

**Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
Denver CO
November 20, 2005**

Linda Mamula, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, November 20, 2005, at 9:30 AM.

Opening Remarks

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the corrected minutes of the meeting held July 24, 2005, in Atlanta, Georgia, be approved.

Carried.

CEO's Report

CEO Jay Baum asked the Board of Governors to observe a moment of silence in memory of retired TD Karl Johnson.

Jay Baum presented the CEO's report. (Exhibit 1)

President's Report

Roger Smith, ACBL President, introduced Gianarrigo Rona, President of the European Bridge League.

President Smith announced that there was a special committee looking at revitalization of the GNT and NAP events. The committee has addressed the issue of defining "residency" as pertains to these events.

In 2012 the Fall NABC will return to President Smith's home district, San Francisco, CA, from November 22 through December 2.

League Counsel's Report

Peter Rank presented League Counsel's report. (Exhibit 2)

Treasurer's Report

Jerry Fleming, ACBL Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. (Exhibit 3)

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mamula presented her report on the meeting of the Board of Directors. (Exhibit 4)

Motions for Reconsideration

Moved by Richard Popper, District 4, and seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors reconsider Item 053-140, Spring NABC in Memphis TN.

Motion failed.

Moved by Leo Weniger, District 1, and seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors reconsider Item 053-141, 2013 Fall NABC in Montreal PQ, and ask that local personnel assist with the negotiations.

Carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Moved by Rand Pinsky, District 23, and seconded that the following sense of the Board of Governors be conveyed to the Board of Directors: if two districts merge voluntarily, then concessions should be made for participation in the GNT and NAP events.

Carried.

Moved by Jan Nathan, District 23, and seconded that senior events may be stratified by age or by masterpoints but not both. Stratification is to be limited to not more than three stratas. If stratified by age, the younger person or the youngest member of the team will determine the strata. The “stratified by age” masterpoint awards will be 80% for 55+, 75% for 65+ and 60% for 75+.

Motion failed.

Moved by Corrine Kirkham, District 22, and seconded that all national events at NABC’s will have consistent starting times throughout the length of the event. There shall be an exception for the final Sunday of an NABC.

Carried.

Moved by Barbara Seagram, District 2, and seconded, that because the ACBL has jurisdiction over all of North America and Bermuda that the Board of Directors consider changing the name of the organization to the North American Contract Bridge League.

Motion failed.

Moved by Alan Siebert, District 10, and seconded that the Board of Directors instruct the Laws Commission to rescind Law 61 B which allows defender to clarify with his partner whether he is out of suit.

Motion failed.

Approval of New Life Masters

Moved by Aileen Osofsky, District 24, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#82,666 to #86,459) shall be designated as Life Masters.

Carried unanimously.

Thanks for Hospitality

Moved by Aileen Osofsky (District 24) and carried unanimously, that the sincere thanks of the Board of Governors shall be extended to District 17 and its units, to District Director Jerry Fleming and Tournament Chairs Roy Weinstein and Bob Wingard, and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Adams Mark Hotel for its fine cooperation.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:45 A.M.