

Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
Orlando, FL
November 27, 2016

Richard Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, November 27, at 10 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Washington, DC meeting held July 24, 2016 are approved.

CARRIED

CEO'S REPORT

Robert Hartman presented the CEO's report. (See Board Attachments)

LITIGATION REPORT

Linda Dunn presented the Litigation report. (See Board Attachments)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Claire Jones, ACBL Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report.

ELECTIONS

Richard Popper (District 4), Bill Arlinghaus (District 12), and Stu Goodgold (District 21) had previously declared their candidacies. By secret ballot Richard Popper was elected as ACBL Chairman of the Board of Governors for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018.

Effective January 1, 2017

Barbara Heller (District 7) and Linda Trent (District 22) had previously declared their candidacies. By secret ballot Barbara Heller was elected as Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018.

Effective January 1, 2017

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

RECONSIDERATION ITEMS

Item 163-21: Relocation and Rescheduling of Fall NABCs Meeting

Chapter IV-Board Procedures, C. Meetings, and B. Expenses of the NABCs Codification are amended as follows:

C. MEETINGS

The Board of Directors will meet prior to the Spring and Summer NABCs at the sites of the NABCs. The Board will meet prior to the Fall NABC at the site of Headquarters during the 10 (ten) days of November. If a Board of Governors' meeting is held at the site of the Fall NABC, the President and Treasurer shall attend. The goal of the members of the Board of Directors is to have shorter meetings with more work being done in advance electronically and otherwise. The length of each meeting will be determined by the NABCs President in consultation with management.

D. Expenses

Section 1 – ACBL President Expenses The image of the ACBLs is paramount in all of the activities of the president. In keeping with such premise, the following statement of policy sets forth the duties, responsibilities and restrictions by which the president will be guided.

6.8 The president will be granted an annual president's expense allowance of \$45,000

The president and the treasurer may, prior to the Spring NABCs, agree to increase this allowance by not more than \$5,000 based upon relevant circumstances

1.8 Travel to and from the Spring and Summer NABCs will be paid for up to two individuals acting as hosts at the president's suite during NABCs. One-half of this expense will be charged to Board expenses and one-half to president's expenses

Section 2 - Board of Directors Expenses

This policy pertains to board members, Chair of the Board of Governors, and General Counsel, for ACBL meetings or functions. The ACBL will reimburse the following expenses:

2.9 Pursuant to Chapter IV, C., if the President, Treasurer, Chair of the Board of Governors or In-House Counsel is required to attend a Board of Governors meeting at the site of the Fall NABC he shall be reimbursed for roundtrip travel, two hotel nights and appropriate per diem.

Motion failed Aye: 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 Abstain: 16

CARRIED BY BOG

Item 163-49: Subsidy 3rd Place NAP District Final

A \$200 subsidy be provided to all 3rd place NAP District Final individual finishers in each flight to help offset expenses associated with participation in the North American Pairs National Finals.

A \$100 subsidy be provided to all 4th place NAP District Final individual finishers in Flights B and C from each district in each flight to help offset expenses associated with participation in the North American Pairs National Finals. Motion failed: Aye: 1, 3, 7, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 25 Abstain: 2, 12

CARRIED BY BOG

MOTIONS

MOTION 163-B1 Masterpoint Awards for Four Session Regional Events

Modify "*Item 152-52/153-52: Masterpoint Awards for Four Session Regional Events*" to read:

For those 4 session Regional events other than KOs where another unrestricted event of the same type starts on ~~the same~~ either day, the Masterpoint Awards computed by our formula shall be increased by 40%."

CARRIED

MOTION 163-B2 Composition of District BoG Representation:

The BoG Chair shall appoint a sub-committee to determine how the BoG may better represent sanction holders/club managers, teachers, and member players interests.

CARRIED

MOTION 163-B3 Share BoD and BoG e-mails

The ACBL makes BoG and BoD contact e-mail addresses available to all current BoG Members.

CARRIED

MOTION 163-B4 Publish e-mails

The ACBL shall make BoG member e-mails available on the BoG page of ACBL.com
<https://web3.acbl.org/BOG>

CARRIED

MOTION 163-B6 Enable Online ACBL Club Games

The BoG Chair creates a sub-committee with the BoD, BBO, and current sanction holders to define how we will enable On-line ACBL Bridge Club sanctions for ACBL members (Black Point Games) under Unit auspices run by certified directors and owned by trained club managers / sanction holders.

MOTION FAILED

MOTION 163-B7 Director Memo

That the ACBL purchase/use new playing cards in all boards at the beginning of each NABC.

CARRIED

MOTION 163-B8 Director Memo

The ACBL put in place a Director Memo System that allows players to report Director errors and issues.

MOTION FAILED

MOTION 163-B9 Board of Directors Fall NABC Meeting

If reconsideration of Item 163-21 (having all fall BoD meetings at headquarters) fails, then it is moved that the 2018 Fall BoD meeting be held in the area of ACBL Headquarters.

CARRIED

MOTION 163-B10 Board of Governors 2018 Fall NABC Meeting

The Board of Governors meeting will be canceled for the 2018 Fall NABC meeting.

MOTION FAILED

Motion 163-B11 Entry Fee

Entry fees be based on events and not number of players.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF NEW LIFE MASTERS

Moved by Sandy DeMartino, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#106,964 - # 107,567) will be designated as Life Masters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THANKS FOR HOSPITALITY

Moved by Sandra DeMartino and seconded by all that the sincere thanks of the Board of Governors is extended to District 9 and its units, District Director Jay Whipple Tournament Co Chairs Jane Formet and Barbara Jones and all the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also want to thank the Walt Disney Swan and Dolphin Resort for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:50 a.m.