

**ACBL Board of Directors
Online meeting via Zoom Webinar**

July 14 – 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 12:15 p.m. EDT.

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, Chairperson, 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, Executive Secretary.

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Approval May and June Online Meeting Minutes

The March, May and June 2020 online meeting minutes are approved.

Carried unanimously

Item 202-65: Election of ACBL Treasurer

Joann Glasson is elected as the ACBL Treasurer for the vacated term ending April 20, 2021.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously

ACBL Management Report

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

Litigation Report

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Glasson (C), Muñoz (VC),
Bertoni, Lane, Lodge, Smith

Staff: Dodson

As reported by Committee Chair.

The oral report of Committee Chair is received.

GOVERNANCE BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Hennings (C), Kovacich (VC)
Anderson, Cuneo, Glasson, Irving, Janicki, Johnson, Lane,
Lodge, Overby, Shoemaker, Stephani, Zayac, Popper

Staff: Dunn

As reported by Committee Chair.

Item 202-40: Board Reorganization

The following plan, “Board of Directors Reorganization Plan – Columbus 2020,” is adopted.

Board of Directors Reorganization Plan

1. The twenty-five (25) existing Districts will continue to exist.
2. Thirteen (13) Regions will be created by combining adjoining Districts as follows:

<u>Region</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>#Mem</u>	<u>#Mem</u>	<u>#Mem</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	1	2		5,422	7,944		13,366
2	24	25		5,023	7,716		12,739
3	3	4		5,889	6,037		11,926
4	5	6		3,001	6,854		9,855
5	12	13	14	3,862	4,566	3,756	12,184
6	7			13,700			13,700
7	8	10	11	2,574	6,370	4,190	13,134
8	9			20,514			20,514
9	15	16		3,055	8,584		11,639
10	17			9,325			9,325

11	22	23		6,595	3,193		9,788
12	20	21		3,670	8,411		12,081
13	18	19		3,952	6,562		10,514

Note: This motion could not be changed after its first reading in Columbus. District & Region numbers were updated using the most recent data available from the May 2020 QUIP Reports, and sent to all Board of Directors following the July 6 committee meeting.

3. The transition to thirteen (13) members will begin during the election cycle beginning in 2021, *i.e.*, for terms beginning 1/1/2022. At that time, the following eight (8) Regions will have elections for the office of Regional Director (RD), the terms of which will begin on 1/1/2022: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13.
The RD from Region 5 will serve an initial four (4)-year term (2022-25).
Three (3) other RDs (excluding the RD from Region 6, who will serve an initial three-year term from 2022-24) will be randomly selected (by the Executive Secretary and the Executive Director) from this group to serve an initial four (4)-year term (2022-25).
4. Elections for the following four (4) Regions will occur in 2022, with terms beginning on 1/1/2023: 7, 8, 10, 12. These RDs will serve an initial four (4)-year term (2023-26).
5. An election An election for Region 3 will occur in 2023, with an initial three (3)-year term beginning 1/1/2024 (2024-26).
6. Once the initial election term for a Region is concluded (note staggered initial election terms set out in #3-5 above), an election will be held for that Region every three (3) years thereafter.
7. Elections for the position of RD will be open to any ACBL member in good standing over the age of eighteen (18).
8. All the unit boards within a Region will vote to determine the RD. Unit votes will be weighted based on the number of members in each unit and the number of board members on each unit board in the same manner as current elections for District Directors (DD).
9. The term for the RD position is three (3) years. RDs will be subject to the same term limits as existing DDs (four (4) consecutive terms per Article V, 5.3.3 of our Bylaws, including the basic three (3)-year term as well as four (4)-year initial terms for some Regional Directors due to Board restructuring in 2020). Terms on the Board of Directors in any capacity served or started prior to January 1, 2019 shall not be counted toward the four (4) consecutive term limit.
10. If a DD either runs for the position of RD and is unsuccessful or elects not to run, that DD will be entitled to serve out the remainder of his/her present term.

Example: District X and District Y are combined to form Region Z. District Director X's term expires in 2021 and District Director Y's term expires in 2022. An election will be held in the third quarter of 2021 to choose a Regional Director for Region Z. District Director X

and District Director Y are both eligible to run. If either District Director X or District Director Y runs and loses or chooses not to run, he/she will serve the remainder of his/her term. If either District Director X or District Director Y runs and wins, he/she will serve an initial term as specified above as Regional Director for Region Z.

11. If a party not currently a DD wins the election for RD, existing DDs will still have the option of remaining on the board for the balance of their terms.
12. If a RD is unable to complete his/her term of office, the position will remain vacant until a replacement can be elected. The usual RD election cycle is three and one-half months; a shortened process of two and one-half months should be sufficient for these rare special elections. If the shortened cycle begins no later than thirty (30) days after the resignation of the Regional Director is effective, that Region will have a vacancy for, at most, one (1) BOD session at an NABC (assuming the new BOD retains the current three (3) times per year NABC meeting schedule). The Board of Directors can address the special election terms and conditions on a case-by-case basis as the need arises.
13. If a RD is unable to attend a meeting, no substitutes or proxies will be permitted.
14. The positions of First and Second Alternate District Director will cease to exist as of 1/1/2022. The Board of Governors will continue to be represented by five (5) members from each District, including the former first and second Alternates.
15. The office of District Director to the ACBL Board shall continue to exist until an election for RD occurs in their Region and the RD takes office.
16. Any DD opting to remain on the BOD after either losing an election for RD or opting not to run in said election, shall be entitled to full voting rights and privileges during the balance of their current term.
17. A Transition Task Force will continue under the direction of the Governance Committee to work with Management to transfer non-core responsibilities from the Board of Directors. Non-core responsibilities include program activities and topics integral to the mission of the organization, exclusive of Executive, Audit, Finance, Strategy, Executive Director Review, and Governance, which shall be the focus of the RDs. The goal is to transfer non-core functions and decisions by 12/31/2021.
18. The ACBL Bylaws are amended as set out in Appendix A of this motion to reflect this plan (and to make several other non-substantive changes).

APPENDIX A

[Click here \(final redlined copy\)](#) (Attachment C)

[Click here \(Final copy\)](#) (Attachment D)

Effective immediately (upon approval by the Board of Governors on July 19, 2020)

Carried Nay: 1, 2, 3, 5, 13, 15, 25

Item 202-41: Board Reorganization #2

The 25 District Directors meet each and every fall at the NABC or other scheduled location between Nov 1-December 15 to:

1. Elect a President to the ACBL. Any of the 25 District Directors serving the following year may put their name on the ballot by October 15th. The 25 directors will choose a president to serve a 1-year term starting the following January 1 and ending December 31. A candidate for President must declare between August 1 and October 15th.
2. Elect “Managing Directors” from the remaining 24 District Directors. In 2021 (Only) the full Management board will be elected, in subsequent years 4 directors will be elected. In 2021 each DD will be asked to vote for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 12 to become “Managing Directors”. In 2021 The top 4 vote recipients will be elected to a 3 year term, 5-8 in the election will serve a 2 year term and 9-12 will serve a 1 year term, 13 will become the “first alternate” in case any Managing Director cannot attend and 14 will become the “second alternate”.

In subsequent years voting for a minimum of 2 and Maximum of 4 (if more than 4 vacancies exist then the maximum electable spots) and 5th or the next highest vote recipient will be the first alternate and next highest will become the second alternate “Managing Director”.

A candidate for “Managing Director” must declare between August 1 and October 15th

Alternate “Managing Directors” are expected to maintain abreast of all board issues and be ready to serve at a minimal notice.

In all cases a Managing Director must be a current “District Director” from their district. A “Managing Director” that is not reelected by their district will create a vacancy that will be filled by adding to the 4 elected each year.

3. Stipends: The goal of stipends is to be sure that we do not create a wealth restriction on people willing to serve. The “Managing Directors” will receive the following package: \$1,000. Every Trimester to serve their district at home, Coach Airfare or standard mileage to the meeting locations, Hotel from the eve of the first meeting to the end of the BOG meeting, Per Diem for meals, free plays at all NABC tournaments. (This is the current DD package)
4. The “District Directors” will receive the following reduced package; \$1,000. Every Trimester to service their district, Coach Airfare or standard mileage to the FALL ONLY meeting location for election, Hotel from the eve of the first Fall meeting to the end of the election the next day (2 nights maximum, plus Per Diem for meals for those days per year), free plays at every NABC tournament to encourage attendance at the events for their players. District Directors Elect will be able attend the Fall Meeting preceding their term, and receive 2 nights Hotel, airfare and appropriate per diem.
5. Attendance at meetings: Every District Director is allowed to attend any Board meeting except “Executive Session” as a nonvoting guest.
6. Motions: Any District Director is allowed to add a motion to the agenda and write or speak briefly on its behalf and answer questions, only. “Managing Directors” will be allowed to debate and vote the motion.

7. District concerns at Meetings; since all District Directors will only attend the Fall meeting there will be a 3-hour block set aside after the elections for them to voice their concerns, opinions and options.

8. The ACBL Bylaws are amended as set out in Appendix A of this motion to reflect this plan (and to make several other non-substantive changes).

Effective January 1, 2021

Motion failed Aye: 1, 2, 3, 5, 13, 15, 23, 25

Item 202-42: Management Oversight of Credentials Committee

Codification Chapter XI – Special Events, A. Residency Requirements, Section 1 – Grand National Teams and North American Pairs, Subsection 1.5.2 is amended as follows:

1.5.2 Any exceptions in the highest flight of the event must also be approved by a Credentials Committee. ACBL Management shall assume all duties of the Credentials Committee, including the assigning of the composition of such Committee, and shall hear and adjudicate all matters pertaining to eligibility of person(s) and/or teams to participate in any stage of the GNT/NAP.

and that:

ACBL SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2019-2020 be amended as follows:

APPENDIX I 2019-2020 North American Conditions of Contest

District Membership:

The expectation is that exceptions to this rule will be rare, especially in the top flight of each event. Exceptions apply, which must fall into the categories listed below in the "Guidelines for Exceptions". Further, any exceptions in the highest flight of the event must also be approved by the Credentials Committee. There is no appeal from the Credentials Committee decision.

and that:

2019-2020 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS CONDITIONS OF CONTEST be amended as follows:

APPENDIX I DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

The expectation is that exceptions to this rule will be rare, especially for Flight A of the event. ACBL Management will determine whether any exceptions apply, which must fall into the categories listed

below under "Guidelines for Exceptions". Further, any exceptions in Flight A of the event must also be approved by the ACBL Credentials Committee. There is no appeal from the CC decision.

Effective immediately

Carried Abstain: 1, 24

Item 202-43: Management Oversight of Transfer of Fewer than 100 Members Between Units and Districts

A new paragraph 3.3.1 be added to the Codification, Chapter III, Administration, A. Units, Section 3, Unit Formation, Boundary Change, or Dissolution:

3.3 Unit Transfers and Boundary Changes

- 3.3.1 The procedures outlined in Sections 3.3.2 through 3.3.9 shall be followed by Management in all cases where groups of (100) or more members request transfer from one Unit/District to another. When groups of fewer than one-hundred (100) members request transfer, Management need not consult the Board of Directors when approving or disapproving the request, and may follow whatever procedures it deems appropriate, including following the steps outlined in 3.3.2 through 3.3.9 below, and consulting with the Board.
- 3.3.2 In general, areas for transfer from one Unit to another should follow postal code boundaries. An area seeking to transfer to an adjacent Unit must include all postal code boundaries between the proposed area for transfer and the existing area of the Unit being joined. It is not permitted to transfer an area to a Unit if such transfer would create an island.
- 3.3.3 A majority of the current ACBL members living in the area to be transferred must sign a petition expressing their wishes to be transferred. In the case of a special election, all current ACBL members with a registered email address residing within the affected geographical area will be included as an elector. All ballots will be sent out via email. The end date of the election will be fourteen (14) days from the date on which the ballot is sent with a reminder going out to all electors who have not voted after seven (7) days.
- 3.3.4 The petition must state the reasons for the proposed transfer and must include the addresses and ACBL player number of those members signing.
- 3.3.5 The boundaries of the proposed area of transfer must be included on the petition as well as all postal codes in the proposed area to be transferred.
- 3.3.6 The petition must include a beginning date for the first circulation of the petition. All signatures on the petition must be obtained within six (6) months of this beginning date.

- 3.3.7 Any interested party has thirty (30) days from the end date of the petition to request a copy of the signatures provided to the ACBL and to provide any names and numbers included on that petition that they wish to protest to the ACBL. The ACBL will then verify the membership status of those protested individuals. All signatures not protested will be considered valid for the purposes of assuring that a majority of the ACBL members in the proposed area of transfer has signed the petition requesting a transfer of Unit affiliation.
- 3.3.8 The ACBL will contact the parent Unit, the Unit of proposed affiliation, the District Organization and the District Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors seeking the opinion of each regarding the proposed transfer. Should all parties agree that it is in the best interests of all concerned to effect the proposed transfer, the ACBL will take the necessary steps to make the change, including ACBL Board of Directors approval. All parties will be informed of the effective date of transfer and new Charters distributed. Should either the Unit or the District Organization disagree as to the proposed transfer, the matter will be referred to the ACBL Board of Directors for final disposition.
- 3.3.9 After the ACBL Board of Directors has denied a request to grant a Unit Merger, Unit Boundary Change, or Unit Change of District, the affected Unit may not begin the circulation of another petition for a Unit Merger, Unit Boundary Change, or Unit Change of District for at least six (6) months. (Effective March 15, 2015.)

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 202-44: Management Oversight of Honorary Member of the Year Selection Process

The following paragraphs in the Codification, Chapter IV, ACBL Board of Directors, Appendix 4-A1, Duties, Responsibilities and Authority of the ACBL President, I.C., Committees, is changed as follows:

The Board of Directors appoints all committee chairs and members of each committee of the corporation as provided by Board resolution. Committees of the Board must be appointed by the entire Board. Board members are asked for committee preferences and the President uses his or her best judgment in trying to accommodate the requests of each member while maintaining balance on the committees when recommending committee composition to the Board.

The President appoints the Election Committee (this is actually done on a seniority basis of the members in the first year of their term), and any special committees designated by Board action or at the President's discretion. All committees serve for the term of the President, except in the case of a special committee whose work is not concluded during the President's term.

The following paragraph in the Codification, Chapter I, Membership, Section H, Awards and Trophies, Section 4—Awards, be changed as follows:

4.1 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year

- 4.1.1 This information is to be included with the material that is provided annually to the Honorary Member of the Year Selection Committee. Management will form this Committee annually and select the Honorary Member of the Year. The Board of Directors will approve the final selection.

Effective immediately
Carried Nay: 1

Item 202-45: Minutes Committee Responsibility to be Transferred to Management

“Minutes Review” is deleted from the Codification, Chapter IV, ACBL Board of Directors, Appendix 4-A3, Board of Directors Duties and Responsibilities, under the form “Skills Assessment, Preferences.”

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

TRANSITION TASK FORCE COMMITTEE	
Lane (C), Overby (VC), Subeck, Gaynor*, Moese*, Hennings**, Kovacich**	Staff: Dodson/Dunn
As reported by Committee Chair	

The oral report of Committee Chair is received.

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The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 12:15 p.m. EST.

Present: Same as Tuesday, July 14.
 Addition of Carole Weinstein, 1st Alternate #25, second session
Absent: David Lodge, #22, Bob Bertoni, #25, second session

Also present: Same as Tuesday, with the addition of Doug Couchman

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BRIDGE COMMITTEE	
Carman (C), Ellis (VC), Bertoni, Moss, Muñoz, Rowe, J. Smith, W. Smith, Subeck, Weniger	Staff: Weinstein
As reported by Committee Chair	

Item 202-20: GNT Conditions of Contest 2020-2021

The proposed Grand National Teams Conditions of Contest for 2020-21 (Attachment E) are approved.

Effective September 1, 2020
Carried unanimously

Item 202-21: Masterpoint Formula Modified for Strength of Field

In all tournament events for which the overall awards are calculated by formula, (including Individuals, Pairs, Swiss Teams, Board-a-Match Teams, excluding STaCs and events with arbitrary first place awards, such as the Grand National Teams and excluding all events with a knockout phase, the masterpoint formula shall be modified to account for the strength of the field in that event by the method detailed below, and that such method be amended in the future to account for improvements in methods for estimation of players' abilities and for other factors that have not yet been adequately accounted for.

Effective January 1, 2021 or as soon thereafter, Management can implement pending second reading
Carried unanimously

Item 202-22: Web and Barometer Movements

In any event in which gold masterpoints are awarded to section top winners, when sections are combined for scoring and ranking, the number of positions receiving gold points shall be equal to the number of combined sections of at least eight and one-half (8.5) tables. Sections of fewer than eight and one-half (8.5) tables do not increase the number of gold-paying positions. (e.g., 9+8 pay one (1) gold place, 9+9+8 pay two (2) gold places.) Sections of seventeen (17) to twenty-five (25) tables playing a Web or Barometer movement pay two (2) gold places. Lower strata must have the required number of contestants competing in order to award the specified number of places.

Effective January 1, 2021
Carried unanimously

Item 202-23: Barry Crane Tribute

Eliminate the 35,000 point recognition and replace it with 35,135.8 which is the exact amount that Barry Crane achieved at the time of his death.

Effective immediately
Carried Nay: 23, 24 Abstain: 14

Item 202-24: Unit and Club Teacher Recommendations

The ACBL establish procedures to:

- Enable Teaching Clubs and Unit Boards to recommend teachers who teach at clubs or bridge centers to teach beginner bridge classes.
- Record these recommendations for all members in good standing.
- List teachers and the beginner classes they teach on the trybridge.org website under “find a teacher” or “find a class” searching by zip code, city or state.
- Encourage Club and Unit recommended teachers to engage their peers to develop best practices, teaching materials (including teaching hands) and collaborative problem solving.

Effective immediately

Motion failed Aye: 2

Absent: 25

Item 202-25 Teaching Clubs and Centers

The ACBL will establish procedures for designating Teaching Clubs and Centers:

- Teaching Clubs and Centers shall apply to the ACBL for their designation by providing a one (1)-year calendar showing class, play, social, and duplicate offerings.
- The designation shall require annual renewal based on updated information.
- Teachers, Clubs, and Centers shall be responsible for keeping the class offerings up to date. Outdated information will be removed from tryrbridge.org. Failure to update information will cause the loss of the Teaching Club/Center designation.
- A list of Teaching Clubs and Centers will be made available to new prospects in response to their search for how to learn bridge.

The ACBL may limit the number of Teaching Clubs and Centers based on their objective performance teaching new students, attracting new players to bridge, and helping create new ACBL Members. Paid ACBL Member creation and creation of (new) Guest Members are appropriate metrics for assigning these designations. Objective criteria used shall be made known to teachers, clubs, and centers.

Effective immediate

Motion failed

Absent: 25

Item 202-26: Board Requirements for Masterpoint Limited STaC Games

Codification Chapter X – Sectionals, A. General, Section 3 – STaCs 3.7 is amended as follows:

- 3.7 In order to be eligible for overall awards in a STaC, or any event that is scored across more than one club, the minimum number of boards played is set at twenty (20) with the exception of masterpoint limited events restricted to players with <199 masterpoints whose minimum number of boards played is set at eighteen (18).

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Absent: 25

Item 202-28: STaC Matchpointing Requirement

The language in Item 181-19 relating to matchpointing across the field is rescinded. Item 182-43, which establishes an implementation date of 1/1/2021 for this change, is rendered obsolete and thus also rescinded.

Effective April 1, 2020
Carried Nay: 16

Item 202-29: STaC Conditions of Contest

The revised Conditions of Contest for STaCs, attached as Attachment F CoC, is adopted.

Codification Chapter 10, Part A, Paragraph 3.4 is deleted, with the subsequent paragraphs renumbered accordingly.

Effective when Management can implement
Carried Nay: 5

STRATEGIC COMMITTEE	
Cunéo (C), Weniger (VC), Anderson, Ellis, Johnson, Irving, Moss, Rowe, Shoemaker	Staff: J. Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 202-60: Removal of Temporary Membership

The Codification is amended as follows:

1. Codification Chapter I, Membership, C. Dues and Life Master Service Fees, Section 4 be eliminated entirely to remove Temporary Membership category of membership (existing Temporary Memberships will be valid until the end of their current term):

~~Section 4 – Temporary Membership (Effective March 1, 2018)~~

~~4.1 – A Temporary Membership will be available only for players who have not been previously a regular ACBL member. However, a member who has only held a Temporary Membership may buy another Temporary Membership.~~

~~4.2 — Temporary Members can only be referred by a teacher, club, or tournament. The referring teacher, club or tournament will receive a recruitment bonus.~~

~~4.3 — Temporary Memberships are valid for one (1) month.~~

~~4.4 — During the membership period, a Temporary Member is a General Member with the same rights and obligations as full-membership members.~~

~~4.5 — A Temporary Member will become inactive after the expiration of her/his Temporary Membership.~~

2. Section 5 of Codification Chapter I– Membership, C. Dues and Life Master Service Fees is renumbered to Section 4 and the table entry stricken to remove Temporary Membership category of membership.

Section 4 – Rates for Dues and Life Master Service Fees

- 4.1 Current rates for full Membership dues and Life Master Service Fees— as determined by the ACBL Board of Directors—are (USD):

	<120 Days	1. Year	3- Year
Guest	\$0.00		
Temporary	\$7.99		
Junior		\$5	
Regular		\$49	\$117
Household		\$82	\$216
Life Member		\$46	\$108
Patron (Individual)		\$275	\$750
Patron (Household)		\$375	\$1050

Effective as soon as ACBL can implement the changes in membership-related systems.

Carried unanimously

APPEALS & CHARGES COMMITTEE

Stephani (C), Overby (VC),
Carman, Hennings, Janicki, J. Smith, Zayac

Staff: Gordon

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 202-01: Report on Hearings

In the matter of Jack Adams, the Committee initially requested additional clarification on the decision of the D16 Disciplinary Committee. After reviewing the response from the D16 Disciplinary Committee Chair, the Committee determined that a finding of responsibility under CDR 3.20 warranted a minimum suspension and a longer probationary period than the D16 Disciplinary Committee imposed. Accordingly, the Committee imposed a ninety (90)-day suspension and a probationary period of one (1) year following the term of suspension.

In the matter of Devlin Delaney and David Sweet, the Committee affirmed the Negotiated Resolution entered into with ACBL Management agreeing to a suspension of one-hundred and eighty (180) days with a probationary period of three (3) years following the suspension.

Item 202-02: CDR Omnibus

1. The CDR is amended as indicated in the links below:

[CDR Changes \(clean copy\)](#) (Attachment G)

[CDR Changes \(redlined copy\)](#) (Attachment H)

2. The CDR Table of Contents, Index, internal cross-references from § 401 onward, and all external cross-references await completion. The Board authorizes ACBL Management to make these changes.
3. The effective date of motions 201-05 and 201-07 shall be changed to August 15, 2020, or whenever the changes to above mentioned motions also take effect.

Effective August 15, 2020

Carried unanimously

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The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 12:18 p.m. EST.

Present: Same as Wednesday, July 15 with the addition of Carole Weinstein, 1st alternate #25
Absent: Bob Bertoni, #25, Peyton Dodson Director of Finance, and Robb Gordon, Recorder.
Also Present: Same as Thursday

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TOURNAMENT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

W. Smith (C), J. Smith (VC)
Glasson, Hennings, Kovacich, Overby, Popper, Rodney
As reported by Committee Chair

Staff: Dodson

The oral report of Committee Chair is received.

NABC REVIEW COMMITTEE

Subeck (C), Bertoni (VC)
Kovacich, Zayac

Staff: Stratton

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 202-55: Revised Schedule for Selected NABC Events

The ACBL Board of Directors reconsider Motion 193-61:

Original motion:

Under the authority granted to the ACBL Board of Directors in subsection 1.2 of Codification Chapter VIII –North American Bridge Championships, D. Events/Schedules, Section 1 – National-rated Events, the Board approve the following listed game times for the 2023 Fall NABC to be held in Atlanta, GA.

The approved game times will be 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM for the following events:

(a) the Super Senior (which is currently held at 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM); (b) the 0 - 10,000 Swiss; (c) the 0 - 6,000 Mini Blue Ribbon; (d) the 0 - 10,000 Fast Pairs; (e) the Senior Mixed Pairs; (f) the main event Regional events; and (g) any event added to future Fall NABC schedules that either has an upper masterpoint limit or that is limited to Seniors.

Reconsideration failed

Nay: 1, 25

Item 202-56: 0-2500 Four-Session Swiss Team National Event

Provide a two (2)-day 0-2500 Swiss Team National Event on Tuesday and Wednesday of the Spring NABC for players with 0-2500 masterpoints. The first two sessions would be a Qualifying and the second two (2) sessions a Final.

Effective January 1, 2021

Carried unanimously

Item 202-58: 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.

Motion failed Aye 1, 7, 9, 25

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The Board of Directors convened into executive session at 1:52 p.m. EST.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW COMMITTEE	
Anderson (C) Shoemaker (VC), Hennings, Lane, Muñoz	Staff: J. Jones
As reported by Committee Chair	

The Board of Directors reconvened into full Board session at 2:30 p.m. EST.

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Item 202-15: Executive Director Succession Plan Employment

Codification, Chapter II – Business Management, B. Employees and Consultants, Section 5 – Executive Director Succession Plan 5.5.18 is amended to read

Recommend terms of the employment to the Board. ~~In-House Counsel drafts the employment agreement with direction from the Search Committee Chair.~~ **The recommended terms shall be incorporated into the Employment Agreement provided in Appendix 2-C.**

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously Abstain: Carole Weinstein, 1st alternate #25

The Board adjourned sine die at 5:21 p.m. EST.

** These minutes are not final. They will be approved by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting. **