

**ACBL Board of Directors**  
**Online meeting via Zoom Webinar**  
**June 17, 2020**  
**Special Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth on Wednesday June 17, 2020 at 12:08 a.m. (EST).

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, Jeff Overby #9, Ned Irving #10, AJ Stephani #11, Dennis Carman #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Warren Smith #15, Paul Cuneo #16, Cindy Shoemaker #17, David Johnson #18, Julie Smith #19, Laurie Rowe #20, Jackie Zayac #21, David Lodge #22, Kevin Lane #23, David Moss #24 and Bob Bertoni #25

Also Present: Richard Popper, Chairman Board of Governors, Joe Jones, Executive Director, Peyton Dodson, Director of Finance, Linda Dunn, In-House Counsel, Greg Coles, Director of Bridge Services, Mary Stratton, Director of Marketing, Susie Cordell, Director of Information Technology, Stephanie Threlkeld, Marketing Manager Sol Weinstein, Field Manager and Kelley Trejo, Secretary.

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The ACBL Board of Directors and management discussed the continuation of staffing regionals and sectionals through the end of the 2020 calendar year and the cancellation of the Fall 2020 NABC in Tampa, FL. Due to the current ongoing public health crisis, it was decided that the ACBL would not staff any regionals or sectionals through the end of the 2020 year and management was directed to start the cancellation process for the Fall 2020 NABC in Tampa, FL.

**ACBL Management Report**

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

<b>APPEALS &amp; CHARGES COMMITTEE</b>
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Stephani (C), Overby (VC) Carman, Hennings, Janicki, J. Smith, Zayac
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Staff: Gordon
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As reported by Committee Chair

**Report on Hearing**

In the matter of Jack Adams, the committee felt it did not have sufficient detail from the D16 Disciplinary Committee Hearing Report to make a decision. The committee will be requesting additional information from that disciplinary committee.

In the matter of Louis Filippetti and Betty Hayhurst, the committee accepted the Negotiated Resolution stipulating to a dismissal of the charges against the parties.

**BRIDGE COMMITTEE**

Carman (C), Ellis (VC)

Bertoni, Moss, Muñoz, Rowe, J. Smith, W. Smith, Subeck, Weniger

Staff: Weinstein

As reported by Committee Chair

**Item 20S2-01 Flight/Stratum Designation for Winners of GLM-Eligible Events**

Item 183-66, effective January 1 2020, is replaced by the following:

Players who win, or have at any time in the past won, an ACBL or WBF event which qualifies them to achieve Grand Life Master (GLM) status upon meeting all other GLM requirements, may not enter a Masterpoint-restricted event, may play only in the top stratum of the top flight in non-bracketed events, and will be assigned eligibility points (if and as necessary) to bring them to 10,000 MP for bracketing purposes in bracketed events.

Effective (Retroactive to) January 1, 2020

Carried unanimously

**NABC REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Subeck(C) Bertoni (VC)

Kovacich, Zayac

Staff: Coles

As reported by Committee Chair

**Item 20S2-06: Spring 2025 NABC – Memphis TN**

The ACBL Board of Directors approves the Spring 2025 NABC to be held at the Memphis Convention Center in Memphis, TN on March 13-23, 2025.

Deferred to Summer 2020 meeting

Carried unanimously

**STRATIGIC REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Cuneo (C) Weniger (VC)

Anderson, Ellis, Irving, Moss, Rowe, Shoemaker

Staff: Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

**Item 20S2-05: Guest Membership**

Item 192-37: Guest Membership is rescinded and that the Codification be amended as follows:

1. 4.Codification Chapter I – Membership, A. Membership Section, 2 – Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership be amended to add guest member definition:

2.2 Classes of Membership

2.2.8 Guest member

- 2.2.8.1 May join ACBL at no cost.
- 2.2.8.2 Former or current ACBL members may not join as guest members.
- 2.2.8.3 The guest membership benefits shall be defined by management policy.

2. Codification subsection 2.1 of Chapter I – Membership, A. Membership, Section 2 Definition and Rights of ACBL Membership be updated as below to restrict ability of guest members to vote in elections:

2.1 Membership Rights

In accordance with Article III, Section 3.2 of the ACBL Bylaws, the following voting rights, term, characteristics, rights, limitations and obligations shall attach to all classes of membership as follows:

- 2.1.1 With the exception of guest members, all other classes shall have the right to vote in any election in which the general membership is the electorate as long as he or she is a member in good standing;
- 2.1.2 Shall have an obligation to adhere to the rules and regulations of the ACBL;
- 2.1.3 Shall have such limitations as imposed by rules and regulations of the ACBL or actions of an ACBL disciplinary body;
- 2.1.4 With the exception of guest members, all other classes shall be able to run for an elected ACBL position as long as he or she is 18 years of age or older and there are no other age requirements for the position

3. Codification subsection 2.3.3 in Chapter I – Membership, A. Membership, Section 2 Definition and Rights of ACBL Membership be updated as below to restrict guest member participation in National-rated events:

2.3.3 In order to participate in a National-rated event at an NABC, a person must be an ACBL member whose service fee or dues is current. Guest members are not allowed to participate in such events.

4. Section 5 of Codification Chapter I– Membership, C. Dues and Life Master Service Fees be updated to add a Guest Membership category of membership.

	<120 Days	1. Year	3- Year
<b><u>Guest</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>		
Temporary	\$7.99 See motion to remove in July		
Junior		\$5	
Regular		\$49	\$117

Household		\$82	\$216
Life Member		\$46	\$108
Patron (Individual)		\$275	\$750
Patron (Household)		\$375	\$1050

Effective June 15, 2020

Carried            Abstain: 18

**BRIDGE COMMITTEE**

Carman (C), Ellis (VC)

Bertoni, Moss, Muñoz, Rowe, J. Smith, W. Smith, Subeck, Weniger

Staff: Weinstein

As reported by Committee Chair

**Item 20S2-04: Appendix O Conditions of Contest for Online Play**

**Appendix O**

1. Cheating: Cheating online is a serious offense, subject to the same penalties as cheating in live play. It is illegal to communicate with your partner during a hand via any means other than chat to the full table, to communicate with a kibitzer during the game, to play using an account that is not yours, to gain advanced knowledge of a deal, or to play in one event using multiple accounts.

Any accusation of cheating must be made privately to the director of the event, to the ACBL recorder, or to a reporting mechanism provided by the online platform.

2. Alerts: Alerts (including announcements) are made by the player making the call. An alerted call should be accompanied by an explanation. Stating the common or popular name of the convention is not sufficient. You are encouraged to explain calls even if those calls do not require alerts. Any call that would be alerted after the auction in live bridge should be alerted at the time of the call.

Any contestant may request information concerning an opponent's methods. Such inquiries should be directed to the player who made the call and must be asked in a private chat. Replies to these inquiries must likewise be given in a private chat. You are not obligated to answer questions about calls made by your partner.

3. Tempo: In general, bids and plays within 10 seconds are considered to be in tempo.
4. Claims and concessions: If you reject an opponent's claim or concession, and continue play, the result of the board will stand as played. Instead of rejecting the claim or concession, you may call the Director for an adjudication of the result.

5. Unfinished hands: A hand that is partially completed when time expires is adjudicated as equitably as possible to both sides. Any doubtful point will be resolved against the partnership that is considered most responsible for not finishing in time.
6. Undos: Unintended calls or plays will be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. A contestant who makes an unintended call or play should summon the Director immediately. As in live play, undos are permitted only upon instruction of the Director.
7. Table Chat: All chat is authorized information for opponents and unauthorized information for partner.
8. Convention Cards: Partnerships are encouraged to have a convention card that includes the players' real names. Pairs without cards will be at a disadvantage in misinformation rulings. If the system loads a default card for pairs without a convention card, then you should not assume that your opponents are playing those methods.
9. Information Available in the Software: All information provided by the software is authorized. For example, if the software has a button to view your convention card during the hand, then it is legal to use that button to view your own card. Consulting a written defense is allowed in any situation where it would be allowed in face to face bridge. Using any other aid to memory is illegal. Illegal aids include consulting a system notes document or tracking the cards played on paper.
10. Irregularities: The Director must be summoned electronically for any irregularity. Once the Director has been summoned, all play and bidding shall cease until the Director authorizes its continuation.

Effective date:

Deferred to August or September 2020 meeting.

Deferral carried           Nay: 11

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The second session meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth at 3:08 p.m. EST.

Present:                   Same as above including Carole Weinstein, First Alternate #25.

Absent:                   Bob Bertoni, #25

**Item 20S2-02: Reducing Masterpoint Awards to reflect non-Face to Face Play**

In all events conducted online in which ACBL gold, silver or red points are awarded, all masterpoint awards shall be 80% of the amount that would be awarded in a face-to-face game of the same structure, as calculated by the applicable formulas.

Deferred to August or September 2020 meeting.

Deferral carried           Nay: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 12, 23

**Item 20S2-03: Reducing Masterpoint Awards in Shortened Games**

In all events, except for club games or special games played in the club, in which ACBL gold, silver, or red points are awarded and in which LIFE MASTERS are eligible to participate (i.e. all events that are not limited to NON LIFE MASTERS only, whether explicitly or by virtue of a masterpoint limitation), and in which the scheduled movement is to play fewer than 24 deals per session (not including sitouts, byes, and other deals not played for unanticipated reasons), all masterpoint awards shall be multiplied, relative to the otherwise applicable formulas, by a factor of the number of deals scheduled divided by 24.

Deferred to August or September 2020 meeting.

Deferral carried            Nay: 1, 3, 4, 7, 12

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The Board of Directors convened into executive session at 4:28 EST.

The Board adjourned sine die at 4:55 p.m. EST