ACBL Board of Directors Memphis, TN March 20 – 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Russ Jones on Wednesday March 20, 2019, at 8:35 a.m.

Present:

Leo Weniger #1, Paul Janicki #2, Carlos Muñoz #3, Joann Glasson #4, Brian Ellis #5, Margot Hennings #6, Mike Kovacich #7, Georgia Heth #8, Jay Whipple #9, Russ Jones #10, AJ Stephani #11, Dennis Carman #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Warren Smith #15, Paul Cuneo #16, Bonnie Bagley #17, Claire Jones #18, Julie Smith #19, Merlin Vilhauer #20, Jackie Zayac #21, David Lodge #22, Kevin Lane #23, Al Levy #24 and Bob Bertoni #25

Also Present: Richard Popper, Chairman Board of Governors, Joe Jones, Executive Director, Linda Dunn, Dan Storch, Carol Robertson, Susie Cordell, Robb Gordon, Sol Weinstein, David Metcalf, and Kelley Trejo, Secretary.

Approval of Honolulu, HI Minutes

The Fall 2018 Honolulu, HI minutes are approved.

Carried

Item 191-40: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held January 30, 2019 (in part Executive Session) are received. (Attachment A)

Item 191-41: Election of ACBL Treasurer

Claire Jones is elected as ACBL Treasurer for one-year term May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. Effective May 1, 2019

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<u>Item 191-42: Hall of Fame Committee Appointments</u>

Ross Grabel, John Carruthers and David Grainger are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2019 NABC through the end of the Spring 2022 NABC.

Effective Spring 2019 NABC

<u>Item 191-43: Competitions & Conventions Committee Appointment</u>

Jeff Goldsmith and Sabine Auken are appointed for one-year term from the end of the Spring 2019 NABC through the end of the Spring 2020 NABC.

Jeff Meckstroth is appointed for three-year term from the end of the Spring 2019 NABC through the end of the Spring 2022 NABC.

Effective Spring 2019 NABC

<u>Item 191-44: Ethical Oversight Committee Appointment</u>

Kevin Bathurst, Jon Brissman, Hendrik Sharples, Eddie Wold, and Bruce Ferguson are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2019 NABC through the end of the Spring 2022 NABC.

Effective Spring 2019 NABC

<u>Item 191-45: ACBL Disciplinary Committee Appointment</u>

Chris Benson, Jan Martel Chris Moll and William Schreiber are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2019 NABC through the end of the Spring 2022 NABC.

Effective Spring 2019 NABC

<u>Item 191-46: ACBL Laws Commission Appointment</u>

Robb Gordon, Eric Rodwell and Jeff Goldsmith are appointed for five-year terms the Spring 2019 NABC through the end of the Spring 2024 NABC.

Effective Spring 2019 NABC

Item 191-47: NABF Appointment

Georgia Heth and Al Levy are elected to the NABF beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2021.

Effective immediately

Item 191-48: WBF Executive Council Appointment

Al Levy is elected to the WBF Executive Council beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2021.

Effective immediately

ACBL Management Report

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

The Board of Directors convened into Committee meetings at 10:00 a.m. for the rest of the morning.

The Board of Directors reconvened as Full Board meetings at 1:00 p.m. for the rest of the afternoon.

Litigation Report

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

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NABC REVIEW

Subeck, (C)

Bagley, Bertoni, Kovacich Staff: Hudson

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 191-50: NABC Child Care

The ACBL provide options for child care at every NABC.

Motion failed Abstain: 10

Item 191-51: Goodwill Reception

Codification Chapter I – Membership – D. Goodwill, Ethics and Zero Tolerance, Section 1, Goodwill Committee is amended as follows:

Section 1 – Goodwill Committee

1.6 Goodwill Receptions

1.6.1 A reception for all members of the Goodwill Committee will be held at each NABC on Goodwill Day. The budget for these receptions will be determined on an annual basis, taking into account the venue costs, etc. The Reception will include food as determined by Management and a CASH bar.

1.7 Goodwill Member of the Year

- 1.7.1 An ACBL "Goodwill Member of the Year" shall be selected annually. The honorary title shall be presented to the ACBL member who has exhibited unselfish dedication to the causes of good conduct, worthy participation and ethical behavior. The Goodwill Committee shall review all nominations and present its recommendations for Goodwill Member of the Year at each Fall Meeting of the Board.
- 1.7.2 The Goodwill Member of the Year will be informed by the Goodwill Committee Chair and honored at the Goodwill Reception.
- 1.7.3 The ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year shall receive reimbursement for roundtrip air travel from his/her home to the NABC at actual ticket price using advance non-refundable ticketing reflecting the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times, two room nights at the host hotel, one day of free plays, and three days of per diem.

Effective June 30, 2019

Carried Nay: 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 22, 23, 24

<u>Item 191-52: Remuneration of Support Staff and Volunteers</u>

Codification Chapter VIII – North American Bridge Championships – C. Finances, Section 4, Remuneration of Support Staff and Volunteers is amended as follows:

Section 4 - Remuneration of Support Staff and Volunteers

- 1. The Seeding Chair receives free room and free play privileges for the duration of the tournament.
- 2. The Goodwill Chair receives two nights hotel and two days four sessions) free play privileges at each NABC where a Goodwill Reception is held.
- 3. The Volunteer Member of the Year for the Spring NABC receives airfare, two nights hotel, three days per diem and free play privileges for the duration of the tournament.
- 4. Goodwill Member of Year for the Spring NABC receives airfare, two nights hotel, three days per diem and free play privileges on Goodwill Day.
- 5. Intermediate/Newcomer (up to 20) speakers are paid a set fee (\$75) for speaking to the I/N players.

Effective June 30, 2019

Carried Nay: 20, 23, 24 Abstain: 1, 2, 25

Item 191-53: NABC Child Care

Codification Chapter VIII, North American Bridge Championships – E. Operations, Section I General Information, Paragraph 1.16 is amended to read as follows:

1.16 Child Care

Management will solicit third party providers for child care services at NABCs where reasonably practicable.

Effective immediately Carried unanimously

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Glasson (C)

Ellis, Heth, Lane, Lodge, Munoz, Weniger,

Staff: J. Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 191-20: 2019 Operating and Capital Budget

The 2019 operating budget and the 2019 capital budget are approved.

Carried unanimously

<u>Item 191-21: Incentivize Recruiting Prospective New Members</u>

The ACBL shall reward members in good standing who refer prospects to teachers, clubs, Units, District, or ACBL, when these prospects either:

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

Temporary memberships do not count toward this reward, nor does updating a 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 the value of a one-year membership 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.

Motion failed Aye: 2, 20

<u>Item 191-22: Recognition for Top New Member Recruiters of the Year</u>

The ACBL shall reward individuals with a \$700 credit toward bridge entries at the Fall NABC Tournament for outstanding performance in the recruitment of new members. To determine the individual recruitment winners, the ACBL units will be divided into three groups as follows:

- 1. The Units with the greatest membership such that the sum of the membership of the Units in this group represent 33% of the ACBL membership total (Group One)
- 2. The next Units with the greatest membership such that the sum of membership in these Units and those in group one represent 67% of the ACBL total membership (Group Two).
- 3. All remaining Units (Group Three).
- 4. Unit population will be based on the membership rolls as of the first of the month in which the Summer NABC for that year begin.

Note: It is assumed that the number of Units in Group Three will be greater than the number of Units in Group Two, which will be greater than the number of Units in Group One.

The number of awards given will always be a multiple of four, with the goal being that 20 recipients will be recognized. However, if this number if deemed too expensive, then 16, 12, 8 or four members will receive awards as determined by the ACBL Board of Directors based on total annual recruitment and the financial health of the ACBL.

Assuming the number of awards is set at 20, they will be given as follows

- 1. Five awards will be given to the five individuals that recruit the most new members, independent of which Unit these recipients are from. Because of greater opportunity, it is assumed that all 5 will most likely come from Group One. (Note: if 16 awards are to be given, then they will go to the top four individuals who recruit the most members, if 12, then top three, etc.)
- 2. If one of the top five (or four, if 16 awards, etc.) recruiting individuals does not come from Group One, then the individual in Group One who recruited the fifth most members will receive an award, etc.
- 3. Except in the case of a tie, in no case will more than five (or four, if 16 awards, etc.) recipients who reside in Units in Group One receive an award.
- 4. The top five (or four, if 16 awards, etc.) individuals who recruited the most members from Units in Group Two will receive an award.
- 5. The top five (or four, if 16 awards, etc.) individuals who recruited the most members from Units in Group Three will receive an award.
- 6. Based on total number of recruits, the next five (or four, if 16 awards, etc.) members who recruited the most members who reside in either Group Two or Group Three3 will receive an award.
- 7. If there is a tie for number of recruits for the last position in any of the three Groups, all members tied for the last place will receive the award.
- 8. In no case may one individual receive more than one recruitment award in a given year. If one person qualifies, according to this formula, to receive more than one award, that award will go to the top non-recipient in that Group.
- 9. The credits may not be converted to cash.
- 10. Credits expire with the Fall NABC and do not carry over to future tournaments.

Optional amendment to be voted on separately:

- 1. Recipients of the awards shall be permitted to transfer their credits to another person if they are unable to attend the Fall NABC.
- 2. If the credits are transferred to another person, that person must be a paid-up member of the ACBL during the Fall NABC.
- 3. If transferred, the credits must be transferred in their entirety. They may not be shared among several individuals nor may they be transferred to someone else once the honoree has begun using them.

Motion failed unanimously

Item 191-23: Month of Funding

Codification Chapter V – Charity, Foundations and Special Funds – B. Charity and Fund Games – Clubs, Section 2, Special Games at Clubs be changed with Section 2.2 to now read "The month of February is designated as Education Foundation Fund month. Monies raised from Education Foundation Charity Games shall be distributed to the Education Foundation.

Renumber current section 2.2 through 2.6 to 2.3 through 2.7.

Deferred to Summer 2019 in Las Vegas, NV Deferral carried

BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Carman (C)

Bagley, Bertoni, C. Jones, Kovacich, Levy,

J. Smith, W. Smith, Subeck

Staff: Weinstein

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 191-10: 4-Session Regional Events Second Reading Required

Codification Chapter XIII – General Tournament Information – Appendix 13 B. Masterpoint Computations, Sectional/Regional Tournament Events, C. Regional Events – Unrestricted Events, 3. Four Session Regional Events is amended as follows:

For those unrestricted four session Regional events, other than Knockouts, the Masterpoint awards shall be computed by formula increased by 60% and not to exceed 50 masterpoints.

Effective August 1, 2019, pending second reading Carried unanimously

Item 191-11: Flight C Canadian National Team Championship and the Canadian Mixed Team Championship Second Reading Required

Codification Chapter XIII – General Tournament Information – Appendix 13 B. Masterpoint Computations – International Events and Team Trials, A Canadian Bridge Championships is amended as follows:

The Flight C Canadian National Team Championship and the Canadian Mixed Team Championship be changed from awarding over-all MPs based on the formula to over-all MP awards based on a fixed amount. The Masterpoint_Committee will determine a suitable award.

Effective August 1, 2019 pending second reading. Carried unanimously

<u>Item 191-12: GNT Clarification</u>

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS ACBL SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST - GENERAL be amended as follows:

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. That team shall be either the 2nd place finisher in a single-site district final or both winners from a split-site district final; 2) A player may represent the district in only one flight at the national final.

Effective immediately Carried Nay: 8

<u>Item 191-13: Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Games</u>

Codification Chapter VI – Club Sanctioned Games – D. Club Championships and Special Events Section 4, Other Frequent Club Events of the Codification is amended as follows:

4.3.1 October has been designated as Club Appreciation Month. During this month, club managers may run two Club Appreciation Games in place of a regularly scheduled session.

Effective September 1, 2019 Carried unanimously

<u>Item 191-14: Masterpoints Awarded Regional Events</u>

Regional events with 18 or more boards per session will award 100% masterpoints of regional rating.

Motion failed Aye: 2, 12

The Board of Directors was convened by President, Russ Jones at 9 a.m. on Thursday March 21, 2019 in Executive Session.

Present:

Leo Weniger #1, Paul Janicki #2, Carlos Muñoz #3, Joann Glasson #4, Brian Ellis #5, Margot Hennings #6, Mike Kovacich #7, Georgia Heth #8, Jay Whipple #9, Russ Jones #10, AJ Stephani #11, Dennis Carman #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Warren Smith #15, Paul Cuneo #16, Bonnie Bagley #17, Claire Jones #18, Julie Smith #19, Merlin Vilhauer #20, Jackie Zayac #21, David Lodge #22, Kevin Lane #23, Al Levy #24 and Bob Bertoni #25

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session and a break for lunch, the meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday March 20

Also Present: Same as Wednesday, March 20 with the addition of Brad Moss, Steve

Weinstein, Barbara Heller and David Rodney.

APPEALS & CHARGES COMMITTEE

Stephani (C)

Carman, Janicki, C. Jones, Levy, J. Smith, Vilhauer Staff: Dunn/Gordon

As reported by Committee Chair

The oral report of Committee Chair is received:

The Appeals & Charges Committee met on Wednesday, March 30, from 4:00-6:00PM to discuss motions and discussion items. The Committee vote on our motions is included separately. We discussed bringing a motion in Las Vegas that would allow management to publicize the names of members who have resigned their membership because of pending hearings for cheating and related ethical violations and the facts surrounding those allegations. The Committee had no hearings scheduled.

Item 191-02: Collusive Cheaters

Section 10.2.4 of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations is added as follows:

10.2.4 Collusive Cheating: Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of Section 10.2, the ACBL Board of Directors will not hear, and ACBL Management hereby is instructed not to forward to the Board, any request for readmission of a member who was expelled for premeditated collusive cheating in NABC+ or equivalent events, or who resigned his membership for the purpose of avoiding possible disciplinary actions concerning premeditated collusive cheating in such events, or combination of such expulsion or resignation. Such a former member may never be readmitted to Membership in the ACBL nor participate in any ACBL sanctioned events.

Effective immediately

Carried Nay: 2, 8, 9, 11, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23

<u>Item 191-03: Readmission Following Expulsion</u>

The Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended concerning Readmission Following Expulsion as follows:

CDR Section 10 – OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

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10.2.2 Conditions for Readmission Following Expulsion.

- (a) 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.
- (b) The ACBL Anti-Cheating Commission and the Ethical Oversight Committee will be informed of a prospective Readmission Following Expulsion. They may advise the ACBL Board of Directors, may be represented at a Readmission hearing, and may give oral or written testimony.
- (c) Any member readmitted under CDR 10.2.2 shall be placed on probation for a minimum of 5 years.

Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Carried Nay: 8 Abstain: 14

<u>Item 191-04: Code of Disciplinary Regulations</u>

The Code of Disciplinary Regulations 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) Cases in which:
 - 1. Circumstances make it impractical or unfair for a matter to be handled by the District or Unit, or
 - 2. The issues involved are of paramount importance to the ACBL.
 - ACBL Management may use the Executive Committee of the ACBL Board of Directors to make a determination under subrule (d).

In these disputes or cases, the ACBL Board of Directors delegates its duties as Charging Party to the Executive Director to act on its behalf. Any dispute or case that results in a Charge shall be heard by the ACBL Disciplinary Committee.

Effective April 1, 2019 Carried unanimously

Item 191-05: Vacating Title Resolution Option 1

Resolution on Players Convicted of Collusive and/or Premeditated Cheating

- Whereas August 22, 2015 is the date that changed the history of ethics and fair play in bridge, Boye Brogeland having publicly declared that day that a cloud of cheating and breach of the principles of fair play hung over the game at its highest level;
- Whereas national and international bridge organizations of various stripes and squares have struggled to address the aftermath of that day, proceeding against players alleged to have violated these norms with varying degrees of satisfaction;
- Whereas the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) has not been immune to these developments, having first responded in November 2015 and now acknowledging that response as inadequate to the bridge crimes committed;
- Whereas the ACBL vacated NABC+ titles won only by persons convicted of cheating in ACBL events, and not in events of other bridge organizations, and then only for 4 years prior to the conviction in question; and
- Whereas the ACBL now adorns its most prestigious Championships with the names of players who stand disgraced in the eyes of the bridge world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the ACBL:

- 1. recognizes Boye Brogeland for his courage, whose actions we should all strive to emulate, and expressing our thanks to the countless others who worked to expose illicit signaling systems and other means of cheating;
- 2. recognizes that the players convicted of such methods have caused irreparable harm to our great game, and publicly condemns their actions as inimical to the fundamental principles of the fair play of bridge;
- 3. seeks to become a global leader in purging its events of collusive and/or premeditated cheating and responding justly and fairly to results obtained through such methods;
- 4. notwithstanding CDR 4.1.8, strips all NABC+ titles and second place finishes from any player partnership, each of whom has, from the date of August 22, 2015 onward, been (1) expelled from the ACBL for any reason; (2) resigned for the purpose of avoiding possible disciplinary actions; or (3) suspended for ethical violations;
- 5. notwithstanding CDR 4.1.8, recognizes that any such expulsion, resignation, or suspension may be due to participation in either an ACBL-sanctioned event or that of another bridge organization;
- 6. strips any NABC+ titles and second place finishes held by such pairs, or by teams including such pairs, to the first date of any recorded partnership of those pairs in the ACBL;
- 7. directs that, for NABC+ titles and second place finishes in pairs, BAM, and Swiss events vacated by this Resolution, all remaining partnerships shall have their finishing place elevated to the next higher position, with new event winners recognized accordingly; and
- 8. directs that, for NABC+ KO event titles and second place finishes vacated by this Resolution, all remaining teams shall have their finishing place elevated to the next higher position, with new event winners recognized accordingly.

<u>Item 191-06: Vacating Title Resolution Option 2</u>

Resolution on Players Convicted of Collusive and/or Premeditated Cheating

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- 7. directs that, for NABC+ titles and second place finishes in pairs, BAM, and Swiss events vacated by this Resolution, all remaining partnerships shall have their finishing place elevated to the next higher position, with new event winners recognized accordingly; and
- 8. directs that, for NABC+ KO event titles and second place finishes vacated by this Resolution, such titles and second place finishes shall remain and be recorded in official ACBL records as "Vacated."

Deferred to the Summer 2019 in Las Vegas, NV Deferral carried Nay: 4, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 24

Item 191-07: Voluntary Relinquishment

ACBL Management is directed to develop a policy and any related procedures allowing for the voluntary relinquishment of NABC+ titles and second place finishes in KO, BAM, and Swiss events. They should include provisions governing:

- Who on the team has the authority to relinquish a title
- How the ACBL should be notified of the intention to relinquish a title
- How the intention to relinquish a title should be confirmed by other teammates, if such confirmation is required
- How the relinquishment should be made public
- The status of MasterpointsTM won in the event
- The status of seeding points of team members acquired in the event
- How far back in time titles may be relinquished

The policy and any related procedures must be developed within the following parameters:

- A member of a team is not required to consent to the relinquishment if the player has been: (1) expelled from the ACBL for any reason; (2) resigned for the purpose of avoiding possible disciplinary actions; or (3) suspended for ethical violations at the time of the relinquishment.
- No team may be elevated to a higher finishing position because of any title relinquished under this policy.
- Any title relinquished under this policy shall be recorded in official ACBL records as "Vacated."

Effective at Management discretion Carried unanimously

GOVERNANCE/BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Hennings (C) Anderson, Cuneo, Janicki, Stephani, Popper, Vilhauer, Zayac

Staff: Dunn

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 191-30: Codification Clean-up Project

Codification Chapter I – Membership – F. Discipline and Code of Disciplinary Regulations, Section 1 – Code of Disciplinary Regulations is revised as set forth on Exhibit A-1 to this motion;

Codification Chapter I – Membership – I. Juniors is revised as set forth on Exhibit A-3 to this motion;

Codification Chapter II – Business Management – A. Finance is revised as set forth on Exhibit A-4 to this motion;

Codification Chapter II – Business Management – B. Employees and Consultants is revised as set forth on Exhibit A-5 to this motion; and

Codification Chapter VII – International Bridge – D. World Junior Championships is revised as set forth on Exhibit A-6 to this motion.

(Attachment D) Effective immediately Carried unanimously

Item 191-30B: Codification Clean-up Project

Codification Chapter I – Membership – H. Awards and Trophies is revised as set forth on Exhibit A-2 to this motion;

Note: The following motion was severed and deferred to the NABC Review Committee.

(Attachment D)
Deferred to the Summer 2019 in Las Vegas, NV
Deferral carried

Item 191-31: Board of Directors Manual

An Orientation Manual for New Members of the Board of Directors shall be maintained by the Governance Committee. The current Board Member Welcome Packet, as Appendix 4A-2, from Chapter IV, ACBL Board of Directors, is deleted from the Codification.

Effective immediately Carried unanimously

Item 191-32: Requirement for Candidacy in Elections of District Directors, Alternate Directors, and Board of Governors Representatives

Codification Chapter I – Membership – A. Membership, Section 3 – Residency and Codification Chapter III – Administration – D. Elections of the Codification is amended as set forth in Attachment E.

Effective April 1, 2019, and retroactive for all BOD candidates who have already filed for this election; and Effective June 1, 2019 for all BOD, First and Second Alternate and BOG candidates

(Attachment E) Carried Nay: 24

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Muñoz (C) Ellis, Levy

Staff: J. Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

The oral report of Committee Chair is received:

The Audit Committee met at 11:55AM on March 21. Guests present were Peyton Dodson, partner in charge, and Steven Brown, of Watkins Uberall CPAs (ACBL auditors), Joe Jones, Executive Director, Linda Dunn, League Counsel, Chair Carlos Muñoz and members Brian Ellis and Al Levy.

Messrs Dodson and Brown made a presentation on their audit, which included detailed financial statements, and resulted in:

- No significant findings;
- Adoption of a new accounting standard;
- No difficulties encountered;
- No uncorrected misstatements or disagreements. i.e. a "clean audit.

The auditors met briefly with the Committee in private, at which time no significant issues were revealed. The Chair thanked the auditors for their efforts.

Thereafter, the Committee reviewed and approved management's recommendation to adopt a "de minimus" standard of \$15,000 to govern the point at which related party transactions will be referred to the Audit Committee in the future.

The Compliance Officer updated the Audit Committee on compliance activity related to the Corporate Compliance and Whistleblower Policy. The Compliance Officer also submitted a summary of the Board's annual conflict of interest statements and the Audit Committee determined that no conflicts of interest exist that have not been deliberated by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 1:15PM

Item 191-49: Masterpoint Committee Appointment

Bruce Lane is appointed to the Masterpoint Committee for a one-year term from the end of the Spring 2019 NABC through the end of the Spring 2020 NABC.

Harold Jordan is appointed to the Masterpoint Committee for a two-year term from the end of the Spring 2019 NABC through the end of the Spring 2021 NABC.

Doug Couchman is appointed to the Masterpoint Committee for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2019 NABC through the end of the Spring 2022 NABC.

Effective Spring 2019 NABC

STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

Cuneo (C) Anderson, Carman, Hennings, Glasson

Staff: J. Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

The report of Committee Chair is received. (Attachment F)

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Al Levy and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 10 and its units, District Director Russ Jones and Tournament Chair Bob Williams and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Sheraton Memphis Downtown for its fine cooperation.

The Board adjourned sine die at 4:57 p.m.

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