

**ACBL Board of Directors
Orlando, FL
November 20 - 23, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Monzingo on Sunday, November 20, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Leo Weniger #1, Paul Janicki #2, Carlos Muñoz #3, Joann Glasson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Margot Hennings #6, Bob Heller #7, Georgia Heth #8, Jay Whipple #9, Russ Jones #10, Beth Reid #11, Dennis Carman #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, Bonnie Bagley #17, Claire Jones #18, Marv Norden #19, Merlin Vilhauer #20, Roger Smith #21, Ken Monzingo #22, Kevin Lane #23, Al Levy #24 and Mark Aquino #25.

Also Present: Richard Anderson, Chairman Board of Governors, AJ Stephani, District 11 Director elect, Paul Cuneo, District 16 Director elect, Howie Weinstein, USBF President, Gordon Hester, Marketing Consultant, Robert Hartman, CEO, Joe Jones, Mitchell Hodus, Linda Dunn, Sam Whitten, Carol Robertson, Natasha Brown, Nancy Boyd, Sol Weinstein, Stephanie Threlkeld, and Kelley Trejo, Secretary.

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Approval of Washington, DC Minutes

The Summer 2016 Washington, DC minutes are approved.

Carried

ACBL CEO Report

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

In-House Counsel Report

The report of In-House Counsel Linda Dunn on the status of litigation is received. (Attachment B)

Item 163-55: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings received and ratified. (Attachment C)

- August 19, 2016
- September 26, 2016

Carried Absent: 8

Item 163-56: 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, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Margot Hennings, District 6; Jay Whipple, District 9; Russ Jones, District 10; AJ Stephani, 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, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Jean La Traverse, District 1; Jan Assini, District 5; Michael Kovacich, District 7; Tom Dressing, District 13; Len Fettig, District 15; David Johnson, District 18; Tim White, District 19; Robert Kent, District 23; Bob Bertoni, 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, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Kathie Macnab, District 1; Marc Sylvester, District 5; Barbara Heller, District 7; Stan Subeck, District 13; Linda Eakes, District 15; Ralph Wihelmi, District 19; Carol Weinstein, District 25.

Effective January 1, 2017
Carried unanimously

Item 163-57: Election of ACBL President

Bob Heller was elected as ACBL President for a one-year term January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2017

Item 163-58: Election WBF Representative Election

Merlin Vilhauer was elected as ACBL representative to the World Bridge Federation for a three-year term, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Effective January 1, 2017

Item 143-59: Executive Committee Member & Alternate (Western)

Bonnie Bagley was appointed as the Western Zone Executive Committee Member for a three-year term, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Kevin Lane was appointed as the Western Zone Executive Committee Member alternate for a three-year term, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Executive Committee Member & Alternate (Central)

Sharon Anderson was appointed as the Central Zone Executive Committee Member Alternate for the remaining term ending December 31, 2017.

Executive Committee Member & Alternate (Eastern)

Margot Hennings was appointed as the Eastern Zone Executive Committee Member Alternate for the remaining term, ending December 31, 2018.

Item 163-60: 2017 Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year

Eldon Clayman, District 7 was appointed as the 2017 Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year.

Effective January 1, 2017

Item 163-61: 2017 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year

Eddie Wold, District 16 was appointed as the 2017 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year.

Item 163-62: 2016 Nadine Wood Volunteer Member of the Year

Nancy Erickson, District 22 was appointed as the 2016 Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year.

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Working Session #1:

Discussions: Strategic Plan Review & Update
International/ WBF
CDR Review

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The meeting was called to order by Ken Monzingo on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Sunday, November 20

Also Present: Same as Sunday, November 20, addition of Brian Weikle

Board Publications

Subeck (C)

Anderson, Calkins, Harlan, Hennings, Lane, Muñoz, Smith

Staff: Trejo

As reported by Committee Chair

An oral report was given.

Bridge

R. Jones, (C), C. Jones (VC)

Aquino, Carman, Fairchild, Glasson, Heller, Janicki, Morse, Norden,

Reid, Vilhauer, Weniger, Whipple

Staff: Weinstein

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 163-44: Annual Top 25

Chapter I Membership B. Rankings, Masterpoints and Races Section 3. Masterpoint Races

Section 3.1.8 Annual Top 25

The leaders of these categories shall be published periodically in the Bridge Bulletin in rotation with the publication of the leaders of other masterpoint races. Online points shall not be included in the tabulation of total points earned for the Lifetime masterpoint list. On all printed Lifetime masterpoint lists, online masterpoints will be included next to the total. Online points only count in the online race.

Motion failed Aye: 1, 3, 7, 17, 22

Item 163-46: On line Events

Management will continue to experiment with holding online events at Regional tournaments, using the following conditions provisionally added to the Codification as guidelines, for a period of two years, and will report to the Board of Directors thereafter.

Chapter IX - Regional Tournaments, C. Events / Schedules

Section 7: On-Line Events

- 7.1 A District may run on-line events at their Regional bridge tournament. Participation by players outside the host District is subject to the approval of the District in which the players reside. Approval for the event shall be governed by the ability of the District to meet all provisions contained in the Pair Events – General Conditions of Contest for on-line events.
- 7.2 ACBL Management will discuss the application for the on-line event with the DIC of the tournament. Approval will be conditioned upon the DIC's ability to provide adequate staffing to run the event.

- 7.3 Masterpoints will be awarded pursuant to the General Formula.
- 7.4 Tournament Organizers are responsible for all ACBL sanction fees, TD session fees, and online host fees that result from this event.

Section 7 provisionally added to the Codification through November 2018.

Pairs Events
General Conditions of Contest for Pair Events

Appendix I: On-Line Events

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

Security

1. Each Contestant must preregister to participate at a particular site, and no Contestant may participate from a physical location other than a site designated by the Tournament

Organizer, and approved by the DIC. The DIC shall be informed, no later than 2 days after the close of registration, of each designated site.

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

The Play

1. Contestants are required to post a complete convention card, in ACBL format, inclusive of any supplemental notes.
2. The ACBL Mid-Chart may apply at the Tournament Organizers' discretion. Tournaments utilizing the ACBL Mid-Chart must advertise its use on their tournament flyer. Pairs playing methods requiring a written defense must pre-alert their opponents, and post a written description of the method(s) along with their convention card. Contestants opposing a pair playing such methods are permitted to access the ACBL's defense database and keep said defenses open in their internet browser. <http://www.acbl.org/play/defenseDataBase.html>
3. If the ACBL Mid-Chart is not used, the ACBL General Convention Chart applies.
4. The Director must be summoned electronically for any irregularity which occurs during play. Once the Director has been summoned, all play and bidding shall cease until the Director authorizes its continuation.
5. Contestants are required to alert and explain their own calls (not their partner's.) When one makes an Alertable call, the bidder must give a full explanation of the agreement to his opponents (and only his opponents.) Stating the common or popular name of the convention is not sufficient.
6. Any Contestant may request, but only at his turn to call or play, information concerning an opponents' methods. Such inquiries may be asked of either or both opponents, but must be asked in a private chat. Replies to these inquiries must be given in a private chat.
7. Violations of conditions, which make available to one's partner extraneous information by a remark, a question, a reply to a question, an unexpected alert, failure to alert, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement or mannerism (Security 9-11 & The Play 5 & 6), shall be

rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, and are subject to procedural penalties. The Monitors and Contestants must report any such violations to the DIC.

8. Any deviation in tempo does convey extraneous information and is subject to rectification under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Any Contestant experiencing technical difficulties which may be construed as conveying extraneous information should immediately inform the Monitor or Director.
9. Claims, concessions, agreement thereto and contention or cancellation thereof will be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
10. Unintended calls or plays will be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. If a Contestant makes an unintended call or play he should summon the Director immediately. As in live play, undoes are permitted only upon instruction of the Director.

Requirements for ACBL approved Online Host

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

Appendix I provisionally added through November 2018.

Effective immediately

Carried Nay: 13, 15, 17 Abstain: 18

Audit	
Levy (C) Bagley, Heth	Staff: J. Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

An oral report was given.

Governance/Board Operations	
Reid (C) Anderson, Glasson, Harlan, Heller, Levy, Morse, Norden, Vilhauer, Weniger	Staff: Trejo

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 163-16: Spouse Excursions

Appendix 8-C, page 3 of the Codification under the heading “Other Funds provided by ACBL” is amended to delete the following paragraph:

~~ACBL provides funds for pre-tournament entertainment activities. This money is to provide up to two functions for the spouses and guests of the ACBL Board of Directors on Monday and/or Tuesday prior to the start of the tournament. This is separate from NABC funds.~~

Effective immediately

Carried Nay: 2, 3, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

Item 163-17: Chapter I - Section A. 1.1.2 of the Codification

Chapter I - Section A. 1.1.2 of the Codification is amended as follows:

1.1.2 The membership application for each individual shall include a provision requiring disclosure of any prior discipline by any other bridge organization for a new member. Acceptance of a membership application that omits disclosure of one or more prior disciplines, whether by ACBL or another bridge organization, shall be regarded as contingent only. Upon discovery of any error or omission, Management, with the approval of the CEO, may revoke any such contingent membership as of the date of application or Management may charge the person with a violation of CDR 3.13.:“Knowingly submitting false information to a tournament official, ACBL official, or ACBL body.”

Motion failed Aye: 13

Item 163-19: Standing Rules for Meetings and Committees

The following is added to Chapter IV: Board of Directors as Appendix 4A-4:

Appendix 4A-4 Standing Rules for Meetings and Committees

In forming committees and appointing members thereto, the president shall strive to adhere to the following rules and principles. Although he shall have the power to depart from these, it is expected that he will do so only in extraordinary circumstances.

- 1) Board meetings should ideally last no more than 3 (three) days.

Motion failed Aye: 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 20

- 2) Only the Audit, Finance, Bridge, Appeals and Charges, Governance, Strategic and CEO Review Committees should routinely be allocated meeting time at Board meetings.

Carried Nay: 1, 3, 13, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24

- 3) All committees, including those in (2) above, should conduct as much business as possible between Board meetings.

Carried unanimously

- 4) No one should be appointed as Chair of any committees listed in (2) above who has not served at least 1 (one) year on that committee.

Carried Nay: 2, 13, 24, 25

- 5) Board meetings should be devoted primarily to strategic issues.

Carried unanimously

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 in 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 ACBL's President in consultation with management.

D. EXPENSES

Section 1 – ACBL President Expenses The image of the ACBL 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.

- 1.1 The president will be granted an annual president's expense allowance of \$45,000. The president and the treasurer may, prior to the Spring NABC, 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

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

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2.9 Pursuant to Chapter IV, B., if the President, Treasurer, Chair of the Board of Governors or League 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

Item 163-22: Unit 173 to Unit 254

Moved that: The petition of ACBL members requesting the creation of a new ACBL Unit comprised of the state of Guanajuato, Mexico is granted. The Unit affiliation of ACBL members in the state of Guanajuato, Mexico will be changed from Unit 173 to Unit 254.

Effective January 1, 2017

Carried unanimously

NABC Oversight

Bagley (C)

Aquino, Carman, Fairchild, Glasson, Heller, Hennings, R. Jones,
Subeck, N. Boyd, W. Sullivan, S. Weinstein

Staff: Boyd

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 163-36: Soloway KO

A seven-day KO event named in honor of Paul Soloway be created and included in the schedule for the Fall NABC beginning on the first Friday of the tournament. The only additional change to the Fall NABC schedule is that the Senior KO be moved to begin on the first Sunday of the Fall NABC, after the qualifying period for this new event is over.

Motion failed Aye: 1, 12, 21, 22, 24, 25

Item: 163-37: Wagar Women's KO Teams

The Wagar Women's KO Teams be removed from the Summer NABC schedule.

Effective June 1, 2017

Carried unanimously

Item 163-38: Machlin Women's Swiss Team

The Machlin Women's Swiss Teams be removed from the Spring NABC schedule.

Effective June 1, 2017

Carried Abstain: 25

Item: 163-39: Wagar Women's Pairs

A four session Women's Pairs event be added to the Summer NABC schedule. The two qualifying sessions would take place on Monday and the two final sessions would take place on Tuesday. The event, replacing the Wagar Women's KO, would be named the Wagar Women's Pairs.

Effective June 1, 2017
Carried unanimously

Item 163-40: NABC Operations

Codification Chapter VIII, Section E, Subsection 1.2 is deleted and Chapter VIII, Section F Rules and Regulations for NABC+ Event, Subsection II – Event Regulations is amended to read as follows:

~~1.2 In pair events at an NABC (even though they may be different pair events) hands shall be duplicated across all sections in play at the same time whenever possible.~~

~~2.8-1.2 The hand records used in any National-rated events with no upper masterpoint limit shall be used only in those that single events. This applies to all sessions (qualifying and final).~~

Section 2 – Event Regulations

~~2.8 The hand records used in any National-rated events with no upper masterpoint limit shall be used only in those that single events. This applies to all sessions (qualifying and final).~~

Effective January 1, 2017
Carried Nay: 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20

Item 163-41: Chapter IV – Board Procedures D. Committees

Chapter IV – Board Procedures D. Committees, Section 5 is amended as follows:

D. COMMITTEES

Section 5 - Other ACBL bodies

Other ACBL bodies are non-board committees established by the Board of Directors to accomplish goals and objectives deemed appropriate. These entities operate in accordance with, and under the provisions of, the enabling legislation.

5.1 NABC Tournament Conduct Committee

The process for forming an NABC Tournament Conduct Committee will be as follows:

- 5.1.1 The ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator will create a roster of committee members from:
- a. A list of names supplied by the ACBL President that has been submitted by the District Directors;
 - b. The membership of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee; and
 - c. The membership at large, if needed.
- 5.1.2 When the committee is to hear a charge or charges relating only to conduct (not including an ethical violation), the ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator will select the committee from available members in categories A through C above. The committee will select the person to chair the hearing from among the committee members.
- 5.1.3 When the committee is to hear a charge which includes an ethical violation, the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee chair will select the committee from available members of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee and/or, if needed, from the membership at large. The committee will select the person to chair the hearing from among the committee members.
- 5.1.4 The committee members serving on a case will be compensated. The guideline for the amount of the compensation is the value of a two-session entry to an NABC+ event for each day the committee meets.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

GNT/ Special Events	
Aquino (C) Anderson, Calkins, Glasson, Harlan, C. Jones, Muñoz, Norden, Reid, Smith, Weniger As reported by Committee Chair	Staff: Robertson

Item 163-52: Chapter 4A 1.4.1 NABC Level of NAP and GNT

Chapter IV A. Administrations, Subsection 1.4.1 of the codification is amended as follows:

1.4.1 NABC Level of NAP and GNT

Members of the ACBL Board of Directors may not play in any event that conflicts with Board meetings. Board members are allowed to play in multiple-session team events which have individual sessions that conflict with Board meetings provided the Board member only plays in those sessions which do not conflict with Board meetings.

Carried Abstain: 23

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

Item 163-50: GNT Special Conditions of Contest - incentives qualifying team

ACBL Grand National Teams Special Conditions of Contest would change as follows:

**GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2017-2018 ACBL SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST
GENERAL**

1) This is a team event in which each ACBL district will name a district champion in each category by means of a fair competition that is not necessarily the same from district to district. In districts in which there were at least 8 teams competing in a B or C flight in the district final, a second team in that flight will also be considered eligible to compete in the national final of their respective category.

2) A player may represent the district in only one flight at the national final. Eligible teams in the national final will not be subsidized in any way by the ACBL.

Motion failed Aye: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25 Abstain: 9

Appeals & Charges	
Heth (C)	
Bagley, Carman, Fairchild, Harlan, Hennings, Morse, Subeck	Staff: Whitten
As reported by Committee Chair	

Item 163-01: Report on Hearings:

In the matter of the Motions to Dismiss the Charging Party’s Notice of Appeal of the Notice of Dismissal in the case against Dana Hastings #M915550, the A&C Committee denies the Motions to Dismiss. The A&C Committee finds that the Charging Party’s Notice of Appeal was filed timely because it was filed within thirty days of the Notice of Dismissal sent by the ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator.

In the matter of the request by Sara Gainey #5487625 for a hearing before the A&C Committee because District 4 had improperly failed to act upon a complaint, the A&C Committee decides not to conduct a hearing because it finds that the matter was dealt with in a reasonable manner at the District level.

In the matter of the Automatic Review and Appeal of Fulvio Fantoni #9682414 & Claudio Nunes #9682473 from the decision of the Ethical Oversight Committee, the decision of the original hearing committee is amended as follows: The penalty imposed by the Ethical Oversight Committee is affirmed, except that the partners and teammates of Fulvio Fantoni #9682414 and Claudio Nunes #9682473 are subject to mandatory forfeiture of all masterpoints, titles and status ranks earned during the 2015 Spingold Knockout Teams Championship.

In the matter of the Automatic Review of Lotan Fisher #1906658 & Ron Schwartz #1906623 from the decision of the Ethical Oversight Committee, the decision of the original hearing committee is amended as follows: The penalty imposed by the Ethical Oversight Committee is affirmed, except that the partners and teammates of Lotan Fisher #1906658 and Ron Schwartz #1906623 are subject to mandatory forfeiture of all masterpoints, titles and status ranks earned during the 2015 Spingold Knockout Teams Championship.

In the matter of the Automatic Review of Art Brodsky from the decision of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee, the decision of the original hearing committee is affirmed, but the penalty is modified by reducing the suspension to 21 months and increasing the probation to ten years.

Item: 163-02: CDR Section 5.2.13

CDR Section 5.2.13 be removed.

~~5.2.13 When Management receives a hearing report in which the committee has imposed a discipline that contravenes or is inconsistent with the CDR, ACBL Management shall notify the committee chairperson in writing. The committee shall then reconvene on the matter of imposition of discipline.~~

Motion failed Aye: 13 Absent: 5

Legal Service Review	
Heth (C) Fairchild, C. Jones, Subeck, Dunn	Staff: Dunn

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 163-26: CDR Attorney

CDR 5.2.3 be amended to read as follows:

- 5.2.3 A person charged with a violation of CDR 3 shall be entitled to:
- (a) Receive written notice of the date, time, and place of hearing. Should a person admit to a charge, a hearing shall be held in order to determine and impose appropriate discipline.

- (b) Be furnished with a written statement of the charge(s), the complaint upon which the charges are based or a summary of the facts of said complaint, and the name of the complainant(s).
- (c) For hearings at the Unit or District level or any Tournament Disciplinary Committee, be represented at the hearing by another person who shall not be an attorney or a member of the Board of Directors. The person charged may be represented by an attorney outside the hearing room.
- (d) For hearings at the Ethical Oversight, Disciplinary and Appeals and Charges Committees, be represented at the hearing by another person who shall not be a member of the Board of Directors.
- (e) Produce evidence and make statements on his/her own behalf.
- (f) Be present during the entire hearing, except during procedural determinations and deliberation on verdicts and sentencing.
- (g) Question persons testifying through the Chair at the Chair's discretion.

Note: ACBL expresses no opinion and takes no position on whether representation by a non-attorney, or an attorney not licensed in the locale where a disciplinary proceeding is heard, may constitute the unauthorized practice of law and subject a violator to criminal or civil liabilities. Similarly, ACBL expresses no opinion and takes no position on whether an attorney licensed in another jurisdiction is engaged in the "practice of law" by participating in a disciplinary proceeding. It is the responsibility of each representative to determine whether involvement in a disciplinary proceeding is permissible for him- or herself.

Motion failed Aye: 13, 21, 25 Abstain: 2, 4, 16, 24

Item 163-27: CDR Grounds for Discipline

CDR Section 3 be amended to read as follows:

- 3. Grounds for Discipline
 - 3.1 Violation of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge.
 - 3.2 Violation of ACBL regulations. Administrative regulations such as rules pertaining to sanctioned games at clubs are exempted.
 - 3.3 Leaving a session prior to completion of play without either good cause or the permission of the tournament or game director.
 - 3.4 Accusations of unethical bridge conduct at an ACBL sanctioned event, not made privately to a tournament director or other tournament official. Private and confidential conversations are not within the ACBL's jurisdiction even if they take place at a tournament site.

- 3.5 Violation of CDR 4.4.
- 3.6 Betting on the results of any ACBL sanctioned event.
- 3.7 Actions or behavior unbecoming a person participating in an ACBL sanctioned tournament or event; or a person attending (at the time and site of) an ACBL sanctioned tournament or event or ACBL activity (including a unit or district activity).
 - 3.7.1 “Site” includes, but is not limited to, parking lots, elevators, restaurants and hotels at or around the location of such tournament, event or activity.
 - 3.7.2 A private and confidential conversation is not within the ACBL’s jurisdiction even if it takes place at a tournament site.
 - 3.7.3 E-mails or letters sent to an ACBL official or entity (such as a unit or district Board of Directors) may constitute a violation of 3.7.
 - 3.7.4 E-mails or letters sent to private individuals shall not constitute a violation of 3.7.
- 3.8 Non-payment of a valid hotel bill when the person participating in an ACBL sanctioned tournament stays at such hotel during that ACBL sanctioned tournament.
- 3.9 Non-payment of any sums owed ACBL, Districts, or Units. (For example: bad checks.)
- 3.10 Filing formal legal action against a Unit, District or the ACBL without first exhausting ACBL administrative or other internal remedies.
- 3.11 Improper conduct toward any official or body of ACBL in performance of their ACBL duties or functions.
- 3.12 Influencing or attempting to influence an entrant or entrants other than one's partner or teammates to withdraw from any ACBL-sanctioned event.
- 3.13 Knowingly submitting false information to a tournament official, ACBL official or ACBL body.
- 3.14 Failure to appear before a disciplinary committee in violation of CDR 5.2.5, 5.3.3 and 5.3.5.
- 3.15 Initiating disciplinary action against another with no reasonable basis or appealing the decision of a disciplinary body with no reasonable basis. (The rejection of a complaint is not equivalent to a finding that there was not a reasonable basis.)

- 3.16 Refusing any reasonable request for cooperation by a duly appointed recorder or assistant recorder pursuant to the proper conduct of the recorder's duties.
- 3.17 Improper conduct, a breach of ethics or improper behavior by an ACBL member for which another bridge organization has issued a discipline or sanction against said member. This section may be implemented only by the ACBL Executive Committee under CDR 2.2.3 (f).
- 3.18 Misappropriate ACBL, Unit or District Funds.
- 3.19 Partnering or playing on a team with a person who is presently serving a suspension from ACBL or who is presently expelled from ACBL.
- 3.20 Cheating and similar ethical violations.
- 3.21 Attempt to influence a decision of a disciplinary body outside of the hearing process(es).
- 3.22 Discussion, outside the hearing room, of the hearing content (other than the committee decision) by a disciplinary body member with any other party (whether a party to the hearing or not.)

Exception to this rule:

Upon completion of an Ethical Oversight Committee hearing or an ACBL Disciplinary Committee hearing, the members of the hearing committee are permitted to engage in confidential discussion of the hearing content with the other members of the Ethical Oversight Committee or the ACBL Disciplinary Committee respectively.

- 3.23 Unauthorized access to password-protected information or misrepresenting one's identity to access a website and/or electronic data of the ACBL and/or those of Clubs, Units and Districts.
- 3.24 Cyber-attacks or similar intentional electronic disruptions or attempts at electronic disruptions, of websites and/or electronic data systems of the ACBL and/or those of Clubs, Units and Districts.
- 3.25 Unauthorized use of ACBL-provided member data for (a) personal use, (b) financial gain and/or (c) harassment.
- 3.26 Unauthorized use of copyrighted ACBL materials or software.
- 3.27 Unauthorized use of Trademarks registered by the ACBL.

Motion failed Aye: 4, 13, 21 Abstain: 3, 16, 23, 24

Item: 163-28: EOC Attorney

Chapter IV-Board Procedures, D. Committees, Subsection 5.5 of the Codification is amended to read as follows:

5.5 Ethical Oversight

- 5.5.1 The committee will be a disciplinary body of the ACBL whose responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, adjudicating cases of alleged cheating by use of signals or other unauthorized information.
- 5.5.2 The Ethical Oversight Committee will consist of 15 members. Five members will be appointed each year for staggered three-year terms by the ACBL President.
- 5.5.3 During their tenure in office, members may not be dismissed except for grossly inappropriate behavior. If the president of the ACBL or the chair of the Ethical Oversight Committee calls together the members of the committee, they may, by majority vote, remove a member of the committee.
- 5.5.4 The president, after consultation with the current chair, appoints Ethical Oversight Committee members. Appointments are subject to board approval.
- 5.5.5 The committee elects the Ethical Oversight chairman from among its members. The chairman may not serve more than three consecutive one-year terms.
- 5.5.6 The Ethical Oversight Committee members will be appointed and confirmed at the Spring NABC. The term of office will begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.
- 5.5.7 If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created will be filled by the president at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to board approval. The newly appointed member will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 5.5.8 The Chair of the Ethical Oversight Committee will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with official committee business. Any extraordinary committee member expenses must be pre-approved by the ACBL President or his designee.
- 5.5.9 The Chair of the Ethical Oversight Committee and all members serving on a case will be compensated. The guideline for the amount of the compensation is the value of a two-session entry to an NABC+ event for each day the committee meets.

5.5.10 The ACBL shall retain independent counsel to advise the Ethical Oversight Committee as needed both in and out of hearings. Selection of counsel shall be made in consultation with the Chairman of EOC.

Motion failed Aye: 3, 13, 25 Abstain: 2, 4, 16, 23, 24

Item: 163-:29 CDR 5.2.12

CDR 5.2.12 be amended to read as follows:

5.2.12 In matters coming before the Ethical Oversight Committee, that committee may request that the ACBL employ independent counsel to advise the Committee as to procedural matters and matters of law. Selection of counsel shall be subject to the approval of the Chairman of EOC.

And that CDR 7.8 be amended to read as follows:

7.8 In matters coming before the Appeals and Charges Committee, the ACBL shall employ independent counsel to advise the Committee as to procedural matters and matters of law.

Motion failed Aye: 3, 4, 13, Abstain: 2, 16, 23, 24

Item 163-30: Board Counsel

The position of Board Counsel be established; that a committee of the Board be formed to develop a job description and terms of employment and to conduct interviews and retain Counsel at the earliest possible date.

Motion failed Aye: 2, 3, 13, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24

Technology Oversight	
Whipple (C), R. Jones (VC)	
Bagley, Glasson, C. Jones, Lane, Levy, Vilhauer, Hodus	Staff: Hodus
As reported by Committee Chair	

Item 163-32: Live Streaming

All ACBL Board of Directors and Board of Governors meetings be recorded and placed on a web site such as ACBL site or YouTube.

Motion failed Abstain: 7 Absent: 24, 25

Conditions of Contest

Morse (C)

Harlan, Janicki, Muñoz, Smith

Staff: Weinstein

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 163-47: Drop-Ins Team

Drop-ins are not allowed from team events to premier pair events.

Effective January 1, 2017

Carried Nay: 2, 6, 8, 12, 13, 17, 20, 24

Item 163-07: Electronic Devices Penalty Guidelines

The following policy and penalty guidelines relating to electronic devices is adopted.

This policy applies to all events at NABCs. It is strongly suggested that sponsors of Regional and Sectional tournaments adopt and apply it.

Except for health-related equipment, or by permission of the Director-in-Charge, any electronic equipment or device capable of receiving or sending an electronic signal, or capable of communicating in any way, may not be operated or functioning in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session and must remain off at all times.

The above restrictions apply to all players, captains, coaches, kibitzers and play recorders, except those persons granted permission by the ACBL, and are in force throughout any playing session or segment of play. Further restrictions and requirements apply in events involving live internet and/or VuGraph coverage.

A violation of any of the above restrictions will result in an automatic penalty, pursuant to Law 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, as described below:

In NABC+ Events:

First offense of any kind, in a session: one full board, 12 IMPs or 20% of the maximum available VPs per match, at the respective form of scoring

Second offense, in the same session or third offense within the event: Disqualification of the pair or team from the event.

In Other Events:

First offense, in the same session, ringing only: one-quarter board, 3 IMPs or 1 VP, at the respective form of scoring.

First offense, in the same session, answering or initiating a call, texting or browsing: one-half board, 6 IMPs or 2 VPs, at the respective form of scoring.

Second offense, in the same session: two full boards, 20 IMPs or 50% of the maximum available VPs per match, at the respective form of scoring.

Third offense, in the event: disqualification of the pair or team from the event.

Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

Sponsors of Regional and Sectional tournaments may choose to substitute a warning in lieu of the penalty for the first offense (ringing or both) or may insert a warning as the first item in the schedule of penalties.

Effective January 1, 2017

Carried Nay 8, 25 Abstain: 23

Clubs/Membership	
Weniger (C) Anderson, Harlan, Norden, Smith	Staff: Robertson
As reported by Committee Chair	

An oral report was given.

Tournaments Oversight	
Heller (C) Bagley, Carman, Glasson, Hennings, R. Jones, Norden, Weniger	Staff: Boyd
As reported by Committee Chair	

An oral report was given.

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The Board went into Executive Session from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order by Ken Monzingo on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Tuesday, November 22

Also Present: Same as Tuesday, November 22

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The ACBL Board of Directors adjourned its meeting and reconvened as the ACBL Educational Foundation Membership Meeting.

The membership meeting of the ACBL Educational Foundation convened. The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Heller.

The ACBL Educational Foundation bylaws were approved.

Carried Nay: 1, 3, 13, 18, 23 Abstain: 16, 17

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

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

The membership meeting of the ACBL Charity Foundation convened. The meeting was called to order by President Bonnie Bagley.

Nancy Strohmer and David Warlick declared their candidacies for Trustee. By secret ballot Nancy Strohmer was elected to serve a four-year term, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020.

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

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Online Bridge	
Levy (C) Aquino, Muñoz	Staff: Robertson
As reported by Committee Chair	

Item 163-34: Daylong Robot Tournaments

- A. Sanctioned daylong online robot games be held. Up to 18 hours are allowed for play. Each daylong game will play a minimum of 18 boards
- B. Masterpoint awards for one-session daylong robot games will be as follows:
 - 1) Section awards capped at current 15 table level.
 - 2) Overall awards for 100+ participants shall be:

- 1) 2.50 for 1st place with depth and subsequent award per formula.
- 2) Duplicate awards shall be awarded for each additional 100 participants.

B. Sanction fees to be \$2.00 per table.

Carried Nay: 9, 17, 22 Abstain: 7, 14, 15

Finance	
Reid (C) Bagley, Carman, Glasson, Heller, C. Jones, Lane, Levy, Morse, Muñoz, Whipple	Staff: Brown
As reported by Committee Chair	

Item 163-10: 2017 Operating and Capital Budget

The 2017 operating budget showing revenues over expenses of \$234,283 is received.

Effective January 1, 2017

Carried Nay: 2, 13, 23 Abstain: 24

The 2017 capital budget of \$355,750 is received.

Effective January 1, 2017

Carried Nay: 2, 13, 23

Item 163-11: Board of Directors Expenses 2.5.1

Chapter IV - Board Procedures, B. Expenses, 2.5 Additional Reimbursable Expenses, 2.5.1 is amended as follows:

CHAPTER IV - BOARD PROCEDURES

Section 2 - Board of Directors Expenses

2.5 Additional Reimbursable Expenses

2.5.1 Attendees will be reimbursed for reasonable actual costs of baggage handling and storage expenses. Attendees will also receive the allowable daily Incidental Expense amount included in the daily per diem allowance.

Effective Immediately

Carried unanimously

Item 163-12: Board of Directors Expenses

Chapter IV - Board Procedures, Section 2 - Board of Directors Expenses, 2.4 Per Diem Meals, 2.4.4 is amended as follows:

CHAPTER IV - BOARD PROCEDURES

Section 2 - Board of Directors Expenses

2.4 Per Diem Meals

2.4.4 Board member per diem will be reduced for meals provided by the ACBL and for meals received that are directly related to a Board member's position on the ACBL Board of Directors.

Effective Immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 163-14: ACBL Investment Policy Statement

Chapter II – Business Management, A. Finance is amended as follows:

CHAPTER II – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

A. FINANCE

1.3 PORTFOLIO STANDARDS

1.3.3.3 An investment in master limited partnerships and/or preferred stock in an amount up to 10% of our investment portfolio shall be considered “fixed income” investments.

1.3.4.2 Fixed Income – At least 75 percent of the Portfolio's assets should be invested in fixed income securities, with no more than 10% invested in master limited partnerships and/or preferred stocks.

1.5 PERIODIC REVIEW

1.5.2 The asset allocation applied under this policy shall be determined by the ACBL Finance Committee and reviewed at each Summer NABC.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 163-15: Rescheduling of Spring and Summer BOD Meeting

Chapter IV-Board Procedures, C. Meetings is amended as follows:

C. MEETINGS

The Board of Directors will meet prior to each NABC at the site of the NABC. 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 spring and summer meetings will end on the day before the Board of Governors meeting, the length of each meeting will be determined by the ACBL President in consultation with management.

Effective July 1, 2017

Carried Nay: 2, 15, 19, 20, 21, 25 Abstain: 16

Bridge Integrity Task Force Support Committee

Subeck (C)

Aquino, Carman, Harlan, Heller, Heth, Janicki, H. Weinstein, Dunn Staff: Whitten

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 163-06: Forfeiture of Masterpoints/Titles for Unethical Behavior.

The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations is modified as follows:

4.1.8 Forfeiture of Masterpoints/Titles for Unethical Behavior.

(a) Any participant(s) in an ACBL sanctioned event convicted of premeditated or collusive cheating or any participant(s) who admits to such action or actions shall forfeit all masterpoints, titles and ACBL status ranks or other related awards theretofore earned by said participants through participation in all ACBL events. The partners and teammates of said participant(s) shall forfeit all masterpoints, titles and status ranks earned while playing with said participant(s) during the four years preceding the admission or finding of guilt.

(b) Any participant(s) in an ACBL sanctioned event suspended as a result of ethical transgressions, other than those set forth in this CDR 4.1.8 (a), shall forfeit any masterpoints and titles won in the event in which the offense(s) occurred. Further:

(1) When a suspension of less than one year has been imposed, the committee may remove the masterpoints, titles and/or awards won within the twelve (12) calendar months preceding the date of the offense(s).

(2) When the discipline imposed is a suspension of one year or longer, the committee shall remove as a minimum, all masterpoints, titles and awards won within the twelve (12) calendar months preceding the date of the offense(s). The committee may remove additional masterpoints, titles and or ACBL status ranks or other ACBL related awards previously earned by said participants through participation in all ACBL events as it deems appropriate.

(c) Teammates and partners of (a) participant(s) who suffer(s) penalties as provided in CDR 4.1.7 and 4.1.8 (b) shall forfeit any title(s) and masterpoints won in events in which the offense or offenses occurred.

(d) Titles forfeited pursuant to CDR 4.1.8 (a), (b) or (c) shall remain vacant and there shall be no change in rankings or awarding of masterpoints for other contestants. First place awards for Unit masterpoint races forfeited pursuant to CDR 4.1.8 (a), (b) or (c) shall not remain vacant. The second place awardee shall move up to first place and lower ranked awards will be filled by a relevant change in rankings for other lower-ranked contestants. Awards for other than first place forfeited pursuant to CDR 4.1.8 (a), (b) or (c) shall remain vacant and there shall be no change in rankings for other contestants.

(e) Management shall assign eligibility points to equal the number of masterpoints that have been forfeited by the disciplinary body's decision.

Effective January 1, 2017
Carried unanimously

Item: 163-08: CDR Appendix B

CDR APPENDIX B is amended to read as follows:

APPENDIX B
ACBL DISCIPLINARY SANCTION
GUIDELINES

The list below represents the recommended discipline and mandatory masterpoint penalties which are imposed by a committee after rendering a decision which finds a member guilty of a conduct or ethical violation. The first column entitled "OFFENSE" sets forth the offense by Code of Disciplinary Regulations ("CDR") Section. This column is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all possible infractions. The second column entitled "RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE" is a guide for discipline to be imposed and is not mandatory. For good cause, expressed, in writing, at the time a sanction is imposed, a greater or lesser sanction may be imposed. ~~not intended to be an exhaustive list of all possible infractions.~~ (See PART C below.) The third column entitled "~~MANDATORY~~ MASTERPOINT PENALTIES" represents a range of masterpoints which ~~must~~ may, be deducted in accordance with the offense for which the member is found guilty.

A committee may find that there has been a violation of the CDR for which there is no sanction guideline cited in this Appendix. In such cases, the committee is free to impose on a guilty defendant whatever punishment it deems is appropriate from options described in CDR Section 4. ~~However, a disciplinary committee, which imposes a sanction which is outside the range recommended by these guidelines, must explain why it chose the sanction imposed.~~

Part A of these guidelines is intended to apply to the typical case involving a single incident and a defendant who has no previous disciplinary record. If

this is not the case, the committee must consider Part B of these guidelines before deciding on an appropriate discipline.

PART A: CONDUCT

OFFENSE	RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE	MANDATORY MASTERPOINT PENALTIES
C1 Poor personal hygiene or dress (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 30 days Probation	None
C2 Rudeness in conversation, gesture, or general behavior (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 30 days Probation and or up to 30 days Suspension.	None
C3 Publicly belittle partner or opponent on bid or play (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 30 days Probation and or up to 30 days Suspension	None
C4 Influence or attempt to influence an entrant to withdraw from an event to improve one's likelihood of winning more masterpoints (CDR 3.7 and 3.12)	Reprimand and or up to 90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	40 <u>Up to</u> 50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
C5 Harass or intimidate another player (CDR 3.7 and 3.11)	Reprimand and or up to 120 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	None
C6 Harass or intimidate a tournament director, tournament official or an ACBL official (CDR 3.7 and 3.11)	180 days Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	None
C7 Deliberately fail to follow instructions given by a tournament director or official, including leaving a session without permission of the tournament director or game director, egregious slow play or noncompliance with conditions of contest (CDR 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7)	90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	None

C8	Fail to notify an appropriate official in a timely manner of a score that one knows is incorrect (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	180 days Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	0 Up to 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
C9	Inappropriate comments (including but not limited to obscene comments) made publicly at an ACBL sanctioned event or activity (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 120 days Probation and or up to 90 days suspension	None
C10	Publicly accuse another player of unethical bridge behavior (CDR 3.4 and 3.7)	180 days Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	None
C11	Threat of abusive or violent contact with another person (CDR 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	None
C12	Abusive or violent contact with another person (CDR 3.7)	3 years Probation and or up to 2 years Suspension	None
C13	Knowingly submit false information or deliberately distort facts to an ACBL official or committee when neither E6 nor E7 applies. (CDR 3.13)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	None
C14	Failure of Complainant to appear at hearing without cause (CDR 3.14)	90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	None
C15	Appeal a decision from a disciplinary body with no reasonable basis (CDR 3.15)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	None
C16	Initiate disciplinary action against another player with no reasonable basis (CDR 3.15)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	None
C17	Initiate and maintain legal action against the ACBL, including a District or Unit, or an ACBL official or employee acting in his or her official capacity, without first exhausting administrative remedies (CDR 3.10)	1 year Suspension up to indefinite suspension pending reimbursement to ACBL of costs to ACBL to defend if the suit was unsuccessful pursuant to CDR Section 4.3.4	None

C18	Misappropriate ACBL, Unit or District Funds (CDR 3.18)	Indefinite suspension up to expulsion. The body imposing an indefinite suspension will determine when, after return of the funds, the indefinite suspension will be lifted	None
C19	Being present in the playing area of an ACBL sanctioned event while serving a term of suspension (CDR 3.2 and 3.5)	Extension of the suspension to twice the original term to Expulsion * #	None

PART B: ETHICS

	OFFENSE	RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE	MANDATORY MASTERPOINT PENALTIES
E1	Deliberately ask for or give information about a board in play after both parties have played it (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 60 days Probation.	⊖ <u>Up to</u> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E2	Give information about a board in play to a player who has not yet played the board (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	30 days Suspension to 1 year Suspension* #	⊖ <u>Up to</u> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding with no intent. 10-50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding when intent is
E3	Unsportsmanlike, frivolous or frequent psyching (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	60 days Probation and or up to 30 days Suspension	⊖ <u>Up to</u> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E4	Play a convention, system, or treatment knowing it is illegal (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	90 days probation and or up to 60 days Suspension*	4⊖ <u>Up to</u> 50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E5	Purposefully fail to disclose partnership agreements with intent to deceive (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probati n and or up to 1 year Suspension.*	4⊖ <u>Up to</u> 50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E6	Bid or play with the specific intent to achieve a poor result on that hand (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	90 days Probation to 90 days Suspension*	⊖ <u>Up to</u> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.

E7	Intentionally: a. change a score, b. submit a false result of a hand, round or match, c. change or submit any information that could result in awarding incorrect masterpoints or d. enter an event for which you are not eligible (CDR 3.1, 3.7 and CDR 3.13)	1 to 3 year Probation and or up to 2 years Suspension* or and or up to	40 <u>Up to</u> 50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E8	Accidentally gain access to information and then act on it (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension *	0 <u>Up to</u> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E9	Hesitate with an intent to deceive; use intonations and mannerisms that may deceive opponents or help partner (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up 1 year Suspension *	0 <u>Up to</u> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E10	Deliberately try to see from where an opponent plays his cards (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension *	0 <u>Up to</u> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E11	Actively and deliberately try to see an opponent's cards (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension *	40 <u>Up to</u> 50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E12	Actively seek advance information about a board in play (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	2 years Suspension to Expulsion * #	25 <u>Up to</u> 100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E13	Prearrange a deal or part thereof including one card (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	2 years Suspension to Expulsion * #	25 <u>Up to</u> 100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E14	Intentionally gain access to hand records for an event prior to the event and enter and play in the event and or give the hand records or copies to another person prior to that person entering and playing in the event. (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	Expulsion *	100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.

E15	Prearranged partnership collusion by means of signaling to exchange information (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	Expulsion *	100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E16	Playing an ACBL sanctioned event while serving a term of suspension (CDR 3.2 and 3.5)	Extension of the suspension to twice the original term to Expulsion * #	40 <u>Up to</u> 25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E17	Knowingly partnering or playing on a team with a person who is presently serving a suspension from ACBL or who is presently expelled from ACBL (CDR 3.2, 3.7 and 3.19)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	40 <u>Up to</u> -25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E18	Cheating and similar ethical violations not specifically cited by other sections of this Appendix (CDR 3.20)	90 days Suspension up to Expulsion * #	0 <u>Up to</u> 100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E19	Attempt to influence a decision of a disciplinary body outside of the hearing process(es) CDR 3.21.	Reprimand and or up to 2 years Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension.	0 <u>Up to</u> 100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E20	Discussion of the content of the hearing, other than the committee decision, outside the hearing room by a disciplinary body member with any party (whether a party to the hearing or not). The Committee Decision includes the finding of Guilty/Not Guilty and the Penalty Imposed. CDR 3.22.	Reprimand and or up to 2 years Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	

* If a committee imposes a suspension, then it should also disqualify the pair or team from the event. This will mean the pair or team will lose its place in the event, any masterpoints earned in the event and any other benefits it may have earned from playing in the event. Should this disqualification take place after the correction period for the event has expired, other pairs and teams do not move up - the place formerly held by the disqualified contestant (pair or team) remains vacant.

If a committee imposes a suspension it is encouraged to also impose an appropriate term of probation following the term of suspension.

Part B

PART C

There are three major primary reasons why the suggested guidelines in Part A PARTS A and B might not be appropriate in a specific case. First, the single violation might be either so slight or severe as to make the suggested sanction inappropriate. Second, the defendant might be convicted for several violations (such as a pattern of behavior). Third, the defendant might have a previous record. A disciplinary body may, for good cause, expressed in writing at the time a sanction is imposed, deviate upwards or downwards from the presumptive discipline set forth in PART B.

1. When the defendant's single violation is either extremely slight or severe, the committee should apply its sound, unemotional judgment. For example, either the experience or mental intentions of the defendant might be a consideration. Please explain on the Hearing Report Form why the violation was considered atypical.
2. When the recommended sanction guidelines would not have the usual impact upon a guilty defendant, a committee may tailor the length of the discipline in order that the discipline will have the desired impact.
3. When the defendant is convicted of several violations, such as a pattern of behavior, the committee should impose a sanction as if each violation was a separate offense. The Committee should note the separate violations and/or explain the pattern.
4. When the defendant has a prior record, the sanction imposed for the previous offense is not particularly important. The number of prior convictions is important. The reason is that the defendant was already sanctioned for the specific prior violation(s). The committee should pay close attention to how the prior conviction(s) reflects on the defendant's ability to behave according to ACBL standards and explain on the Hearing Report Form the reasons for its decision relative to the offense or offenses for which the committee has to consider another sanction.

Examples

- ~~1. A person convicted of accidentally gaining access to information and acting on it has one conviction for bad hygiene for which he or she received 30 days' probation. Here the committee would probably disregard the prior conviction in making a decision to issue a sanctions.~~
- ~~2. A person convicted of accidentally gaining access to information and acting on it has received 30 days' probation for bad hygiene, 30 days' probation for rude behavior, and 30 days suspension for a threat of violent behavior. In this case, the record indicates~~

~~that their person has a history of violating ACBL regulations and the committee should increase the discipline above the maximum for the offense for which the player was convicted.~~

Deferred to Fall 2017 in San Diego, CA
Deferral carried unanimously

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The Board went into Executive Session from 12:30 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

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Strategic Review
Whipple (C), Anderson (VC) Lane, Reid, Vilhauer, B. Calkins
Staff: Hartman
As reported by Committee Chair

An oral report was given.

Volunteer Task Force
Anderson (C) Fairchild, Hennings, Muñoz, Norden, Reid, Smith, Weniger
Staff: Hartman
As reported by Committee Chair

An oral report was given.

Education/Marketing
Smith (C) Calkins, Hennings, Janicki, Muñoz
Staff: Threlkeld
As reported by Committee Chair

An oral report was given.

Juniors/Youth NABC

Hennings (C)

Aquino, Janicki, R. Jones, Smith, Vilhauer

Staff: Threlkeld

As reported by Committee Chair

An oral report was given.

Board Composition

Heller (C), R. Jones (VC)

Janicki, Whipple, C. Robinson, J. Sprung, D. Korbel, P. Lewis

Hartman, J. Jones

Staff: Hartman

As reported by Committee Chair

An oral report was given.

The Board expressed its thanks and appreciation to A. Beth Reid, District 11 Director, Dan Morse, District 16 Director and Richard Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, for their service and contributions to the Board of Directors during the past years.

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Morse and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks 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 wish to thank the Walt Disney Swan and Dolphin Resort for its fine cooperation.

The Board adjourned sine die at 5:00 p.m.