

Minutes of the  
ACBL Board of Governors  
Honolulu, HI

November 25, 2018

Richard Popper, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday November 25, 2018 10 a.m.

**OPENING REMARKS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The approval of the Atlanta, GA meeting minutes held July 29, 2018 are approved.

**CARRIED**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / FINANCE REPORT**

Joe Jones presented the Management's. (See Board Attachments)

**LITIGATION REPORT**

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

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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

**RECONSIDERATION**

There were no motions for reconsiderations.

**MOTIONS**

**183-01BG: Recognition for Top New Member Sponsors of the Year**

Moved by Steve Moses, District 11, That ACBL reward the top 4, 8, 12, 16, or 20 new member sponsors among large medium and small units (tiers) with \$700 credit toward bridge entries at the Fall NABC Tournament. The Top 4 to 20 Sponsor Awards will be determined as follows: 1) 1 to

5 go to the top recruiters based entirely on the number of sponsored members in the recruiting year. This headcount award is independent of Unit membership size. 2) 0-10 From the Top tier of the remaining units based on % unit population 3) 1-10 from the Middle tier of the remaining units based on % unit population 4) 1-10 from the Bottom tier of remaining units based on % unit population. 5) The total number of awards in a given year shall be equally divided among top headcount and the three unit membership population tertiles, and shall be multiples of 4. The Board of Directors shall determine the number for any given award year based on total annual recruiting and financial health of the ACBL. The recipient of the awards shall be permitted to transfer their credits to another person if they are unable to attend the fall NABC. The last sentence of this motion may be severed by the Board of Directors if the motion will pass without the last sentence, but will not pass with the last sentence.

**CARRIED**

**183-02BG: Incentivize Recruiting Prospective New Members**

Moved by Steve Moses, District 11, That ACBL shall reward the member in good standing who refers prospects to teachers, clubs, Units, District, or ACBL, when these prospects either:

- 1) Sign up for multiple year membership, or
- 2) Renew a one-year membership

Temporary memberships do not count, nor does updating the temporary membership to a full one year membership. The focus is on years two and three.

For every referral or prospect who becomes a new member and meets the continuing membership criteria outlined above, the referring member shall receive \$10 credit toward renewing their own membership in the ACBL.

- 1) This credit shall apply for a maximum of two years if the new member renews for years two and three.
- 2) The referring party may not earn more than \$50 in a given year regardless of the number of successful referrals they create.
- 3) The maximum award is \$20 per new member based on three years membership dues. The credit is payable in the year earned.

**CARRIED**

**183-03BG: Club Championships and Special Events**

Moved by ??, District ??, that the Board of Directors consider a change the wording of ACBL Codification Chapter VI – Club Sanctioned Games D. Club Championships and Special Events, Section 4 – Other Frequent Club Events

4.3 Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Games

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

4.3.2 Club Appreciation Team Games may be run under the same restrictions as Membership Games defined in Section 3.

**MOTION FAILED**

**183-04BG: Collusive Cheaters**

Moved by Roger Smith, District 21 that the policy of the American Contract Bridge League will be that anyone who is convicted of collusive cheating and expelled may never be allowed to be a member again. Additionally, that person may not participate in any of our activities. Specifically, that means that the person may not play in or attend North American Bridge Championships, Regional tournaments, Sectional tournaments, or ACBL sanctioned club games.

**CARRIED**

**183-05BG: NABC Child Care**

Moved by Gloria Tsoi McDevitt, District 25 that the ACBL provide options for child care at each NABC.

**CARRIED**

**Discussion Item**

**Board of Directors 7-9 members**

**APPROVAL OF NEW LIFE MASTERS**

Moved by Sandy DeMartino, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status 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 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.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:42 p.m.