

**ACBL Board of Directors
Honolulu, HI
November 19 – 21, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Whipple on Monday November 19, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Kathie McNab (2nd Alternate) #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, AJ Stephani #11, Dennis Carman #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Paul Cuneo #16, Bonnie Bagley #17, Claire Jones #18, Marv Norden #19, Merlin Vilhauer #20, Jackie Zayac #21, David Lodge #22, Kevin Lane #23, Al Levy #24 and Mark Aquino #25

Absent: Leo Weniger #1

Also Present: Richard Popper, Chairman Board of Governors, Joe Jones, Executive Director, Linda Dunn, Nancy Boyd, Sol Weinstein and Kelley Trejo, Secretary.

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Reconsideration Items

Baze Senior KO (182-77) assigned to Bridge
GNT Conditions of Contest (182-33) assigned to Bridge
ACBL Temporary Membership (182-45) assigned to Finance

Approval of Non-Agenda

2019 Conditions of Contest is assigned to Bridge Committee.
North American Bridge Federation (NABF) is assigned to Governance with input from Finance Committee.

Carried unanimously

Election of ACBL President

Russ Jones was elected as ACBL President for a one-year term January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

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Executive Session of the Board of Directors was convened by President, Jay Whipple at 8:54 a.m. on Monday November 19, 2018.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session the Board of Directors convened into Committee meetings for the rest of the day.

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The meeting was called to order by President Jay Whipple on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at 11:30A.

Present: Same as Monday November 19.

Absent: Same as Monday November 19.

Also Present: Same as Monday November 19 with the addition of Robb Gordon and David Metcalf.

ACBL Management Report

The report of Acting Executive Director Joe Jones is received. (Attachment A)

Litigation Report

The report on the status of litigation is received. (Attachment B)

Item 183-90: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings for August 21, September 10, October 8 and October 21, 2018 are received and ratified. (Attachment C)

Carried unanimously

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

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session the Board of Directors resumed in Full Board at 1:15 p.m.

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BRIDGE	
R. Jones (C), Carman (VC) Aquino, Bagley, Janicki, C. Jones, Levy, Lodge, Norden, Subeck, Weniger (Popper N/V)	Staff: Weinstein

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 183-10: BSAF KO Bracket Changes
Second Reading

A KO event may be scheduled with the first two sessions played as a Round Robin or Swiss to qualify four teams to the semifinals and finals played over the next two sessions. The current Bracket Size Adjustment Factors for KO Team events are replaced by those in the following charts and the rules following the charts apply to the play and awarding of Masterpoints in the semifinal and final matches.

Bracket Size Adjustment Factor (BSAF) Changes
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Top Bracket of an Unlimited KO with 2+ Brackets					
Teams in Bracket	Current BSAF	New BSAF 4 rounds	% Increase	New BSAF 3 rounds	% Increase
16	1.000	1.000	1.00		
15	0.960	0.970	1.01		
14	0.920	0.940	1.02		
13	0.880	0.910	1.03		
12	0.840	0.880	1.05		
11	0.800	0.850	1.06		
10	0.760	0.820	1.08		
9	0.720	0.790	1.10	0.760	1.06
8	0.600	0.760	1.27	0.700	1.17
7	0.525	0.730	1.39	0.640	1.22
6	0.450	0.700	1.56	0.580	1.29
5	0.375	0.670	1.79	0.520	1.39

Second and Subsequent Brackets of an Unlimited KO					
Teams in Bracket	Current BSAF	New BSAF 4 rounds	% Increase	New BSAF 3 rounds	% Increase
16	1.000	1.000	1.00		
15	0.960	0.965	1.01		
14	0.920	0.930	1.01		
13	0.880	0.895	1.02		
12	0.840	0.860	1.02		
11	0.800	0.825	1.03		
10	0.760	0.790	1.04		
9	0.720	0.755	1.05	0.735	1.02
8	0.600	0.720	1.20	0.680	1.13
7	0.525	0.685	1.30	0.625	1.19
6	0.450	0.650	1.44	0.570	1.27
5	0.375	0.615	1.64	0.515	1.37

When Round Robin played to Q 4 teams to KO:		
5 or 6 teams in RR	Semifinal losers may play off for 3 rd place If played, 3 rd pays 35% of 1 st , 4 th pays 20% 1 st If not played, no ranks, both teams get 20% of 1 st	Gold Red
7 or 8 teams in RR	Semifinal losers may play off for 3 rd place If played 3 rd pays 45% of 1 st , 4 th pays 35% of 1 st If not played, no ranks, both teams get 20%	Gold Red
9+ teams in RR	Semifinal losers need not play off, both are 3/4 If played, 3 rd pays 45% of 1 st , 4 th pays 35% of 1 st	Gold Gold

The sponsor may stipulate that, as a condition of contest, the 3/4 playoff exists. If the sponsor so stipulates, and one team pays to play but the other team forfeits, ranks and awards for 3rd and 4th apply as if played, by RR size, as above. The sponsor may stipulate that all semifinalists pay for both matches up front.

Effective January 1, 2019

Carried unanimously

Item 183-11: Masterpoint for Regular Club Games

Second Reading

The “Masterpoints for Regular Club Games” section of the Masterpoint Book is revised as follows:

Masterpoints for Regular Club Games

A sanctioned club game awards masterpoints to approximately 40% of the contestants in each session. Section awards for all games (open, invitational, restricted, and newcomer) are based on the number of pairs, teams, or individuals in each group.

The size or denomination of a masterpoint award is determined by a formula that takes into account the level of competition and the number of tables.

♠ CALCULATING THE AWARDS

Section awards for all games (open, invitational, restricted and newcomer) are based on the number of pairs, teams or individuals in each group. For example, an eight-table Mitchell movement is two groups of eight pairs. A five-table Howell movement is one group of ten pairs. In a Mitchell movement, a half table will be treated as though it were a full table. For example, seven and a half tables would be eight pairs in each group while a five and a half table Howell is eleven pairs in the comparison group. Depth of awards is 40% times the number of pairs in the comparison group, rounded to the nearest whole number with .5 rounded up. For overall awards, a half table is counted as a full table.

A. OPEN GAME AWARDS

Open games award .10 MP per table for first place in each group. The second place award is 70% of 1st, third is 50% of 1st, fourth is 35%, fifth is 1/5 and sixth is 1/6, etc. This applies to all open sections for pair, and individual games. The maximum section award is 1.50 masterpoints. Stratified pairs may be conducted with two or three strata. The lower strata may have any upper masterpoint limitations suitable for a club, with masterpoint awards calculated as if they were independent restricted games. For section awards, the lowest strata must have at least three pairs. For overall awards, the lowest strata must have five pairs, regardless of movement.

1. MARGIN FOR RANKING FINISHERS

Score adjustments, carryovers and raw scores will be rounded to two decimal places, with .01 constituting a margin of separation for ranking and masterpoints. Any margin between contestants will be sufficient separation for purposes of qualification.

2. SEEDING

Seeding means specifically seating strong pairs (or weak pairs) in a manner such that, relative to the movement, every contestant plays against a group of opponents of approximately the same strength. In a one-section event, both directions should be balanced. In a multi-section event, all fields should be balanced. In two-session events, the balance should be maintained for both sessions.

If there is an active effort to seat all strong pairs in one direction and the weak pairs in the other, the session must be classified as an invitational/restricted game. Further, if all strong pairs are seated in one section and all weak pairs in another, the strong section qualifies as open, and the other section becomes restricted/invitational.

Seeding is not mandatory for any regular masterpoint games. All seating may be random by luck of the draw or on a first-come, first-served basis. Regular masterpoint games generally are not seeded, but all events with club championship or higher rating should be seeded.

3. AWARDS FOR TIED POSITIONS

When two pairs tie for the same position, the appropriate individual masterpoint awards are determined by adding the masterpoints for that position and the next lower position; the members of each pair then receive half of that total. If three pairs tie for a position, the masterpoints for that position and the next two lower positions are added, and the members of each pair receive one-third of that total. In the unlikely event that four or more pairs tie for the same position, this mathematical procedure continues to the appropriate level to determine the masterpoint awards for the members of each pair.

When there is a two-way tie for the last position awarding masterpoints, the next lower award is calculated. This is added to the last place award, and the sum is divided between the two pairs.

4. NUMBER OF BOARDS

An open pair game must have a minimum of two and a half tables. A two table individual with a one winner movement or a two table team game (match awards only) is allowed. In any open club game, every contestant must be scheduled to play a minimum of 18 boards to receive full masterpoint awards.

Sanctioned clubs may hold shortened regular open games with a minimum number of boards played of 12 - 17. Masterpoints are awarded at 60% of the award for open games.

B. INVITATIONAL/RESTRICTED GAMES AWARDS

1. INVITATIONAL GAMES

An invitational game is one that limits or places restrictions (other than masterpoint holding) on who can participate in its events. Some common restrictions include:

- ♠ Members and guests of the organization that holds the sanction (such as country club or fraternal organization).
- ♠ Personnel (and their families and guests) of industries that are currently participating in commercial and industrial leagues
- ♠ Sections or directions segregated according to strong and weak pairs
- ♠ Strong players forbidden to play as partners
- ♠ Husbands and wives only
- ♠ Life Masters excluded or required to play with non-Life Masters
- ♠ Members of one sex only

Eligibility may be restricted for any reason except those that violate ACBL regulations.

Invitational games award .08 masterpoint per pair for first place in each group. Other placements are based on the same percentages as for Open clubs. The maximum section award is 1.20 masterpoints. The same awards are used for men's/women's, mixed, pro-am and senior games in both Open and Invitational clubs.

2. RESTRICTED GAMES

A restricted game is one that limits participation based upon the masterpoint holding of the participants. An upper limit is defined for the game and no player holding more than that value should be allowed to participate. In limited circumstances, a player holding more than the limit may be allowed to participate (such as to fill a half table), but the pair in question are ineligible to earn masterpoints.

Restricted games determine their first place awards using a scale value based upon the masterpoint limitation of the game, multiplied by the pairs in each group. Other placements are based on the same percentages as for Open clubs.

The scale values per masterpoint limitation are as follows:

<u>Upper Limit</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>
300 or more masterpoints but not Open	0.8
200 masterpoints	0.7
50 masterpoints	0.6
20 masterpoints	0.5
10 masterpoints	0.4
5 masterpoints	0.3

If a club elects to use limits between the defined values, the multiplier used is that for the lower limit value. So, a game with a 100 masterpoint limit would use the same 0.6 multiplier as a game with a 50 masterpoint limit.

C. NEWCOMER GAME AWARDS

A newcomer game is limited to players who hold fewer than 20 masterpoints, although a club can set a lower maximum, such as one masterpoint, if it so desires. A newcomer game is conducted to acquaint new players with duplicate bridge and to encourage participation by inexperienced players.

A newcomer pair game must consist of at least two and a half tables. However, there are masterpoint awards for two table newcomer games conducted as individuals or team games. Participants must be scheduled to play a minimum of six boards.

ACBL recognizes that some relatively skilled players, through failure to register their club masterpoints, retain masterpoint eligibility to participate in newcomer events inappropriate to their skill and/or experience. When the director or club management determines that the ability of a player is vastly superior to that of the other newcomer game participants, the club may refuse entry of that player in its newcomer events. In such a case, the director should advise the player, as diplomatically as possible, that he or she is too proficient to play in the newcomer game. The director should encourage the player instead to participate in the club's games with a higher masterpoint limitation or the open games.

1. PLAYERS WITH 20 OR MORE MASTERPOINTS

Subject to specified conditions, a club may allow one or two players who hold 20 or more masterpoints to play in a newcomer game. This would be the case when there is a single newcomer player available whose participation would eliminate a half table movement. For example, if there were 13 pairs plus one single, there would be a six and a half table game which,

by adding a player, would become seven tables. In this instance, the club may allow one non-newcomer to play.

In addition, when there are an odd number of newcomer pairs entered, resulting in a half table movement, the club may allow two non-newcomer players to participate if each plays with a newcomer partner. If a Mitchell type movement is used, then the two newcomer/non-newcomer pairs must sit in opposite directions. These pairs are ineligible for masterpoint awards from the newcomer event. In no case may the two non-newcomer players play as partners.

2. LOSS OF RANKING

Pairs in which one partner is a non-newcomer will not receive masterpoints and will not be ranked. For example, if an ineligible pair earns sufficient matchpoints to have finished second, that pair is not ranked. Instead, the third place pair is ranked second and receives the second place masterpoint awards. In such a case, all lower ranked pairs move up one rank, accordingly.

3. MASTERPOINT AWARDS

Newcomer games award masterpoints per the masterpoint limitation as in a restricted game, or the values defined based upon the number of boards played. If the number of boards played is less than twelve, the masterpoint value is the same as in a game limited to 5 masterpoints (0.3 per pair in group).

D. OVERALL AWARDS FOR LARGE CLUB GAMES

Club games with more than one section may issue overall awards comparing all the sections. Club games with a single section exceeding fifteen tables may also issue overall awards. Awards may not exceed 4.00 for Open clubs, 3.20 for Invitational clubs and 3.00 for Newcomer clubs. Second place would be 75% of first, third 75% of second, etc. through a maximum of six places.

1. PAIR AWARDS – SECTION OR OVERALL

Pairs receive their section awards or their overall award, whichever is greater, but not both. For example, a pair whose section award was 0.50 and whose overall award was 0.65 would be credited with 0.65 masterpoints. Conversely, a pair with a section award of 0.90 and an overall award of only 0.75 would be credited with the 0.90 masterpoints.

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO SECTION AWARDS

For large games, the section masterpoint awards formula for lower placements is modified to provide a smooth transition from fifteen to sixty pairs. The following applies for 16 to 59 pairs:

1. Calculate the placing award using the scale for overall awards for 4 session events. Second is 75% of first; third is 75% of second; lower placements use the formula:

$$A_p = (A_1 * 4) / (p + 5)$$

where A_p is the masterpoint award for a place position, A_1 is the first in section award (1.50 by regulation) and p is the place position of the pair.

2. Calculate the placing award using the existing club scale for first place without the 1.50 regulation cap.

1. Compare the placing awards from #1 and #2 above and use the lower award.

So, as an example, the fourth place award in a twenty table game would be the lower of the values of #1 and #2. The formula in #1 gives a value of $(1.50 * 4) / (4 + 5) = 6/9 = 0.67$. The value under #2 would be $(0.35) * (20 * 0.1) = 0.70$. Accordingly, 0.67 would be the award given. In

contrast, the fifth place award would use #2, where the value would be 0.40, in comparison to the 0.60 derived from #1.

D. OTHER CLUB GAMES

1. CRUISE CLUBS

Games held under special sanctions for sea and land cruises award masterpoints that are restricted based upon the number of boards played in the event. If the games are between 12-17 boards, the masterpoints are 50% of the award for a similarly sized Open club game. If 18 or more boards are played, then the award is 80% of an Open game. Cruise clubs are allowed to hold one club championship for every fourteen days they are at sea. The masterpoint awards from the championship use the same reductions based upon the boards in play.

2. ONLINE CLUBS

Sanctioned online games award masterpoints that have no pigmentation (“colorless”). The total number of masterpoints available to be awarded in an online club game is the same as in a comparably sized face-to-face game.

3. FLIGHTED EVENTS AT CLUBS

Open clubs that run open events concurrent with masterpoint restricted events may add the table count from the restricted event to that of their open game for determining the masterpoint awards for the open event. If the Open event is stratified (field divided based upon masterpoint levels into additional comparison fields within the event), then this addition only applies to the awards for the unrestricted Open field; lower restricted fields are based solely upon the table count within their field in the event. This addition may only be used by Open games; Invitational or Restricted games are not eligible.

Clubs that run Newcomer (under 20 masterpoint) events concurrent with their regularly sanctioned games may include the table count from the newcomer event to that of their regular game for determining the masterpoint awards for their game. This addition applies to all comparison fields in the regular game.

Special Club Games

The ACBL authorizes clubs to offer a variety of special games which provide increased masterpoints.

The ACBL has divided the special games that clubs can hold into two groups, based upon the classification rating used as a variable in the General Formula assigned to those events.

Club Special Games Class I – Rating 150% of Standard Masterpoint Game:

- ♠ Club Championship Game
- ♠ Unit Championship Game
- ♠ Inter-Club Championship Game
- ♠ Special Fund Games (Junior Fund, Charity Fund, International Fund, Grass Roots Fund & Educational Foundation)

Club Special Games Class II – Rating 200% of Standard Masterpoint Game:

- ♠ Club Appreciation Game (Pairs & Team)
- ♠ Club Membership Game
- ♠ Upgraded Club Championship

- ♠ ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game
- ♠ North American Pairs
- ♠ Grand National Teams
- ♠ ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs
- ♠ ACBL-Wide Charity Game
- ♠ World Wide Bridge Contest
- ♠ ACBL-Wide International Fund Game
- ♠ ACBL-Wide International Fund Game – Canada
- ♠ GNT Fund Raiser Games
- ♠ NABC Promotional Games
- ♠ Progressive Sectional Qualifying Game
- ♠ Sectional Tournament at Clubs (STaC) Game
- ♠ Unit/District Fund Game
- ♠ Unit Extended Team Game
- ♠ CNTC Master/Non Master Club Level & Canada Rookie/Master
- ♠ CWTC
- ♠ CNTC (Club and Unit Level)
- ♠ COPC Club Level
- ♠ CBF Simultaneous Pairs

A. NUMBER OF BOARDS

Clubs are allowed to hold either regular club championships (18+ boards played) or shortened club championships (12-17 boards played). The overall awards for shortened club championships are 60% of regular club championships. A shortened club championship (12-17 boards) overall award is capped at 3.60 masterpoints. Regular club championships (18+ boards) and Special Fund games Class I are capped at 6.00 masterpoints. For all other special club games (Class II), the minimum number of boards is 18 and the overall award is capped at 8.00. Specific events require a higher number of boards. That requirement is defined in the conditions of contest for those events. If a two-session special game is held, the first place award receives an additional 50% increase.

In all events, the 1st place award, rounded to the nearest one hundredth of a masterpoint, is used to compute all subsequent awards. The following table describes how these awards are calculated for the events listed under the T variable.

Overall Position	One Session	Two Sessions	Three or More Sessions
2	75% x Previous Position Award	75% x Previous Position Award	
3	75% x Previous Position Award	75% x Previous Position Award	
4	75% x Previous Position Award	75% x Prev. Pos. Award	See formula below
5	75% x Previous Position Award		

6	75% x Previous Position Award	Award (P) = (First Place Award)*(# of Sessions) / (Overall Position + 2*(# of Sessions) - 3)
7	75% x Previous Position Award	
8	75% x Previous Position Award	
9+	1st Place Award / Overall Position	

Note: For six session NABC+ pair games, all pairs that qualify for the final two sessions will receive the calculated overall awards (i.e., the absolute limit will not apply).

1. DEPTH OF AWARDS – PAIR EVENTS

For more than 10 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than one (1.00) masterpoint. The depth of the award is at least 10% of the number of pairs in the field, up to a maximum of 25% of the number of pairs in the field, subject to the absolute limit on overall awards.

1. DEPTH OF AWARDS – TEAM EVENTS

For more than 19 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than one (1.00) masterpoint. The depth of the award is at least 10% of the number of teams in the field, up to a maximum of 25% of the number of teams in the field, subject to the absolute limit on overall awards.

1. DEPTH OF AWARDS – INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

For more than 5 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than one (1.00) masterpoint. The depth of the award is at least 5% of the number of players in the field, up to a maximum of 35% of the number of players in the field, subject to the absolute limit on overall awards.

B. SESSION AWARDS FOR PAIR/INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

The depth of session awards is 40% of the number of entrants in field (rounded to the nearest integer with halves rounded up). Awards for second and lower positions are based on the same percentages as for regular club masterpoint games; i.e. 70% for second, 50% for third, 35% for fourth, and lower awards as the first award divided by the place position.

Tables	Places
3	2
4	3
5-6	4
7-9	5
10 +	6

Tables	Places
3-4	1
5-6	2
7-8	3
9-12	4
13-18	5
19 +	6

Tables	Places
2	2
3	3
4	4
5 +	5

C. MATCH AWARDS IN SWISS/ROUND ROBIN TEAM EVENTS

In team events, the award for winning a match is determined based upon the number of boards played in the match and factors based upon the level of competition and classification of the event. The formula for these awards is:

$$\text{Match Award} = D * L * M * P$$

The two new factors (D & L) are defined as follows:

♠ D A factor based on the classification of the event.

CLASSIFICATION	D FACTOR
Club Masterpoint	0.450

♠ L A factor based on the number of boards played in a match.
 For fewer than 24 boards, L = (Number of Boards)/24
 For 24-47 boards, L = 1.00
 For 48+ boards, L = 1.50

D. SPECIAL AWARDS IN CLUB EVENTS

For the following events at clubs, color masterpoints other than black are authorized as part of the awards.

- ♠ ACBL-wide International Fund Events – Awards 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints
- ♠ North American Pairs: Club Level - Awards 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints
- ♠ World Wide Bridge Contest - Awards 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints
- ♠ Grand National Teams: Club Level - Awards 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints

- ♠ Club Appreciation Game: Teams – Awards 5% Gold masterpoints, up to maximum of 0.25 masterpoints; remaining awards are black masterpoints
- ♠ ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game – Section tops include 1.00 gold masterpoints; remaining awards are 50% Black/50% Red masterpoints

Effective January 1, 2020
 Carried unanimously

Item: 183-12: No Trump Announcement

The ACBL alert chart is amended to change the “No Trump Openings” announcement column from “State the agreed range for all natural 1NT openings” to “State the agreed range for all natural 1NT openings if not within the range of 15-17”.

Motion failed Aye: 3, 5, 10, 15, 20

Item 183-13: Grand National Teams General Conditions of Contest

The 2018-19 General Conditions of Contest for the Grand National Teams are amended to read:

No level or stage beyond the club level may be scheduled which would prevent a player from attending one or more days of a North American Bridge Championship.

Effective immediately
 Carried Nay: 13, 24

Item 183-14: Short Game Table Fees for Clubs

The table fees for clubs holding short games (12 to 17 boards) are increased from \$0.55 to \$0.58.

Effective date: April 1, 2019
 Carried unanimously

Item 183-15: Sectional Tournament Staffing

Codification Chapter X, Sectionals, Section D Operations is amended:

Section 1 – Staffing

1.1 Sectional tournaments will be staffed by directors who are ACBL employees, except as noted below.

1.1.1 Sectionals with an upper masterpoint limit of 500 masterpoints or fewer may be run by directors who are not ACBL employees. Such directors must be certified club directors.

- 1.1.2 With management approval, a sponsoring organization may run a limited sectional with a maximum of 750 masterpoints using directors who are not ACBL employees.
- a. Approval will be granted or withheld at the time the sanction is approved. It is expected that approvals will be made on an exception basis and that most such applications will not be approved.
 - b. Final determination will be made by the ACBL Manager of Bridge Operations in conjunction with the appropriate Area Manager.
- 1.1.3 For tournaments not staffed by an ACBL employee, the Sectional Surcharge applies. This Surcharge is to offset the cost of processing at ACBL Headquarters that would normally be done on site by a TD.
- 1.1.4 Tournaments staffed by a non-employee do not use ACBL-provided hand records and do not display results on ACBL Live.
- a. Tournaments may make arrangements with a nearby ACBL TD to provide these services. Such arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
 - b. If ACBL hand records are used, the normal charge applies. If an ACBL employee submits results to Live or provides any other support, the tournament will be charged a fee of \$50 over and above all other fees and charges.
- 1.1.5 Regardless of staffing, all tournaments are expected to follow ACBL policies and regulations relating to permitted methods, use of bidding boxes, and non-member eligibility and charges.

Effective January 1, 2019
Carried unanimously

Item 183-16: Flight C NAP

Rating of Session Awards for Flight C NAP District Finals be adjusted from 50% of Regional rating to 62.5%

Effective January 1, 2019
Carried unanimously

Item 183-18 A: Baze Senior KO

Item 182-77: Baze Senior KO was reconsidered and reaffirmed passed.

The Baze Senior KO is removed from the Fall NABC Schedule starting in 2019.

Effective January 1, 2019

Carried Nay: 2, 9, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25

Item 183-19: GNT Special Conditions of Contest

Item 182-33 GNT Special Conditions of Contest 2018 – 2019 was reconsidered and passed.

GNT Special Conditions of Contest - incentives qualifying team ACBL Grand National Teams Special Conditions of Contest would change as follows:

**GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2018-2019 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 eight 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 extra teams in the national final will not be subsidized in any way by the ACBL.

Effective September 1, 2018

Carried Nay: 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 23 Abstain: 19

Item 183-20: Conditions of Contest

The 2019 Conditions of Contest are approved.

Effective January 1, 2019

Carried Abstain: 7

STRATEGIC	
Cuneo, (C), Aquino (VC) Anderson, Glasson, Hennings, Lane, Stephanie, Subeck, Vilhauer, Zayac	Staff: J. Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

An oral report was given.

NABC REVIEW

Subeck (C), Bagley (VC)

Aquino, C. Jones, Norden, Zayac

Staff: Boyd/Hudson

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 183-66: GLM Players Eligibility

Chapter XIII, Section F, Paragraph 1.1.4(b) of the Codification shall be modified to read as follows:

(b) Flighted (By masterpoints only). Three flights event. Each flight may have two strats.

Note: Flighted KO events at Regionals may be bracketed (but may not be randomly grouped) to finish in 4 sessions. Any player who has won an event that would qualify that individual to be designated Grand Life Master when 10,000 masterpoints are accumulated, will automatically be entered into the top flight of the particular event.

Chapter XIII, Section F, Paragraph 1.1.4(c) of the Codification shall be modified to read as follows:

(c) Stratified: (By masterpoints only). Two or three strats. Up to five strats are permitted in a one-session event which has an upper limit of 300 or fewer masterpoints – specifically an IN event. Note: At sponsor option, the stratification of a team in an Open Stratified Swiss Event may be determined by the average master point holding of all team members. Any player who has won an event that would qualify that individual to be designated Grand Life Master when 10,000 masterpoints are accumulated, will automatically be entered into the top strat of the particular event.

Chapter XIII, Section F, Paragraph 1.1.4(f) of the Codification shall be modified to read as follows:

f. Bracketed (KO and Swiss Teams) Based on masterpoint holding of entrants. Any player who has won an event that would qualify that individual to be designated Grand Life Master when 10,000 masterpoints are accumulated, will automatically be assigned the higher of their actual masterpoint holdings or 10,000 masterpoints when determining their team’s bracket designation. In a Bracketed Swiss in which the top bracket is open to all teams, or in which there is a Flight A/X Swiss being played simultaneously, such player shall be placed in the top bracket, or Stratum A of the Flight A/X Swiss, as applicable.

Effective January 1, 2020

Carried Nay: 2, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 21, 25 Abstain: 19

Item 183-67: Sternberg Memorial Trophy

Chapter I Membership, H. Awards and Trophies, Section 3 Specific Trophies of the Codification Section 3.1 be removed

3.1 Marsha May Sternberg Memorial Trophy

~~3.1.1 In 2002 Dr Jim Sternberg contributed \$50,000 and furnished a trophy of his choosing to be awarded to the Women’s Board A Match winners in memory of his wife Marsha May Sternberg~~

~~3.1.2 Replicas of the trophy will be given to the winners and paid for out of ACBL funds for 20 years~~

~~3.1.3 The trophy will be retired in the fall of 2022 unless renewed by the ACBL Board of Directors. If the trophy is retired at that time, all remaining funds will revert to the ACBL General Fund~~

And Sections 3.2-3.9 be renumbered to 3.1 to 3.8

Effective January 1, 2019

Carried unanimously

AUDIT	
Levy (C), Muñoz (VC) R. Jones	Staff: J. Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

An oral report was given.

FINANCE	
Glasson (C), Muñoz (VC) Bagley, Cuneo, C. Jones, Lane, Levy, Norden, Vilhauer	Staff: J. Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

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Item: 183-41: Late Fees for Clubs

Codification Chapter VI – Club Sanctioned Games, Section A. ACBL Sanctions for Club Masterpoint Games is amended as follows:

Section 5–Sanctioned Club Game Requirements

5.1 Manager

5.1.1 Every ACBL sanctioned masterpoint club game must designate an active ACBL member in good standing with all service fees and dues paid as its manager. The club manager is accountable to the ACBL for the enforcement of ACBL rules and regulations in all sanctioned games the club conducts. The club manager must supervise the following activities:

- (a) Preparation and filing of the Monthly Financial and Masterpoint Report(s).
- (b) Correspondence with the ACBL on club game matters
- (c) Application for sanction renewals and reporting any change of club managers, club address or session changes on an online form provided by the ACBL or by email.

~~5.2 Late Charge for Overdue Club Monthly Financial Reports and Rating Masterpoint Point Reports~~

~~5.2.1 Club managers who do not submit timely club reports will be charged \$.25/day after the 10th of the month up to a maximum of \$5.00 for the first month. These clubs will be notified that such reports must be submitted along with any late charges within 30 days. If a report and late charges are not received within the 30 days, an additional \$25.00 charge will be assessed and the club will be suspended until the report and monies due, including the late charges, are received at Headquarters.~~

Effective January 1, 2019
Carried unanimously

Item 183-42: NABC Fees

Entry fees at NABCs are changed to \$30 for NABC+ events, \$22 for other NABC events, \$20 for regional events and \$20 for unlimited single session events. No change in the \$15 entry fee for Intermediate/Newcomer events.

Management is authorized to use part of the increase to develop incentives to encourage players to stay in the host hotel.

Effective June 1, 2019
Carried Nay: 1, 2, 5, 12, 13, 17, 21, 24, 25 Abstain: 10 Absent: 7

Item 183-43: NABC Financial Plan

Chapter VIII – North American Bridge Championships, Appendix 8C NABC Financial Plan is amended as follows:

NABC FINANCIAL PLAN

~~Allocations to the local organization in support of an NABC will be divided into the following three categories:~~

~~Services and materials directly funded and provided by ACBL.~~

- ~~1. Funds provided to the local organization based upon table count.~~
- ~~2. A number of sleeping rooms provided for the local host organization.~~

D. Services and Materials provided by ACBL

1. Player Hospitality – The ACBL will host a welcome party on the first Friday of the NABC.
2. The ACBL will provide a snack for the players on the first Thursday and from Saturday to Saturday after the evening session. The ACBL will confer with the local committee on the choice of snacks to provide local flavor.
3. The ACBL will provide a \$2 coupon to be used at the concessions for each player at the 10 and 3 games.
4. The local committee may choose a welcome gift for the players. The cost of the welcome gift is not to exceed \$5 inclusive of tax and shipping to Horn Lake and is submitted to the Meeting Planner for approval. The ACBL will order and pay for the welcome gifts.
5. The local committee may choose a section top prize for the players. The cost of the prize is not to exceed \$4 inclusive of tax and shipping and must be submitted to the Meeting Planner for approval. The ACBL will order and pay for the prizes
6. Printing, as approved by ACBL - to include the souvenir program, restaurant guide, flyers and other promotional materials.
7. Intermediate/Newcomer Program - ACBL will arrange for and compensate all Intermediate/Newcomer program speakers. ACBL will provide promotional material to clubs and to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints within the area of dominant influence of the tournament.
8. The local committee may choose a welcome gift for the Intermediate/Newcomer players. The cost of the welcome gift is not to exceed \$3 inclusive of tax and shipping to Horn Lake and is submitted to the ACBL Meeting Planner for approval. The ACBL will order and pay for the Intermediate/Newcomer welcome gifts.
9. Supplies - ACBL will provide signs, bulletin boards, registration cards, partnership cards, etc.
10. Vu-Graph - ACBL will produce and fund the vu-graph program for the major team event finals.

11. ACBL will host a dinner prior to the tournament for key local volunteers or provide the local committee with \$5,000 in lieu of a local volunteer dinner.
12. The ACBL will provide 350 \$10 coupons to be applied against entry fees for local volunteers.
13. The local committee is responsible for any other expenditures and is encouraged to raise additional funds through the NABC promotional games and event sponsorship. The local committee may choose to use local funds to supplement the ACBL funds for either specific items or additional items/events.

DI. Funds provided to the Local Organization

~~NABC funds are provided for the implementation of the activities and services at the NABC.~~

~~Approximately one year in advance, management shall provide an allocated dollar amount that will be provided to the host organization for reimbursement of expenses. If the tournament is projected to be larger than 10,000 tables, the amount will be based on the estimated number of tables @ \$11.50 per table. Should the actual table count exceed the estimated table count, an additional \$11.50 per table will be provided to the host organization.~~

~~Management will ensure adequate funds are provided to meet minimum hospitality requirements for sites with estimates of fewer than 10,000 tables.~~

~~The following requirements must be met to receive funds from ACBL in support of an NABC:~~

- ~~1. Intermediate/ Newcomer Program: The local organization must follow program guidelines as listed in the tournament chair's manual.~~
- ~~2. Player Hospitality: Provide a minimum of eight player hospitality functions. Team event finals featured on vugraph may be included as a hospitality function if food, beverage or other amenity is provided with the program. Plans should be discussed with the ACBL Meeting Planner before they are finalized.~~
- ~~3. Registration/Information: Provide players with a registration gift. Registration gift costs should not exceed \$5 each (including tax and shipping) to be taken out of funds provided by ACBL. Minimum value for registration gifts should be \$3\$4. Any expense for registration gifts over \$5 (including tax and shipping) each will be the responsibility of the local organization. Gifts must be approved by the Meeting Planner to avoid duplication.~~
- ~~4. Volunteer Hospitality: Some form of hospitality should be provided for volunteer workers. This may be in the form of a hospitality suite with snacks between sessions, meal tickets, scrip, free parking or other methods of recognition and appreciation.~~

DII. Sleeping Rooms for volunteers

- 1. Rooms will be provided to key committee chair during the time their presence on site is necessary to the smooth running of the NABC. This may include the following committee chairs:

Partnership
Registration
Player Hospitality
Information
Intermediate/Newcomer
Section Tops/Awards

- 1. Up to three more rooms will be provided as needed for other committee chairs, to include:

Volunteers
Caddies
Special Events (Tours)
Transportation
Tournament Co-Chairman

- 1. The tournament chair will be provided with a one-bedroom suite. In short, ACBL will provide 10 guest rooms for volunteers, plus a one-bedroom suite for the tournament chair.
- 1. ACBL will provide a one-bedroom suite for the host district director.

~~Other Funds Provided by ACBL~~

~~Please contact the Meeting Planner for more information.~~

Effective immediately
Carried Nay: 17

Item 183-44: ACBL Temporary Membership

Item 182-45 ACBL Temporary Membership was reconsidered and motion failed again.

Motion failed

Item 183-45: Session Fees

\$10.00 per session/per pair and \$20.00 per session/per team is added to all events at NABC's at the point screens are introduced.

Effective June 1, 2019
Carried Nay: 2, 10, 17, 18, 22, 23, 25

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The meeting was called to order by President Jay Whipple on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Tuesday

Absent: Same as Tuesday

Also Present: Same as Tuesday

Approval of Atlanta, GA Minutes

The Summer 2018 Atlanta, GA minutes are approved.

Carried unanimously

GOVERNANCE

Hennings (C), Harlan (VC)

Anderson, Cuneo, Fairchild, Glasson, Heth, Muñoz,

Stephani, Weniger, Vilhauer, Zayac

Staff: Dunn

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 183-51: Masterpoint Committee

CHAPTER IV – ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, D – COMMITTEES, Section 5 – Other ACBL Bodies is appended as follows to add a new Masterpoint Committee subsection:

5.10 Masterpoint Committee

5.10.1 The purpose of the Masterpoint Committee is to review the allocation of masterpoint awards and make policy-based recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Masterpoint Committee reviews the allocation of masterpoints and makes recommendations to ensure: (a) overall consistency in masterpoint awards, (b) an appropriate balance in awards between types of events, (c) appropriate award levels among finishers within an event, and (d) clarity of requirements and formulas for those organizations responsible for calculating masterpoints.

5.10.2 The Masterpoint Committee will consist of a minimum of seven members, three of whom shall be appointed at-large by the Board President upon consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Governors, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors as set forth in subsection 5.10.4 below and two of whom shall be ACBL employees appointed by the Executive Director. Two of the members are members of the Board of Directors. Three of the members are appointed by the ACBL President. Two members are ACBL employees.

- 5.10.3 The three at-large appointees of the Chairman of the Board of Governors shall be neither ACBL employees nor members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board of Governors shall make recommendations for the three at-large appointees, and the ACBL President shall choose from among these recommendations.
- 5.10.4 The ACBL President and the Chair of the Bridge Committee shall be voting ex-officio members of the Masterpoint Committee. If either or both of these voting ex-officio members prefers not to be on the Masterpoint Committee, then the ACBL President may delegate the duties to a replacement from among the Board of Directors. In addition, any member of the Board of Directors may elect to become a member of the Masterpoint Committee by so notifying the ACBL President. Management shall annually appoint two members to the Masterpoint committee.
- 5.10.5 The term of office for the three at-large members shall be staggered three-year terms.
- 5.10.6 The Chair of the Masterpoint Committee shall be annually selected from among the committee members.
- 5.10.7 The Masterpoint 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.
- 5.10.8 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 ACBL 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
- 5.10.9 Members of the Masterpoint Committee who are not members of the ACBL Board of Directors or employees of the ACBL will receive one two-session entry per meeting to an NABC+ event or lower. It is good for one year from date of receipt. Only those in attendance for all required meetings will be compensated.
- 5.10.10 Any member of the Masterpoint Committee that has an unexcused absence, as determined by the committee Chair, for three consecutive meetings will be considered as having resigned and the ACBL President will appoint someone to finish out the remaining term.
- 5.10.11 Recommendations of the committee that require incorporation into systems that compute masterpoints are due by April 15 so that they may be reviewed and voted on in the Summer Board meeting.
- 5.10.12 The initial work requested of the Masterpoint Committee is a report no longer than three pages summarizing in a non-technical way the status and major issues of the Masterpoint Committee. The ACBL President and Chair of the Bridge Committee may jointly agree to change all or any part of the initial work request.
- 5.10.13 Motions passed by this committee potentially require two readings of the Board of Directors.

- 5.10.14 Any motion within the scope of the Masterpoint Committee’s work should be submitted through the Masterpoint Committee. That is, the standard process is that the Masterpoint Committee reviews all motions within its scope prior to a vote by the full Board of Directors

Effective January 1, 2019

Carried Nay: 8, 25 Abstain: 22

Item 183-52: Reduction, Relocation, and Rescheduling of BOD Meetings

Codification Chapter IV- ACBL Board of Directors Section C. - Meetings - be amended as follows:

The Board of Directors will meet prior to the Summer NABC at the site of the Summer NABC. It will also have a face-to-face meeting in early calendar 1- Qtr of each year in a location conveniently located close to the site of the ACBL HQ. 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 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.

Section 2 – Conduct of Meetings

2.4 - Annual Actions

2.4.1 - The president and the treasurer will be elected at each 1- Qtr meeting. The term of office will begin on the day of election and continue until the election of new officers at the following winter meeting.

2.4.3 – The operating budget for the following calendar year will be approved at the summer meetings.

Motion failed Aye: 7, 19, 25 Abstain: 10, 12

Item 183-53: ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code

Codification Chapter IV – Board Procedures, A. Administration, Section 5 – ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code is rescinded in its entirety and replaced with:

Section 5 - ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code

- 5.1 The Board of Directors is Sole Judge of the deportment of its members. The Board has the right and obligation to enforce its own rules and to require that its members refrain from conduct injurious to the ACBL and its purposes.
- 5.2 A Committee of the Corporation to be known as the Board Oversight Committee is hereby authorized to investigate and report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding issues of conduct by Board Members.

- 5.3 The Board Oversight Committee will consist of three members, The Chairman of the Board as the committee chairman and the two most immediate past presidents currently on the Board.
- 5.3.1 If any, or all, of the above are ineligible to serve because they are no longer on the Board or are the subject of the complaint, then the Board member(s) with the longest tenure will fill any vacancy(s). Should there be more than one member eligible to fill any vacancy, the decision will be made by a coin toss.
- 5.4 The Board Oversight Committee will receive complaints from any member of the Board of Directors or the Executive Director concerning inappropriate behavior of a Board member. The committee will conduct a confidential investigation and review the facts of the case, making any necessary inquiries of the parties involved.
- 5.5 Offenses for which Board members may be referred to the Board Oversight Committee include, *but are not limited to*:
- 5.5.1 Inappropriate communication with any ACBL employee by telephone, mail, email or in person. Inappropriate communication includes, but is not limited to, condescending, rude or insulting remarks, and requests for significant amounts of information without going through the appropriate committee chairman.
- 5.5.2 Sexually explicit remarks or behavior toward any employee.
- 5.5.3 Condescending, rude or insulting remarks made to another board member or chairman of the Board of Governors in a board meeting or by phone, mail, or email.
- 5.5.4 Conduct that would embarrass or damage the credibility of the ACBL or the Board of Directors.
- 5.5.5 Discussing any personnel matter, other than in a private conversation, in any forum except an Executive Session of the Board of Directors.
- 5.5.6 Breaching the confidentiality of any ACBL business discussion designated as confidential.
- 5.5.7 Failing to comply with the requirements of Codification Chapter IV, Section 8 Conflict of Interest Policy.
- 5.5.8 Actively engaging in a campaign for a Unit, District or ACBL elected position in districts other than his own.
- 5.5.9 Any action tending to injure the good name of the ACBL, disturb its well-being, or hamper it in its mission.

- 5.6 The Board Oversight Committee has no power to require the accused, or any other person, to appear before it, but it should quietly conduct a complete investigation to learn all relevant facts. Information obtained in strict confidence may help the committee to form an opinion, but it may not be reported to the Board of Directors or used in a hearing before the Board of Directors (see 5.11), except as may be possible without bringing out the confidential particulars.
- 5.7 Any board member accused of an offense will be promptly informed of the details of such offense, and will have the right to address the Board Oversight Committee and present evidence before any action is taken.
- 5.8 If, after investigation, the committee's opinion is favorable to the accused, no discipline is warranted, and the matter can be resolved satisfactorily, no further action will be required, and the matter will be considered closed.
- 5.9 If the committee decides that disciplines are appropriate, the case will be presented to the Board of Directors by the committee in an Executive Session of the Board at its next regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose.
- 5.10 The accused has the right to be informed of the charge, given time to prepare his defense, and to appear and defend himself.
- 5.11 A case before the board cannot legally establish the guilt of the accused, as understood in a court of law, it can only establish his guilt as affecting the best interests of the ACBL. Witnesses are not sworn, and hearsay evidence is admissible. The name(s) of the accuser(s) will not be divulged to anyone except the three members of the Board Oversight Committee.
- 5.12 The Board, after hearing all the evidence, can determine that there is no basis for a complaint or that punishment is warranted.
- 5.13 If the Board determines by a majority vote of all those voting that punishment is warranted, the following will apply. The Board member who is the subject of the case may not vote on the matter.
 - 5.13.1 The Board may, by majority vote of all those voting, approve a motion to reprimand or privately censure the member.
 - 5.13.2 The Board may, by majority vote of all those voting, approve a motion to publicly censure the member. If the member is publicly censured, a public censure will be included in the minutes. The motion will only say that the board has censured the member. No other details will appear in the minutes.
 - 5.13.3 The Board may, by majority vote of all those voting, approve a motion to remove an officer elected by the Board from his position.

- 5.13.4 As it deems necessary the Board may, by majority vote of all those voting, approve motions setting forth more stringent punishments such as removal from committee chairmanship or membership or other punishment deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
- 5.14 Nothing in this resolution will replace or abrogate ACBL Human Resources policy or the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations with regard to sexual harassment of ACBL, district or unit employees.
- 5.15 Other than as relates to board duties, no board member will use his board member status to receive preferential treatment from League staff and, where possible and appropriate, will take reasonable, affirmative steps to avoid receiving such preferential treatment.

Effective immediately

Carried Nay: 12, 17, 23, 25 Abstain: 24

Item 183-55: Alignment of Committees referenced in the Codification with Bylaws

Codification Chapter IV – Board Procedures, D. Committees, is rescinded in its entirety and replaced with: (Attachment D)

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously

Nay: 7, 20

Item 183-58: Chapter IV B, Section 3 WBF Rep Expenses

the following sections of the Codification are amended or stricken and replaced with the title “abrogated” when removed as indicated:

Codification Chapter IV, B, 3 WBF Rep Expenses is stricken

~~Section 3—WBF Representatives Reimbursement of Expenses for WBF elected representatives will be from the ACBL General Fund. Following are the regulations governing this reimbursement.~~

~~3.1 Airfare—Actual ticket price reflecting the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates. In addition, reasonable actual expenses for transportation to and from airports at home and at the tournament location. There is no expense reimbursement for spouse/companion.~~

~~3.2 Per diem—Reimbursement for meals will be paid on the basis of the applicable IRS meals-only per diem rate for travel within the 48 continental United States (including the District of Columbia) (“CONUS”). For travel outside CONUS meals-only per diem will be paid at the applicable IRS per diem meals-only rate for the highest cost CONUS city. The ACBL Treasurer will consider paying a higher per diem to the WBF representatives if higher costs are involved due to location of the WBF meetings.~~

~~3.3 Hotel—Actual double occupancy room cost at the headquarters hotel beginning no sooner than one day prior to the opening ceremony and concluding no later than the night of the day when the last official meeting/function was held. Payment for hotel expenses will not exceed seven nights. Exception to this rule may be allowed to secure a less expensive air ticket in order to achieve overall savings.~~

~~3.4 WBF representatives, whether ACBL board members or not, are expected to attend all regular WBF meetings held during the seven days for which their hotel is reimbursed per 3.3 above, starting with the first meeting, and any special meetings called by the WBF President during that time period. In addition, WBF representatives are expected to attend WBF committee meetings of which they are members during that seven-day period. Failure to do so will result in a reduction in the amount of expense reimbursement allowed, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as illnesses, as determined by the ACBL Treasurer.~~

~~3.5 Should a WBF representative be unable to attend WBF meetings, the President of the ACBL will serve as alternate. In the event that the President is himself a WBF representative or cannot attend, he will designate another member of the ACBL Board of Directors as alternate.~~

Codification Chapter IV, B, 5.1 Other Expense Reimbursement is amended as follows:

Section 5 - Other Expense Reimbursement

5.1 Expenses for non-board members and board members traveling on ACBL business other than board ~~and WBF~~ meetings will be reimbursed on the same basis as travel to board meetings. With the exception of guests of the President described in Section 1.4 above, there will be no reimbursement for expenses of guests.

Codification Chapter VII, A, 1.2 INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE be stricken and VII be renumbered

1.2 The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2, which consists of the following for International WBF Play:

- a. USBF
- b. CBF
- c. MBF

Codification Chapter VII, A, 1.6 Player and Captain Eligibility is stricken and is renumbered

~~1.6 Zone 2 requirements for nomination are as follows:~~

~~1.6.1 A Zone 2 NBO may nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he:~~

- ~~a. — is a citizen or a resident (per the appropriate Federation’s regulations) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico as appropriate,~~
- ~~b. — is a member in good standing of the USBF, CBF or MBF as appropriate,~~
- ~~c. — meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nominations, Chapter 7, A.2~~
- ~~d. — will not, at the time of the event or trials for the event be under suspension or expulsion from the ACBL or any other NBO,~~
- ~~e. — will not, at the time of the event or trials for the event be under ACBL or ABA probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,~~
- ~~f. — has not been specifically excluded from playing in such event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL or ABA jurisdiction,~~

Codification Chapter VII, B, 1-3 is stricken and renumbered

~~Section 3 – Reimbursement of Expenses~~

~~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 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.~~

~~3.3 No expenses will be paid by the ACBL to the ACBL's WBF representatives for attending the annual WBF Executive meeting.~~

Codification Chapter XV Elected Positions is amended as follows:

WBF Representatives

	Exp
Al Levy	2018
Paul Janicki	2018
Merlin Vilhauer	2019
Georgia Heth	2020
Howard Weinstein	2020

Codification Chapter VII, Section 4, International Bridge is stricken:

~~Section 4—WBF Special Meeting~~

~~4.1 The ACBL will host, when held in Zone 2 during an NABC, a WBF Management Committee or Officers Meeting. No more than one such meeting shall be hosted per year.~~

~~4.2 The ACBL shall provide up to 50 room nights including one junior suite for up to five nights; light refreshments during the meeting; up to four lunches for 10 people during the meetings; and appropriate meeting space for up to four days.~~

Codification Appendix 4A-1 Paragraph IV is stricken:

IV. World Bridge

~~The © President heads the largest bridge league in the world, and as president of © is also president of Zone II of the World Bridge Federation. Other zones are keenly interested in activities in North America and the President is called upon to annually provide a written report to the © Executive Council detailing activities and items of general interest to the Executive Council. This report will be distributed to all zonal conferences. The president is always invited to world championships, but it is entirely his/her option whether to attend or not. If the president decides not to attend, his report will be read for him by one of the © Representatives to the ©.~~

Effective January 1, 2019

Carried Nay: 20

APPEALS & CHARGES

Georgia Heth ©, AJ Stephani (VC)

Carman, Fairchild, Hennings, Vilhauer, Zayac

Staff: Dunn

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 183-01: Reports on Hearings

In the matter of the appeal by Marshall Kushner, L087298, the committee unanimously affirmed both the sufficiency of the evidence supporting the finding of guilt and the appropriateness of the penalty imposed.

In the matter of the automatic review of the discipline imposed on John Zilic, M030982, the committee unanimously affirmed both the sufficiency of the evidence supporting the finding of guilt and the appropriateness of the penalty imposed.

In the matter of the request for readmission to the ACBL by Massimo Lanzarotti, 9891560, who had been expelled from the ACBL, the committee voted 6-1 to readmit Mr. Lanzarotti.

In the matter of the review of the negotiated resolution of Lynne Deas, P509332, the committee voted unanimously to accept the negotiated resolution.

In the matter of Gabrielle Sherman, P918550, the committee reviewed her administrative suspension of October 19, 2018 and unanimously determined that grounds for imposing the suspension were not warranted. The committee accordingly lifted the suspension, leaving in place her probation imposed on an unrelated matter.

Item 183-02: Barring cheaters who have been expelled from the ACBL from ever participating in an ACBL activity.

Sections 10.2.2 and 10.2.3 of the CDR will be amended as follows:

~~10.2.2 Timing of Request for Readmission Following Expulsion. The ACBL Board of Directors will not hear, and ACBL Management hereby is instructed not to forward to the Board, any request for readmission before ten (10) years from the date of Expulsion. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if the individual who was expelled admitted to the factual basis of the Charges prior to the commencement of the hearing on those Charges, he may apply for readmission after five (5) years.~~ 10.2.3 No Readmission Following Second Resignation or Expulsion. Under no circumstances will the ACBL Board of Directors hear a request for readmission regarding a an Expulsion or second resignation to avoid possible disciplinary actions or combination thereof.

Motion failed

Aye: 1, 4, 10, 17

Abstain: 24

Item 183-03: CDR

CDR 2.2.3 is amended as follows:

2.2.3 Original/Appellate Jurisdiction of the ACBL Board of Directors.

The ACBL Board of Directors has original jurisdiction of the following:

- (a) Disputes between Districts.
- (b) Disputes between Units from different Districts.
- (c) Cases involving alleged violations by Districts referred to in CDR 9.2.
- (d) When (i) in the opinion of both a District Board and the ACBL Board of Directors (who must agree) circumstances make it impractical or unfair for (1) Charges to be heard by the District or Unit disciplinary committee that would ordinarily hear such Charges or (2) a Complaint to be submitted to the Charging Party of a Unit or District which would ordinarily hear the matter if Charges were brought or (ii) in the opinion of the ACBL Board of Directors, the issues involved in a Complaint which led to Charges are of paramount importance to the ACBL.³ If such Complaint which led to the Charges is disciplinary in nature *and* under a Unit or District disciplinary committee’s original jurisdiction, the District Board and the ACBL Board of Directors shall bring the Charges to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee with the direction that the committee conduct a hearing. In those matters where the ACBL Board of Directors is assuming jurisdiction, the ACBL Board of Directors hereby delegates its duties as Charging Party to the ACBL Executive Committee to act on its behalf.

Fn 3 The Board must by motion determine that it is impractical or unfair for the Unit or District disciplinary committee to hear the Charges. Conversely, in other cases, the Board by motion may determine that a matter is so important to the ACBL that the Unit or District disciplinary committee should not hear it but, rather, the matter should be heard by the ACBL Disciplinary Committee.

Effective January 1, 2019
Carried unanimously

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Item 183-92: Election WBF Representative Election

Michael Eyer, Robert Hartman, Paul Janicki, Neil Kimelman, Al Levy, William Schoder and Kevin Wilson declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. Al Levy and Robert Hartman are elected as ACBL representative to the World Bridge Federation for three-year terms, January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2021.

Effective January 1, 2019

Item 183-93: Executive Committee Member & Alternate (Eastern)

Margot Hennings is appointed as the Eastern Zone Executive Committee Member for a three-year term, January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2021.

Joann Glasson is appointed as the Eastern Zone Executive Committee Member alternate for a three-year term, January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2021.

Effective January 1, 2019

Item 183-94: 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, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

Leo Weniger, District 1; Brian Ellis, District 5; Mike Kovacich, District 7; Suzi Subeck, District 13; Warren Smith, District 15; Claire Jones, District 18; Julie Smith, District 19; Kevin Lane, District 23; Bob Bertoni, District 25.

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, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

Florence Belford, District 2; Brett Kunin, District 3; Richard Popper, District 4; Debbie Romero*, District 8; Steve Gaynor, District 14; **VACANT District 16**; Stuart Goodgold, District 21; Ronald Lien, District 22.

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, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

Gim Ong, District 2; **VACANT, District 3**; **VACANT**, District 4; Ron Sholes*, District 8; Susan Jackson*, District 14; Tomi Storey, District 16; **VACANT, District 21**; **VACANT, District 22**.

Note: * Appointed by District President (ACBL Bylaws 5.4.3.)

Effective January 1, 2019

Item 183-95: Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee Chairman

Sandra DeMartino declared her candidacy. There were no other declarations of candidacies. Nominations were closed. Sandra DeMartino is appointed as the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee Chairman for a three-year term, January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2021.

Goodwill Committee Co-Chair Appointments

Janice Anderson (Western Canada), Sandy Arlinghaus (Midwest), Carol Hamilton (South), Joo-Hee Janicki (Eastern Canada), Janise Saul (Southwest), Richard Brown (East) and Marilyn Vilhauer (Northwest) are appointed as Co-Chairs to the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee.

Effective January 1, 2019

Item 183-96: Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year

Mark Sorenson is appointed as the 2019 Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year.

Effective January 1, 2019

Item 183-97: ACBL Honorary Member of the Year

Michael & Debbie Rosenberg are appointed as the 2018 ACBL Honorary Members of the Year.

Effective January 1, 2019

Item 183-98: Nadine Wood ACBL Volunteer Member of the Year

Shawn Stringer is appointed as the 2018 Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year.

Effective January 1, 2019

Item 183-99: ACBL Disciplinary Committee

Gary Cohler is appointed to fill the remaining three-year term of Michael Kovacich. The term runs from Spring 2019 through the end of Spring 2021 NABC

Effective immediately

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

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ACBL Charity Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the ACBL Charity Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by President Bonnie Bagley.

James Sternberg, Jerry Thorpe and Jackie Zayac declared their candidacies for Trustee. By secret ballot James Sternberg was elected to serve a four-year term, January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.

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

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Al Levy and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 20 and its units, District Director Merlin Vilhauer, and Tournament Chair Muriel Stitt and all the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort for its cooperation.

The Board adjourned sine die at 4:15 p.m.