

Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
Toronto, ON Canada
July 23, 2017

Richard Popper, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, July 23, 2017, at 10 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Kansas City, MO meeting held March 12, 2017 are approved.

CARRIED

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The meeting of the Board of Governors was recessed for the start of the annual membership meeting.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual membership meeting of the American Contract Bridge League convened at 10:05 a.m. Bob Heller, ACBL President, presided. Heller announced that there was not a quorum. Being no further business, the annual membership meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m. The Board of Governors reconvened from recess.

CEO'S REPORT

Bahar Gidwani presented the CEO's report. (See Board Attachments)

LITIGATION REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe Jones, ACBL CFO, presented the Treasurer's report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

RECONSIDERATION ITEMS

Moved by Richard DeMartino, District 25 and seconded that Item 172-07: Zone 2 National Bridge Organizations be reconsidered.

Chapter VII International Bridge Section 1 A. Zone 2 NBO's of the codification is amended as follows:

CHAPTER VII – INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

A. ZONE 2 National Bridge Organizations (NBOs)

Section 1 - Zone 2 International Regulations

- 1.1 The authority for selecting and subsidizing bridge players who represent the United States, Canada and Mexico in international bridge competition rests solely with the NBOs: United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) and Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF), respectively.

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Section 2 – NBO Events (NO CHANGE)

Section 3 – WBF

- 3.1 WBF Dues

The United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) and Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF), and not the ACBL are responsible for the payment of any membership dues to the WBF.

- 3.2 The current section 3.2 is deleted in its entirety.

Effective immediately Carried Nay: 1, 2, 5, 8, 11, 13, 16, 20, 23, 24, 25 Abstain: 15, 18

CARRIED

MOTIONS

MOTION 172-G01 Require impact statement for certain BoD Motion

Submitted by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded that any Board of Directors Motion that materially impacts the operations of the ACBL including NABCs, Regionals, Sectionals, Special Games, Club Games and teaching games must include an impact statement prepared and approved by the ACBL Treasurer or their deputy on submission to the Board of Governors.

MOTION FAILED

MOTION 172-03G Require impact statement for certain BoGs before BoDs acts

Submitted by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded that any motion brought by the Board of Governors that materially impacts the operations of the ACBL including NABCs, Regionals, Sectionals, Special Games, Club Games and teaching games must include an impact statement that is sufficient in detail to allow review and approval as to fact by the ACBL Treasurer or their deputy prior to the vote of the Board of Directors.

MOTION FAILED

MOTION 172-G04 Require issue sheet for BoG motions

Submitted by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded any motion brought to the Board of Governors to solve an issue must provide a standard Issue Sheet outlining the following facts:

- **Issue Statement** (one or two sentences)
- **Motion for change** (the proposed solution)
- **Material impacts** (what the change causes and who it affects)
- **Reasons Why** (Why should the Board of Directors should consider the motion on approval by the Board of Governors)
- **Risks** (if the motion is not approved)

As with the Board of Directors, Proposed Motions from the Board of Governors will be reviewed by the Chair or their delegate in advance of the meeting for inclusion in the agenda. For motions brought to the floor without such preparation, on adoption by the Board of Governors, the motion will be passed to the Board of Directors only when an acceptable Issue Sheet is provided to the Chair of the Board of Governors supporting the motion.

All issue sheets shall be made available to the Board of Governors and kept in an electronic library.

CARRIED

MOTION 172-05G Board of Governors Chair to Identify Strategic Objectives

Submitted by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded that the Board of Governors Chair identify 2 or 3 strategic objective where collaboration between Board of Directors and Board of Governors Committees would bring greater focus or likelihood of success. The Board of Governor's Chair will at their discretion create Board of Governors Committees specifically for collaboration with the Board of Directors on those priorities.

CARRIED

MOTION 172-06G BoG Reps to more actively engage with their districts and units

Submitted by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded that all Board of Governors Representatives by District actively engage their District Boards and Unit Boards as well as teachers and club owners to establish:

- What unmet needs exist for teachers to engage new students (and current members looking to improve)
- What unmet needs exist among club owners to increase table count
- What unmet needs exist to identify, recruit, train and retain new bridge players and ACBL members.

And to summarize their findings in a preliminary report to the Board of Governors Teachers and Club Managers Committee by November 15, 2017. We ask that each District BoG team finalize their report and priorities by the March 2018 BoG Meeting in Philadelphia PA.

If we are to represent key stakeholders we must undertake the work representation entails.

MOTION FAILED

MOTION 172-07G: Fall Meeting

Submitted by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded That the ACBL Board of Directors reconsider their vote to hold their November 2018 Meeting in Hawaii and meet instead in the area of the ACBL Headquarters.

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 FAILED

MOTION 172-08G Masterpoint Structure

Submitted by Peggy Kaplan, District 14 that the ACBL Board of Directors address the masterpoint structure for points with teams and pairs prior to two years from today.

CARRIED

MOTION 172-09G Selection of WBF Reps

Submitted by Joann Sprung, District 17 that the responsibility for selection of WBF Reps be assigned proportionally between ACBL, USBF, CBF and MBF based upon dues paid.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION 172 Better Process for HQ, Field and Sponsor Coordination

Submitted by David Lodge, District 22 and seconded that Management is to create a Working Group to discuss and propose updated approaches and specific processes for ACBL Headquarters, Field, and Sponsor communication and coordination in advance of and during tournaments. Focus shall be primarily on regionals but shall not exclude sectionals, as appropriate.

Topics shall include but are not limited to:

- Assigning DICs
- Estimating tournament attendance based on all available information
- Appropriate staffing (Tournament Directors—TDs—and Tournament Assistants—TAs) based on sound estimate of likely attendance
- Agreement between the DIC and the designated Sponsor representative—Tournament Chair (TC), Tournament Manager or similar person—on what staffing levels for each tournament should be
- Assigning TDs from within the sponsoring district
- Adding read-only access in Tourney Trax to all tournaments within a district for a Tournament Manager or similar person (this would be in addition to the current “write access” for the Tournament Coordinator for all district tournaments, and the read-only access for each Tournament Chair for her respective tournament)
- Tournament logistics (equipment, paper supplies, numbers of boards and hand records needed, other)

This Working Group shall comprise members of Management and Staff, TDs, the Board of Governors (BOG), and the Board of Directors (BOD). All work should be able to be accomplished through electronic communication.

Suggestions and recommendations for inclusion in the *ACBL Regional Tournament Planning Guide*, the *ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations*, the *Codification*, and other relevant documents shall be presented in San Diego.

CARRIED

ACTION 172 Management to update information on bridge teachers

Submitted by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded that the ACBL work collaboratively with the Districts and Units to renew and update their contact information about all people who teach or lecture about bridge. This database shall be used to help grow table count, classes, and members. This database may record certifications held if any and is meant to better support all uncertified teachers who help manage the front line effort for attracting and retaining new players.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF NEW LIFE MASTERS

Moved by Sandy DeMartino, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#108,130 - # 108,668) 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 are extended to District 2 and its units, District Director Paul Janicki and Tournament Chair Ima Demme and all the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Intercontinental Toronto Centre for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 12:15 p.m.