numbers refer to where items can be found in the new codification.

CHAPTER XI - SPECIAL EVENTS C. CONTINENTWIDE GAMES

Minimum Numbers of Tables for Continentwide Games (762-105) **See XI D 1.3**

Continentwide games held at sites where the minimum number of tables requirement is not met shall award master points on the same basis as those held at sites where these requirements are met but shall be excluded from District and National ranking and prizes. Effective 01/01/77.

ACBL-Wide Senior Citizens Event Conditions of Contest (832-31) (853-74) (983-115) **See XI D**

Section 2

The ACBL-Wide Senior Citizens Game Conditions of Contest shall include the following:

1. The event must be conducted on a specific weekday afternoon designated by the ACBL.
2. Each club applying for a sanction must either (a) already be sanctioned to conduct a game at that time; or (b) submit its Unit's written approval to conduct the game.
3. Sanction fee is \$1.00 for each table in play and must be remitted with the report of the game.
4. Participants must be 60 years of age or older.
5. For each site, overall and section Masterpoint awards, based on Sectional rating, will be issued by the ACBL.
6. Hand records and analyses shall be provided for the annual Continent-wide Senior Citizens event. the sanction fee shall be increased to \$2.25 per table.

Instant Matchpoint Game Gold Points (871-92) (881-108) (983-171) **See XI D 5.5**

A continent-wide instant matchpoint game will be held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ACBL. The ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game is approved as an annual event.

The regulations forbidding invitational clubs from awarding gold points are revised to allow all ACBL sanctioned invitational clubs to award 0.80 gold point to section top winners in the annual Instant Matchpoint Game. This should only apply to sanctioned games with no masterpoint limitations. All other conditions, including a minimum of 5 tables, should remain.

Increase in Number of Annual International Fund Games (882-24) **RO**

The number of annual International Fund Games shall be increased from two to three. Effective January, 1, 1989.

"Midnight Swisses" to Increase International Fund (891-67) See XI D 3.3

One "Midnight" event shall be conducted at each NABC for the benefit of the International Fund. Organizations sponsoring Regional and Sectional tournaments shall be encouraged to hold a similar event at each of their tournaments. Such events shall carry Sectional rating.

Special Event Games (951-1) 1A: Management shall publish the statistics and a financial review of all special event games in the Journal for each Spring meeting of the Board. The report is to include the administrative man-hour and advertising costs required to support these events. **See XI D 1.4**

1B: The financial statistics of the WBF World Wide Pairs (formerly Epon Pairs) will be made available to the Board for review at the Summer meeting. **See XI D 4.7**

International Fund Game (951-40) (0113-113) See XI D 3.1

40B. Moved, that International Fund Game #1 will be held on the Saturday afternoon of Super Bowl weekend. If this game is run by a club (or clubs) in a unit, the unit may not schedule any bridge event at the same time, except a sectional or regional. 40B: Moved, that International Fund Game #1 will be held on the Saturday afternoon of Super Bowl weekend. If this game is run by a club (or clubs) in a unit, the unit may not schedule any bridge event at the same time, except a sectional or regional.

Continent-Wide International Fund Game (953-90) See XI D 3.2

B. The color of masterpoints awarded for continent-wide International Fund games is 1/2 red and 1/2 black.

Worldwide Bridge Contest (953-99) See XI D 4.6

B. ACBL masterpoints will be awarded to overall winners in each district each day each direction. First place will receive ten points, second place five points and will be half red and half black.

Continent-wide Charity and International Fund Week (991-191) RO

A. A full week will be designated for both of the Continent Wide Charity Games and each of the International Fund Games.

B. One session during the week will be designated as a hand-record-with-analysis session. The date will be determined by ACBL management. This session will determine overall winners for publicity purposes.

C. Each club is allowed to hold one such game per sanctioned session during each of these weeks.

Continent-wide Charity & International Fund Sanction Fees (992-190) RO

The sanction fees for Continent-wide Charity and International Fund weeks are set as follows: \$7.00/table for hand record session and \$5.00/table for non-hand record sessions.

District and Continent-Wide Games (021-131) (022-149) See XI D 5.1

Overall masterpoints will be awarded in Continent-wide Charity Games and in Continent-wide International Fund Games that use hand records and for which National and District winners are determined and published in the ACBL Bulletin.

- A. 1. Overall masterpoints will be awarded in Continent-wide Charity Games and in Continent-Wide International Fund games that use hand records and for which National and District winners are determined and published in the ACBL Bulletin. **See XI D 5.1**
 2. Overall masterpoints will be awarded in District-Wide Charity Games that use hand records and for which District winners are determined. See XI d 5.2
- B. In addition to District overall awards, Continent-wide overall winners will be determined and overall masterpoints awarded. **See XI D 5.3**
- C. Overall point awards will be red points with amounts and depth of awards as recommended by the Masterpoint Committee and approved by the ACBL Board of Directors. **See XI D 4**

ACBL-wide games (111-120) See XI D 1.1

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.]

Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX.

Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 133-89: Chapter XI SPECIAL EVENTS – D

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter XI D. On-Line Bridge are rescinded:

RO = Rescind Obsolete

Bold Numbers refer to where items can be found in the new codification.

CHAPTER XI - SPECIAL EVENTS

D. ON-LINE BRIDGE

Computer Bridge (923-92) (973-55) RO

Management is authorized to grant the right to award masterpoints for duplicate bridge games held via computers. Management is instructed to establish criteria for granting these games, to include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Ease of use
2. Clarity of presentation
3. Bridge software included in subscription
4. Playing time per hand comparable to tournament bridge
5. Availability of a functioning club or higher-rated director online
6. Ability for Sysop (system operator) or TD to organize games
7. Ability to monitor bidding and play (online or records) of any player or partnership
8. Ability to provide advertising for other bridge media

9. Ability to enroll ACBL members online
10. Ability to stimulate live duplicate environment (conventions, explanations, alerts, etc.)
11. Ability to download bridge related messages and software
12. Ability to provide concise achievement records
13. The sponsoring organization has the sole responsibility of enforcing disciplinary regulations
14. Demonstration period of at least 30 days of actual online activity including duplicate games and general functionality.

Management shall authorize the awarding of masterpoints for duplicate games to any group or individual who meets the criteria.

On-Line Masterpoints Policy (983-executive committee action) (983-68) (113-27)

Following discussion of a proposed on-line masterpoint policy, it was moved and seconded that Management be directed to implement an on-line masterpoints policy that adheres to the principles below.

1. All previously established sanctioning fees and criteria remain in force unchanged.
2. All previous masterpoint criteria for on-line play in sanctioned games are amended to comply with the following rules and guidelines:
 - A. The total number of masterpoints available to be awarded in a sanctioned on-line club game shall be the same as in a comparably sized face-to-face club game. No more than 1.5 points may be awarded for first place.
 - B. Subject to (A), Management is authorized to narrow the point degradations in on-line vs face-to-face play, provided that no points may be awarded to a player finishing below the top 40%.
 - C. For Rank advancement requirements restrictions on the use of online points will be removed from the requirements.
 - D. No on-line points will be credited toward any of the established annual point races, although Management may choose to establish an on-line ACBL member masterpoints race. All masterpoints earned in online play will have no pigmentation.
 - E. In all other respects awarding masterpoints on-line shall be the same as for face-to-face play at clubs (not units or districts).
 - F. There shall be no binding long-term agreements signed with any on-line services relating to any of the above without going back to the Board for its approval. There shall be no exclusivity; any agreement(s) arrived at will be offered to all qualifying on-line services.

On-Line Bridge Games (983-41) **RO**

- A. Any on-line service that holds ACBL sanctioned tournaments which offer masterpoints must provide some type of mechanism for their players to file complaints if they sense there may have been ethical violations. These services must in some way investigate these complaints as to their validity.

On-line Sanctioning Agreements (991-64) **RO**

Management is authorized to include in a sanctioning agreement with any On-line service that, subject to such service adhering to the sanctioning requirements and with the understanding that sanctioning fees, masterpoint levels and director session fees, and sanctioning requirements may

undergo reasonable changes from time to time, ACBL may assure such service that the availability of club-level unpigmented masterpoint sanctioning will remain in force for up to five years.

ACBL On-Line Bridge Activity (001-142) RO

- A. The report of the ad hoc On-Line Bridge Committee is approved
 1. ACBL should not refrain strategically from its own on-line bridge play offering because of concern regarding reaction from clubs or from on-line services we currently sanction or might sanction in the future. In the case of clubs ACBL is in a better position and more motivated to cross-promote face-to-face clubs than is any other on-line bridge game. In the case of other OLB services, it should be noted that in many industries entities operate at more than one level of the distribution chain (eg wholesaler and retailer) thus competing with their customers. It is assumed that, if ACBL MP sanctions are of value to OLB services, they will seek sanctions regardless of ACBL's OLB activities.
 2. ACBL should only consider entering the OLB field in some kind of "partnership" with an entity with programming resources and an established "system" - it should under no circumstances seek to develop a system itself.
 3. A "partnership" should meet the following minimum requirements:
 - a. ACBL must have the ability to offer both structured (set start time, set number of boards, MPs, etc) and unstructured games
 - b. ACBL must be identified as the "brand" for the game. While there is a preference for sole branding, a co-branding arrangement is acceptable.
 - c. ACBL must have total control over pricing (and packaging options with ACBL membership)
 - d. ACBL must have the contractual freedom to continue sanctioning other online service.
 - e. ACBL must remain free to offer any other bridge-related services on-line. (excluding another OLB game service)
 - f. ACBL must have the ability to require future changes and upgrades to the system, even if they are at ACBL's expense
 - g. ACBL desires to have guaranteed access to the system for at least 10 years and must have such access for at least 7 years. ACBL, however, must be able to exit in substantially less time (see section i. below). If the partner does not wish to renew, ACBL must receive at least 12 months notice.
 - h. The partner must have a "quality" product and be a trustworthy forward-looking partner
 - i. The downside financial risk must be reasonable.
2. Management is authorized to enter into and conclude an arrangement to offer an ACBL On-Line Bridge service provided that:
 - 1) The policy requirements of the report are met.
 - 2) League Counsel first reviews the agreement for legal considerations.
 - 3) Any cost expensed on an annual basis must not violate the established ACBL financial guidelines.

ACBL's Annual World Computer Bridge Championship (001-96) RO

The ACBL's annual World Computer Bridge Championships may be held as part of the Mind Sports Olympiad, August 2000, or the WBF's world championships, or an NABC. The current allocation of \$3,000 for this event is allowed for the WCBC activity. The coordinator selected to represent the ACBL will be allowed his/her expenses reimbursed up to a maximum of \$2,000.

Online Pair Event Masterpoints (011-134) RO

Management may sanction online special championships along the following guidelines:

B. The points are to be unpigmented.

C. The magnitude of points will be determined by Management but may be no more than the lesser of Regional Rating or 50 masterpoints for 1st place overall for overall awards. The rating for qualifying levels (for session/section awards) may be lower than that of the rating for overall masterpoints.

Internet Bridge Education Program (012-217) RO

Management is authorized to establish a bridge education program on the Internet. Any agreement with companies providing educational software for this purpose shall be non-exclusive and contain the right for ACBL to terminate the agreement at any time. Such programs shall be established as not-for-profit activities.

Computer Bridge Competition and Demonstration (023-39) RO

The ACBL's annual computer-bridge competition and demonstration, established by Board Directive 963-69, will be conducted at a site and time designated by Management. The format and Conditions of Contest will be determined by Management.

Discounted Sanction Fees (041-140) RO

Management is authorized to develop and implement a policy of a discounted sanction fee for online games and online clubs.

Online Club Championships (083-32) RO

Online bridge clubs may run Club Championships under similar conditions as face-to-face clubs. All masterpoint awards will be non-pigmented. In an online club championship, each pair must play at least 18 boards. One open club championship may be awarded per quarter for sessions 1 – 12 (Monday – Thursday) with a maximum first place overall award of 3.90.

Shortened Club Championships (091-32) See VI E 2.1

Clubs be allowed to hold either regular club championships (18+ boards) or shortened club championships (12-17) boards played. The total number of club championships, including regular and shortened, will remain the same as currently allowed. The overall awards for shortened club championships are 60% of regular club championships.

The online shortened club championship (12-17 boards) overall award is capped at 4.50 masterpoints.

Internet Bridge (092-75) See VI E 1.5

(A) ACBL-wide races for masterpoints won in internet bridge games will be established.

(C) The ACBL consider an Internet webpage devoted to Internet activities, including, but not limited to, sanctioned online bridge, bridge, instructional websites, informative websites, online teaching and international websites.

Sanctioned Online Games (111-111)

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. **See VI E 1.1**

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. **See VI E 1.3**

Online masterpoints continue to not count toward masterpoint races such as the McKenney and Mini McKenney. **See VI E 1.4**

Online races, as currently established, continue.

Online masterpoints continue to be unpigmented, with no online masterpoints needed for any Rank advancement. **See VI E 1.2**

Online masterpoints continue to count 100% toward strat, flight and rank advancement. **See VI E 1.3**

Robot games continue to run as an Individual event. **See VI E 1.6** Effective July 1, 2011

Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX.
Deferral carried unanimously.

Item133-90: Chapter XI SPECIAL EVENTS – E

RO = Rescind Obsolete

Bold Numbers refer to where items can be found in the new codification.

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter XI E are rescinded:

CHAPTER XI - SPECIAL EVENTS

E. WINNERS EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

NAP Monetary Award (071-65) **See XI C 3.2**

B. A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights as follows:

1. In districts with three qualifiers, the 1st place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 3rd place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.

In districts with four qualifiers, the 1st and 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 3rd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 4th place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.

Invited defenders will receive \$700 per person.
No individual may collect two concurrent prizes.

- C. The monetary award will be available on site. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the award.
- D. There will be no entry fee for the national level of the event.
- E. Management may use its best judgment in making exceptions to any of the above.

Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX.
Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 133-91: Chapter XI SPECIAL EVENTS – F

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter XI F are rescinded:

RO = Rescind Obsolete

Bold Numbers refer to where items can be found in the new codification.

CHAPTER XI - SPECIAL EVENTS

F. MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL EVENTS

Canadian International Fund (941-56) RO

Due to the extreme shortage of funds in the Canadian International Fund, effective January 1, 1995, all clubs located in Canada must hold at least one International Fund Game on an annual basis. For those clubs so choosing, this game may replace the required charity game. Masterpoint awards for this game will be according to the current schedule for International Fund games.

Canada-wide Rookie/Master Game (952-96) See XI E 1.2

The Canadian Bridge Federation may host a second Canada-wide Rookie/Master game each year. Additionally, should they desire to run more such games, consent from the Board of Directors is not required.

International Fund Game/Canada (953-47) See XI E 1.1

It is mandatory for bridge clubs in Canada to hold an ACBL-sanctioned International Fund Game or ACBL-sanctioned charity game annually. The clubs are encouraged to hold both of these events.

ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game (953-53) See XI D 5.5.5

- A. The ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game will award supersaver airline tickets and free entries to an NABC of their choice in the year following the event to the secondary contest winners (replacing the gift certificates currently awarded).
- B. The ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game masterpoint awards for games qualifying for the secondary contest that are not restricted by masterpoints will be sectionally rated and award red points to each winner with the remainder of the points to be 1/2 red and 1/2 black.

Masterpoint Awards for COPC (953-98) See XI E 1.3

The masterpoint award for the COPC National Final is the same as the District Finals Flight A North American Pairs. Effective March 1, 1996.

Worldwide Bridge Contest (Second Reading of 953-99B) (961-183) See XI D 4.7

ACBL masterpoints, half red and half black, will be awarded to overall winners in each district each day each direction. First place will receive ten points and second place five points.

Sectional Sanctions for Special Events (981-174) RO

Management, with the approval of the appropriate unit and district, is authorized to award a sectional sanction to an organization sponsoring a special event such as, but not limited to, a Senior or Junior Olympic event that is otherwise restricted in participation.

The director(s) for this event must be approved by Management and the per-table sanction fee will be that of an open sectional. Management may approve waiving the per table sanction fee. These tournaments will not be listed in the ACBL tournament calendar.

Management will approve sectional or local rated, black or silver points, for the event(s) based on the criteria for the event.

CBF Special Events (982-173) See XI E 1.4

The CBF is granted a sanction to hold sectionally-rated black point games during Canadian Bridge week. One or more of these games may be designated as a qualifying event for the COPC by amendment of the COPC conditions of contest.

1999 Budget (991-252) (033-107)

- 3. Fees for ACBL sponsored games will be increased as follows beginning April 1, 1999.
 - Grand National Teams \$1 to \$1.25
 - Instant Match Point \$10 to \$11
 - Senior-wide Game \$2 to \$2.25
 - North American Pairs \$4

State, Province, Country & Territory Team Championships (993-114) See XI D Section 6

- A. The concept of a new Bridge Team Event is approved called AThe State / Province / Country / Territory Team Championships. @
- B. This event will have sectional rating.
- C. Sanction fees will be the same as of a sectional.

International Fund Game (032-65) DO NOT RESCIND See Chapter VIII D Sec. 2.3

On the afternoon of the first day of each NABC, there will be a one-session regionally rated red-point event for the benefit of the International Fund. Proceeds shall be determined by subtracting actual expenses from revenues. A surcharge of \$1.00 will be made.

Effective date: As soon as can be implemented but no later than Spring 2004 NABC

Zone II Regulations (042-65) DO NOT RESCIND See Chapter VII A Section 1

Item 033-65: Zone II Regulations are amended as follows:

Part One: The following items are rescinded: 751-54D, 903-55, 952-81, 991-99, 992-99, 022-116, 023-90, 032-70, plus any other previous Zone 2 regulation except for 033-65.

Part Two: The following resolutions are rescinded: CNTC Fees (821-26), Sanction Fees for Canadian Team Championships (863-63), Canadian International Fund Games (912-23), Sanction Fees for Canadian Team Championships (863-63), Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103), National Team Championships for Bermuda and Mexico (852-34), NCBO Open Pairs Championship (832-26) (862-11), CBF Requests (862-12), CBF Requests (862-12), Canadian International Fund Games (912-23), Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103), Flight B of the CNTC (992-111), plus any other previously approved item relating to Federation events sanctioned by ACBL.

Part Three:

A. Zone 2 International Regulations

1. The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2, which consists of the following for International WBF Play:
 - a. United States Bridge Federation (USBF)
 - b. Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF)
 - c. Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF)
2. Bermuda Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 by virtue of the following, ACBL approves BBF=s request to compete internationally as a member of WBF=s Zone 5 while maintaining ACBL affiliation as Unit 198 in District 2 is approved.
3. The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 per its request to become an NCBO of the WBF as a member of Zone V while maintaining ACBL affiliation is approved.
4. The authority to approve a player and NPC from Canada, Mexico and the US participating in World Bridge Federation or other international competition is delegated to the Canadian Bridge Federation, Mexican Bridge Federation and United States Bridge Federation respectively. The player may be approved only if the player meets all Zonal Conference requirements as well as Federation requirements.
5. Zone 2 requirements for nomination are as follows:
 - a. When an on-site accreditation committee is needed in the future, the ACBL WBF representatives shall automatically assume this responsibility. The most senior representative will serve as the chair.
 - b. An ACBL NBO may nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he or she:

- 1) is a citizen or a resident (per the appropriate Federation=s regulations) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico as appropriate,
 - 2) is a member in good standing of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) or Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF) as appropriate,
 - 3) meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nominations,
 - 4) will not, at the time of the event, be under suspension from ACBL or any other NCBO or NBO,
 - 5) will not, at the time of the event be under ACBL or ABA probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,
 - 6) has not been specifically excluded from playing in such event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL or ABA jurisdiction,
6. The authority for selecting and subsidizing athletes who represent an ACBL country in international bridge competition rests with that country=s Federation.

B. International Fund Monies

1. All international fund monies collected from ACBL-sanctioned events conducted by ACBL in the United States for the specific purpose of subsidizing United States athletes in international bridge competition will be forwarded to and retained by ACBL. Upon request of the USBF, the ACBL will disburse funds to the United States athletes. International Fund monies collected at NABCs shall be apportioned to the appropriate International Fund in proportion equal to that country=s percentage of ACBL membership. International Funds collected in Canada shall be sent to the CBF to be disbursed at its discretion.
2. Money raised by and from ACBL-sanctioned events for the benefit of the International Fund shall be divided among and disbursed to members of all teams representing that Federation at the sole discretion of the Federation.

C. Junior Monies

1. Junior Fund money collected at ACBL-sanctioned Junior Fund games shall be:
 - a. Submitted to ACBL from Junior Fund games conducted in the United States and to the Canadian Bridge Federation from Junior Fund games conducted in Canada.
 - b. Disbursed or used by ACBL Management at its sole discretion for the United States and by the CBF for Canada.
 - c. Submitted to ACBL from Junior Fund games conducted in Mexico or Bermuda.
 - d. Disbursed or used by ACBL Management at the direction of Mexico and Bermuda Federations respectively.
2. ACBL is responsible for determining how much, if any, of the Junior Fund monies may be used by the USBF for subsidy of its International Junior Team.
 - a. In order for USBF to receive funds from ACBL for subsidy to juniors, any junior receiving such subsidy must meet the following minimum criteria:
 - (1) Any junior under the age of 19 receiving subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate or be a student attending school and making orderly progress toward graduation.
 - (2) All such juniors shall be held to the Code of Conduct developed by ACBL Management and League Counsel.

- b. Junior Fund monies collected by the ACBL in the United States determined by the ACBL to be for the purpose of subsidy or training of USBF junior athletes representing the United States in international bridge competition will be dispersed or used by the ACBL for those purposes at ACBL Management=s discretion. ACBL will make every effort to comply with the wishes of the United States Bridge Federation in which the funds were collected.
- c. Teams receiving subsidies from the Junior Fund must ensure that all members of the team play sufficient boards to be eligible for medals won by the team unless there are physical, extenuating circumstances.

Part Four:

- A. 1. The Bermuda Bridge Federation, Canadian Bridge Federation, the Mexican Bridge Federation and the United States Bridge Federation may hold an annual ACBL-sanctioned, national championship in each of the following categories:
 - a. Open team Chapter 11, F.6
 - b. Women=s team
 - c. Senior team
 - d. Open pairs
 - e. Women=s pairs
 - f. Junior team
- 2. The national finals shall be regionally rated (Regionally rated red and gold points unless otherwise indicated in the ACBL Masterpoint Plan). Qualification events, if any, shall be sectionally rated (black points).
 - a. Sanction fees shall be as follows: (a) the then current Regional sanction fee for the national finals and (b) \$1 US/table/session for any stage of the championship conducted prior to the national final.
 - b. If the national finals of any of the championships listed in A. 1. above are not held concurrent with an ACBL Regional or Sectional tournament, each NBO may conduct ACBL-sanctioned sectionally rated black-point events concurrent with the national finals. The sanction fee for such an event(s) is \$1 US/table/session.
 - c. The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.
 - d. The championship may be flighted by ACBL masterpoints.
- B. Each National Contract Bridge Federation in WBF Zone 2 may conduct an ACBL-sanctioned event (Trials) to qualify a team or teams to represent the Federation=s country at a World Bridge Federation or Olympic Championship in an appropriate category such as Open, Senior, Junior, Women or Men, etc.
 - 1. The sanction fee for any such event is \$2 US per entered team except that such fee is waived for Junior Trials.
 - 2. The masterpoint award is determined by the ACBL Board of Directors.
 - 3. Should a National Championship as provided in section A above be used to determine the Federation=s representative, section A fees shall not apply. The fees and masterpoint award in accordance with section B (this section) will apply.
 - 4. The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.

- C. ACBL shall be solely responsible for establishing sanction fees for International Fund games sanctioned by ACBL.
- D. Upon request, ACBL will sanction one regional per year to the ACBL District of the USBF=s and/or the CBF's choice.
- E. Miscellaneous Regulations
 - 1. At the sole discretion of Management, dues to or donations for an ACBL Federation can be placed on the ACBL membership and renewal forms.
 - 2. A summary of disciplinary action(s) previously made public is available upon request to NCBO governing bodies.

ACBL Masterpoint Regulations 043-81) See XI D 1.5

Item 023-195 ACBL Masterpoint Regulations is amended as follows:

For Continent-Wide Charity Games, ACBL-Wide International Fund Games, the annual ACBL-Wide Senior pairs, the annual ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint game and District-Wide Charity games, overall and district awards will be determined as follows (official hand records must be used): **See XI D Section 2**

Unit – Wide Championships (043-83) (091-31) **DO NOT RESCIND** See Chapter III A Section 4.2

- I. The following Board Regulations are rescinded: 882-25, 941-43, 943-71 and 942-74.
- II. Unit-Wide Championships.
 - A. Each club within the unit area is eligible to participate in a unit-wide championship that is scheduled on a session for which the club is sanctioned provided that it conforms to all ACBL regulations.
 - B. When a club is not sanctioned for the same session for which the unit-wide championship is sanctioned, the unit may grant the club permission to participate in the unit-wide championship.
 - C. For purposes of unit-wide championships, morning and afternoon sanctioned games are deemed to be the same session when there is not more than a three and one-half (3 1/2) hour time difference between the starting times of the games. If such is the case, permission of the unit to participate is not needed.
 - D. A minimum of five (5) tables is required at each site in order to participate in the overall masterpoint award for unit-wide games.
 - E. A Unit may combine with another Unit to hold a combined Unit-wide game. The game will be charged against the quotas of each Unit.
 - F. Unit-wide championships may be conducted as stratified events.
 - G. Non-playing directors are encouraged but not required for games having not more than one section of 17 tables or less. See Item 993-191.
 - H. At sponsor option, all sites may be required to use identical hands.

Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX.

Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 133-92: Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games

Chapter VI , D, Section 4 – Other Frequent Club Events is amended to read as follows:

Section 4 – Other Frequent Club Events

4.1 North American Bridge Championship Promotional Game

4.1.1 The ACBL allocates to each District one week of sectional-rated NABC fund-raising games in each of the three years prior to a North American Bridge Championship held within the District.

4.1.2 The District schedules a week for the event, and the ACBL notifies all clubs within the District advising them that the events may be held during their regular meeting times.

4.1.3 Clubs may hold the same number of these sessions as their allocated number of membership games.

4.1.4 A participating club must remit a sanction fee per table to the ACBL with the report form.

4.1.5 The District establishes the additional fees for this event, which are submitted directly to the District.

4.1.6 These events award sectional-rated black points, with session and overall awards at each site based on the number of tables in play at that site. Open games earn full sectional rating. Invitational/restricted games earn 80% of sectional rating, and newcomer games earn 50%. If the club chooses, these events may be stratified.

4.2 Sectional Tournaments Held at Clubs (STACs)

4.2.1 Clubs may also participate in Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs) and the qualifying rounds of a Progressive Sectional when these are sponsored by the club's unit.

4.3 Club Appreciation Games

4.3.1 October has been designated as Club Appreciation Month. During this month, club managers may run one Club Appreciation Pair Game and one Club Appreciation Team Game in place of a regularly scheduled session.

4.3.2 The pair game pays 100% of sectional rating (all black), and the team game pays sectional Swiss rating with 5% gold. (A player can win a maximum of .25 gold.)

4.4 Inter-Club Championship Games

- 4.4.1 Clubs may use their quarterly club championship sanction to hold combined games including two or more clubs not necessarily within the same unit. Each participating club must use their club championship allotment and clubs may schedule as many of these games as they have allotted.
- 4.4.2 Overall awards are based on the entire field and the same hands are to be used by participating clubs.
- 4.4.3 This game is to be coordinated by the unit(s) in which the clubs are located and all clubs in the unit(s), sanctioned for the session the game is held, must be allowed to participate.
- 4.4.4 This game must be sanctioned by the ACBL at least 60 days in advance of the event.
- 4.4.5 ACBL Management is authorized to sanction and conduct inter-club championships, which are administered online but played “live.” The ACBL may sanction and conduct the event or the ACBL may hold the sanction and sublet the administration of the event.
- 4.4.6 If requested by a group of clubs, the ACBL may authorize (grant a sanction to) a qualified person to administrate such an online-administered, inter-club championship for those clubs. The ACBL may also authorize (grant a sanction to) a qualified person to conduct an online-administered inter-club championship or sanction the event.
- 4.4.7 In addition to a club’s regular club championships, the club may participate in an additional four (4) inter-club championships administered online. A club may not use one or all of its regular quarterly club championships to participate in inter-club championships administered electronically.
- 4.4.8 The masterpoint awards for this event are the same as inter-club championship administered manually.

Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX.
Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 133-93: Chapter IV Tournaments – Brown Pages

The following items from the brown pages Chapter IV Tournaments are rescinded:

Chapter G Grand Nationals

722-41, 742-28A, 773-61, 781-63, 782-63, 783-66, 792-112, 803-21, 811-21, 812-11, 812-103, 812-108, 822-79, 841-25, 843-33, 843-37, 852-31, 852-32, 862-43, 863-32, 871-43, 882-51, 891-43, 891-44, 891-46, 893-41, 893-42, 893-43, Exec Comm 6/19/90, 902-94, 903-103, 963-106, 911-102, 912-111, Exec Comm 5/3-91, 912-112, 912-114, Exec Comm 10/8/91, 921-104, 922-101, 922-104, 923-114, 931-72, 941-72, 933-90, 941-69, 942-67, 951-3, 952-91, 962-140, 963-141, 963-142, 972-174, 973-174, 983-199, 992-110, 993-84, 013-131, 013-145, 071-64.

Chapter H. Continent-Wide Games

732-62, 732-69, 772-32, 793-43, 822-72, 823-78, 831-33, 832-31, 853-41A, 853-74, 853-78, 863-67, 871-32, 873-46, 873-64A, 882-34B, 892-85, 893-81, 902-106, 082-30.

Chapter I High Level Special Events **There are several motions relating to ribbon eligibility in Section H of the brown pages that were not part of Chapter XI. I have gone ahead and rescinded them because they are obsolete and ribbon qualification seems to be covered only in Appendix R, not in the codification as such.**

711-91, 921-42, 731-94C, 762-64, 812-101, 821-2, 823-76, 843-43, 843-52, 851-41, 871-86, 872-131, 903-123, 921-101, 931-78, 931-83, 941-70, 943-65, 951-77, 953-91, 953-94 961-94, 972-206.

Chapter Q Canadian National Team Championships

913-112, 913-113, Exec Comm 10/8/91, 922-103, 952-96, 992-111.

Chapter R North American Pairs

913-111, 921-102, 921-104, 921-105, 922-102, 923-112, 923-31, 931-84, 833-90, 941-72, 942-65, 951-2, 952-97, 952-62, 953-93, 953-95, 953-98, 961-91, 961-92, 962-140, 973-173, 991-110, 033-107, 042-91.

Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX.

Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 133-94: Youth Protection and Abuse Prevention Policy

The Youth Protection and Abuse Prevention Policy was approved by the Board of Directors.
(Attachment C)

Effective January 1, 2014

Carried Nay: 19 Abstain: 2

MEMBERSHIP ACQUISITION & RETENTION

Hennings (C)

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

Blakely, Morse, Reid, Seals, Subeck, Weniger

Staff: Turner

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given. (Attachment D)

APPEALS & CHARGES

Blakely (C), Heth (VC-Hearings)

Bagley, Fairchild, Hennings, Pinsky, Seals, Subeck

Staff: Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 133-01: Unit Sponsored Club CDR

The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended as follows:

1. The following shall be added to the Definition section of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations:

“Unit Sponsored Club: A club which has any one or more of the following features:

- (a) a board which is the same as the unit board or which is appointed by the unit; or
- (b) a co-mingling of funds with those of the unit; or (c) a placement of funds in a unit owned account; or (d) the appointment of a club manager or director by the Unit.”

2. Section 2.1.7 shall be amended as follows:

2.1.7 Except for CDR 2.1.1 (d) and except at a Unit Sponsored Club as defined in the Definitions Section, units, districts and ACBL have no original jurisdiction over *behavior at club sponsored games*.

Effective January 1, 2014

Carried. Nay: 5, 23 Abstain: 20

Item 133-02: Report on Hearings

In the Matter of the Review of the Decision of the District 10 Appeals Committee regarding Allan Siebert, ACBL #L384802, the Committee chose to reverse the District’s decision and to reinstate the Unit 138 decision. Because the discipline had been stayed pending appeal, the new effective dates are as follows: Mr. Siebert will be placed on suspension for three months from April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 followed by one year probation from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015.

In the Matter of the Review of the Decision of the District 10 President to deny Michael Schrieber, ACBL #R940537, an appeal of discipline imposed by a club, the Committee found that the District 10 President's decision was reasonable and fair and therefore that decision was upheld.

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The meeting was called to order by President Bill Cook on Wednesday, November 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Same as Tuesday, November 26
Also Present: Same as Tuesday, November 26

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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 133-25: 2014 Conditions of Contest

The 2014 Conditions of Contest are approved.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously.

BRIDGE

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

Item 133-21: ACBL General & Mid Chart Conventions

The ACBL General & Mid-Chart Convention Charts is amended as follows:

Item #12 of the ACBL Mid-Chart, “Opening two hearts or two spades showing a weak two bid, with a “four-card minor” be moved to the Opening Bids section of the ACBL General Convention Chart: This convention requires an alert.

Effective January 1, 2014
Carried. Nay: 7

Item 133-22: NABC Play Schedules

The 2013 NABC Strategic Committee’s proposed play schedules (Attachment E) for the three annual NABCs be implemented in year 2015 on a trial basis, subject to board approval of any/all new event(s) included in these schedules as well as any additions, deletions and tweaks.

Effective January 1, 2015 and January 1, 2016
Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX.
Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 133-23 Masterpoint Limit for Flight B GNTs

Item 132-43 Masterpoint Limit for Flight B GNTs is reconsidered.

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

Effective September 1, 2013
Carried unanimously.

TOURNAMENT

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

Staff: Whitten

Item 133-50: Micro-Spingold NABC KO Teams

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

Motion failed. Aye: 2, 7, 9, 20, 24

AUDIT	
Levy (C) Jones, Reid	Staff: Jones
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 133-11: Ratification of Audit Firm

Watkins Uiberall Certified Public Accountants are approved as the audit firm of the ACBL for the 2014 year performing the 2013 audit.

Effective January 1, 2014
Carried unanimously.

CREDENTIALS	
Pinsky (C) Harlan, Hennings, Levy, Subeck, Vilhauer	Staff: Robertson
Committee Report by Chairman	

In the Matter of Jeff Roman, ACBL #Q003602, The matter having been considered by the Credentials Committee, it is the ruling that Jeff Roman, ACBL # Q003602, has satisfied the residency requirement as stated in the Conditions of Contest and therefore he may participate in the 2013 NAP for District 20.

MASTERPOINT POLICY	
Heller (C) Arlinghaus (VC - Technical) Calkins, DeMartino, Janicki, Jones, Monzingo, Weniger	Staff: Horwedel
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 133-119: NAP Masterpoint Awards

The NABC+ North American Pairs champions be awarded 100 MPs, with other places to be adjusted, by formula, accordingly.

Deferred to Spring 2014 in Dallas, TX
Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 133-120: ACBL Masterpoint awards for WBF U26 Open, U21 Open and U26 Women's Events

The ACBL Masterpoint formula for regional events shall be used to calculate ACBL Masterpoint awards for ACBL Members who place in the overalls of the U26 Open, U21 Open and U26 RONA Events held at all WBF Youth Championships. The regional masterpoint formula shall utilize the 'P' factors set forth below.

Under 26	.8
Under 21	.7
Under 26 RONA	.5

Effective August 1, 2013
Carried unanimously.

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CBF President Nadar Hanna addressed the Board of Directors asking that the CBF and ACBL continue to collaborate in ways mutually beneficial to both organizations.

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The ACBL Board of Directors adjourned its meeting and reconvened as the ACBL Charity Foundation.

ACBL Charity Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the ACBL Charity Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth.

The Treasurer's report was received. (*See ACBL Charity Foundation minutes*)

James Graber, Phyllis Harlan and Doreen McMillon declared their candidacies for Trustee. By secret ballot Phyllis Harlan was elected to serve a four-year term, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

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The ACBL Charity Foundation meeting was adjourned and the ACBL Board of Directors reconvened as the ACBL Educational Foundation.

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ACBL Educational Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the ACBL Educational Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Heller, President.

The Treasurer's report was received. (*See* ACBL Educational Foundation minutes)

Jay Whipple declared his candidacy for Trustee. There being no other declarations or nominations. Jay Whipple was elected to serve a three-year term January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Michael Bandler, James Graber, Rosalind Hack, Barbara Heller, Donna Lyons and Carol Mahoney declared their candidacies for Trustee. By secret ballot Michael Bandler and Barbara Heller were elected to serve three-year terms, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

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Article VII Board of Trustees

Section 1. Selection.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine (9) trustees of which three (3) trustees shall be elected at each annual membership meeting by the voting members by a ballot vote. In even-numbered years, one (1) member of the Board of Directors and two (2) members of the general membership of the American Contract Bridge League shall be elected to the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting; in odd-numbered years, three (3) members of the general membership of the American Contract Bridge League shall be elected to the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Term of Office.

Trustees shall take office on January 1 following their election. The term of office for trustees shall be three (3) years or until their successors are elected, whichever is later. No Trustee shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. If a trustee has served for at least half a term, that trustee shall be considered to have served a full term for purpose of determining eligibility for reelection.

Section 3. Resignation.

1. A trustee may resign at any time by giving notice of such resignation in writing to any officer of the foundation. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein; or, if no time is specified, upon receipt, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
2. A Trustee who fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned as though written notice were given except if failure to attend was for good cause as determined by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. Vacancy.

Any vacancy on the Board of Trustees may be filled until the next annual meeting by the remaining Trustees by majority vote. At such next annual meeting, the voting members shall elect a Trustee to fill the remaining unexpired term.

Motion failed.

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The ACBL Educational Foundation meeting was adjourned and the ACBL Board of Directors reconvened.

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Morse and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 17 and its units, District Director Bonnie Bagley and Tournament Chairs Marsha and Darryl Helton and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Sheraton Downtown Phoenix Hotel for its fine cooperation.

The Board adjourned *sine die* at 4:00 p.m.