

ACBL Board of Directors
Online meeting via Zoom Webinar
November 18 – 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 11:05 a.m. CST.

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: Gim Ong #2, Deana Liddy #14, and Stu Goodgold #21, each incoming board members, 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, Robb Gordon, National Recorder, and Kelley Trejo, Executive Secretary.

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Regional Directors Serving Initial Four-Year Term

Pursuant to the ACBL Board of Directors reorganization motion (Item 202:40) that was adopted at the July 14, 2020 Board meeting, the transition of the ACBL Board from 25 to 13 members will begin during the election cycle beginning in 2021, *i.e.*, for terms beginning January 1, 2022. At that time, Regions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, and 13 will have elections for the office of Regional Director, the term of which will begin on January 1, 2022. While the Regional Director from Region 5 will serve an initial four-year term (2022-2025) and the Regional Director from Region 6 will serve an initial three-year term (2022-2024), three other Regional Directors were to be randomly selected by the Executive Secretary and the Executive Director from the remaining group of six to serve an initial four-year term (2022-2025). That random selection resulted in Region 2 (Districts 24 and 25), Region 4 (Districts 5 and 6) and Region 11 (Districts 22 and 23) being chosen.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

The October 2020 online meeting minutes are approved.

Carried unanimously

Item 203-30: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on September 25, 2020 are received and ratified. (Attachment A)

Carried unanimously

Item 203-31: Election of ACBL President

Georgia Heth and Kevin Lane declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy whereupon nominations were closed. Georgia Heth is re-elected as the ACBL President for a one-year term, January 1 through December 31, 2021.

Item 203-38: Executive Committee Alternate (Western)

David Lodge is appointed as the alternate Western Zone Executive Committee member to fulfil the remaining term of Claire Jones, which term will expire December 31, 2022.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously

Item 203-32: Executive Committee Member & Alternate (Central)

Dennis Carman is appointed as the Central Zone Executive Committee member for a three-year term, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Paul Cuneo is appointed as the alternate Central Zone Executive Committee member for a three-year term, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Effective January 1, 2021

Carried unanimously

Item 203-33: Certification of Elections

Each of the following individuals is hereby certified as having been duly elected to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Paul Janicki, District 2; Carlos Muñoz, District 3; Joann Glasson, District 4; Georgia Heth, District 8; Deana Liddy, District 14; Paul Cuneo, District 16; Stu Goodgold, District 21; David Lodge, District 22.

Each of the following individuals is hereby certified as having been duly elected as First Alternate to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Steve Robinson, District 6; Shirley Seals, District 9; Larry Sealy, District 10; Steven Moese, District 11; Susan Bailey Carman, District 12; Doug Couchman District 17; Amy Casanova, District 20; Jeff Bayonne, District 24.

Each of the following individuals is hereby certified as having been duly elected as Second Alternate to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Shawn Stringer, District 6; VACANT, District 9; Mark Jones, District 10; VACANT, District 11; VACANT, District 12; Kyle Rockoff, District 17; Richard Carle, District 20; Lee Lin, District 24.

Effective January 1, 2021
Carried unanimously

Item 203-34: Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year

Lane Galloway is appointed as the 2021 Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year.

Effective January 1, 2021
Carried unanimously

Item 203-35: ACBL Honorary Member of the Year

Uday Ivatury is appointed as the 2021 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year.

Effective January 1, 2021
Carried unanimously

Item 203-36: 2020 Nadine Wood Volunteer Member of the Year

Jay Whipple is appointed as the 2020 Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year.

Carried unanimously

Item 203-37: Election 401K Trustee

Carlos Muñoz is elected as an ACBL 401k Trustee for a four-year term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2021

ACBL Management Report

The report of the ACBL Executive Director is received. (Attachment B)

Litigation Report

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

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Moved and seconded that the Special Events calendar is approved with the following changes: The Educational Foundation weekend of February 27 – 28 is changed to a weeklong event and the Charity Foundation weekend of April 11 - 12 is changed to a weeklong event. (Attachment D)

Moved and seconded that the GNT/NAP schedule is approved. (Attachment E)

Effective immediately
Carried

AUDIT COMMITTEE	
Muñoz (C) Lodge (VC), Ellis	Staff: Dodson
As reported by Committee Chair	

Item 203-03: Ratification of Audit Firm

The accounting firm of Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP be approved as the ACBL auditors for the fiscal years 2020 through 2022.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

NABC REVIEW COMMITTEE	
Subeck (C), Bertoni (VC) Kovacich, Zayac	Staff: Stratton
As reported by Committee Chair	

The oral report of the Chair is received, including, but not limited to, a consultation on Governance Committee motions, the completion of the NABC Tournament Chair Handbook, and the committee’s decision to not approve any new NABC locations during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

Cunéo (C), Weniger (VC),
Anderson, Ellis, Johnson, Irving, Moss, Rowe, Shoemaker

Staff: J. Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

The oral report of the Chair is received, including, but not limited to, a discussion of incentives offered to clubs. A motion to defer Items 203-20, 203-21, 203-22 and 203-23 to the Spring 2021 meeting failed whereupon the motions were considered by the Board.

Item 203-20: Teaching Clubs/Centers Incentives (1)

The ACBL shall modify the Guest Membership Program by offering new players a one-year membership discount available exclusively through teachers, teaching clubs and teaching centers.

Motion failed.

Item 203-21: Teaching Clubs/Centers Incentives (2)

Offer one to two additional Club Championship games with no sanction fee based on objective recruiting performance: such as the number of prospects engaged (Guest Members), the number playing rubber bridge, and the number of new members created (year one or full membership price) and best practices such as: offering lessons, holding rubber bridge sessions, holding I/N games, supervised play sessions and teaching games. The ACBL defines and publishes such objective performance criteria. Teaching clubs and teaching centers are defined separately by the ACBL.

Motion failed unanimously

Item 203-22: Teaching Clubs/Centers Incentives (3)

The ACBL shall feature teaching clubs and teaching centers in its advertising, targeting known Guest Members and new prospects. Advertising of these programs should be made in a timely and accurate manner.

Motion failed unanimously

Item 203-23: Teaching Clubs/Centers Incentives (4)

Award extra matching Cooperative Advertising Program funds to the top recruiting teaching clubs and teaching centers.

Motion failed unanimously

APPEALS & CHARGES COMMITTEE

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

Staff: Gordon

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 203-01: Report on Hearings

In the matter of Kenneth Hirshon and Jerry Ruther, the Appeals & Charges Committee approved a Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL management in which they admitted a violation of CDR § 301(A)(2), Collusive Cheating: Other. They each agreed to a suspension of 180 days followed by a probation of two years and a forfeiture of all masterpoints® won from April 1, 2020 until the effective date of the discipline. They will not be members in good standing during the length of their probationary periods.

In the matter of Allan Rosenblum and Martin Singer, the committee approved a Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL management in which they admitted a violation of CDR § 301(A)(2), Collusive Cheating: Other. They each agreed to a suspension of 180 days followed by a probation of two years and a forfeiture of all masterpoints won from April 1, 2020 until the effective date of the discipline. They will not be members in good standing during the length of their probationary periods.

In the matter of Lorna Davis, the committee approved a Negotiated Resolution entered into by the party and ACBL management in which she admitted a violation of CDR § 301(A)(2), Collusive Cheating: Other. She agreed to a suspension of 180 days followed by a probation of two years and a forfeiture of all masterpoints won from June 1, 2020 until the date of approval by the Appeals & Charges Committee. She will not be a member in good standing during the length of her probationary period. A&C Committee Chair A.J. Stephani recused himself in the consideration of the matter of Lorna Davis.

Item 203-02: CDR Revisions

The following revisions is made to ACBL Codification, CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP A. MEMBERSHIP Section 2 – Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership.

2.3 Definition of Member in Good Standing

2.3.1 An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member's dues, if dues are required, are current and such member is not currently:

- a. expelled;
- b. serving a term of Suspension;
- c. serving an indefinite Probation;
- d. serving a Probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or
- e. serving a term of Probation following a Suspension, the initial term of which was more than 90 days.

2.3.2 A member who is not in good standing (as defined herein) shall not be entitled to:

- a. serve in any elected or appointed position in the ACBL;
- b. receive any subsidy or remuneration from the ACBL;
- c. participate in and receive recognition for achievement in masterpoint races;
- d. receive recognition for achievement in masterpoint rank promotion;
- e. have an article published on the ACBL website or in any ACBL publication;
- f. vote in any election in which the general membership is the electorate;
- g. serve as a club manager or Director;
- h. participate in events where such participation is prohibited by the conditions of contest;
- i. vote in a Hall of Fame election; and/or
- j. membership on the Goodwill Committee,

The following revisions be made to ACBL Codification, CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP D. GOODWILL, ETHICS AND ZERO TOLERANCE:1.3 Suspension or Removal from the Goodwill Committee. Membership in the Goodwill Committee is a lifetime appointment so long as the member is in “good standing”. See ACBL Codification, CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP D. MEMBERSHIP, sec. 2.3.1 and ACBL CDR Definitions. If a member loses “good standing” status, the Goodwill Committee appointment shall be removed. Upon regaining “good standing” status, a member shall not automatically be re-instated to the Goodwill Committee but is eligible for re-nomination to the Committee. ACBL expulsion, suspension for one year or longer, or probation for two years or longer will result in permanent removal from the Goodwill Committee.

The following revisions be made to the CDR:

Definitions:

Hearing – a location where a disciplinary procedure under this CDR is held, which may be a physical location, virtual location via telephone or other electronic means, or a combination of these

Electronic Presence – participation in a hearing by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment or by electronic video screen communication; participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a hearing as long as all persons participating in the hearing can hear each other at the same time and each person can participate

Member in Good Standing

An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member’s dues, if dues are required, are current and such member is not currently:

1. expelled;
2. serving a term of Suspension;
3. serving an indefinite Probation;
4. serving a Probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or
5. serving a term of Probation following a Suspension, the initial term of which was more than 90 days.

A member who is not in good standing (as defined herein) shall not be entitled to:

1. Serve in any elected or appointed position in ACBL;
2. Receive any subsidy or remuneration from ACBL;
3. Participate in Masterpoint races;
4. Receive recognition for Masterpoint rank promotion;
5. Publish an article in any ACBL publication;
6. Vote in any election in which general membership is electorate;
7. Serve as a club manager or director;
8. Participate in events where such participation is prohibited by Conditions of Contest;
9. Vote in a Hall of Fame election; and/or
10. Membership on the Goodwill Committee.

(reprinted in ACBL Codification, **CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP A. MEMBERSHIP**, § 2.3.1-2.3.2)

§ 201(D) **Jurisdiction of Cases by a District Appellate Committee.** A District Appellate Committee has jurisdiction over:

- (1) An Appeal of the decision of that District's District Disciplinary Committee, except a decision against or for a Unit as an entity that had been brought as set out in CDR § 801.
- (2) When otherwise expressly stated in this CDR.

§ 202(B) **Jurisdiction of Cases by ACBL Disciplinary Committee.** The ACBL Disciplinary Committee has jurisdiction over:

- (4) Cases in which:
 - (i) Circumstances make it impractical or unfair for a matter to be handled by the District, or
 - (ii) 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 (B)(4).

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.

§ 202(C) **Jurisdiction of Cases by ACBL Management.** ACBL Management has jurisdiction over:

- (1) Persons disciplined twice (other than Reprimand) within a 24 months period by a Disciplinary Body listed in CDR §§ 101-110 as set out in CDR § 305(A).
- (2) Persons that violate Automatic Probation as set out in CDR § 305(A).
- (3) Cases involving allegations of sexual harassment of a full-time or part-time ACBL employee or a Unit or District tournament employee.
- (4) Administrative Violations as set out in CDR § 303.
- (5) When otherwise expressly stated in this CDR.

§ 202(D) **Jurisdiction of Cases by Appeals and Charges Committee.** The A&C Committee has jurisdiction over:

- (8) Automatic review of all cases in which discipline imposed by a Disciplinary Body results in:
 - (a) a Suspension of one (1) year or longer;
 - (b) a finding of responsibility for a First Degree Ethical Violation; or
 - (c) in Expulsion.

§ 202(E) **Jurisdiction of Cases by Ethical Oversight Committee.** The EOC has jurisdiction over:

- (3) Cases involving ACBL members who have been found responsible by any other bridge organization for an Ethical Violation when referred by the ACBL Executive Director for resentencing purposes. (See CDR § 403 for procedure.)

§ 502. SPECIFIC PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BY A DISTRICT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, THE ETHICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, THE ONLINE ETHICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND THE ACBL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
(See also CDR § 5.1.)

(C) **Charged Party's Rights.** A person charged with one of the grounds for discipline set forth in CDR §§ 301-305 shall be entitled to:

- (1) Receive written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing. Even if a person admits to a Charge, unless pursuant to a Negotiated Resolution (as set forth in CDR § 502(L)), a hearing shall nevertheless be held to determine and impose appropriate discipline.
- (2) Be furnished with a written statement of the Charges, the Complaint upon which the Charges are based (or a summary of the facts of such Complaint), and the name of the Complainant.
- (3) Be present at the hearing, which presence may be electronic and/or in person.
- (4) Be represented at the hearing by another person who shall not be a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.
- (5) Produce evidence and make statements on his/her own behalf.
- (6) Be present during the entire hearing, except during procedural determinations and deliberation on verdicts and imposition of discipline.
- (7) Question persons testifying. The chairperson may restrict this right if abused.

§ 603(A) **Right to Appeal a Disciplinary Body's Decision.** Except for cases subject to Automatic Review under § 603(E)(1), the Disciplined Person and/or the Charging Party may file a written request to appeal with the chairperson of the Appeals and Charges Committee from

- (1) A decision of the Ethical Oversight Committee;
- (2) A decision of the District Appellate Committee;
- (3) A decision of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee; or
- (4) A decision of the Online Ethical Oversight Committee.

§ 603(E)(1) All disciplinary cases in which

- (i) a Suspension of one (1) year or longer is imposed;
- (ii) Expulsion is imposed; or
- (iii) a discipline for a First Degree Ethical Violation is imposed,

shall be automatically reviewed by the Appeals and Charges Committee within six (6) months of receipt of the decision or Hearing Report, whichever is earlier, by the ACBL (an “Automatic Review”). On such Automatic Review, the Appeals and Charges Committee may increase or reduce discipline imposed as well as affirm, reverse or modify the disciplinary determination or remand the case for further proceedings. In conducting such Automatic Review, the Appeals and Charges Committee shall not conduct a new hearing but shall review the previous hearing to ensure that: (1) procedures were followed in accordance with the CDR; (2) the decision and discipline imposed was supported by the evidence; (3) a fair hearing was conducted; or (4) no person on the hearing panel had a bias affecting the decisions of the panel, when such objection was raised at the hearing.

§ 605(B) Procedures on Automatic Review or When Permission to Appeal is Granted

- (1) *Standard of Appellate Body Review.* Once permission to appeal has been granted, other than appeals as set out in CDR §§ 601 and 603(E), the appellate body’s considerations shall address only the allegation(s) raised in the written statement that accompanied the request to ensure that: (1) the decision was supported by the weight of the evidence presented at the hearing; (2) the procedures were followed in accordance with this CDR; (3) the discipline imposed was supported by the evidence; and/or (4) no person on the hearing panel had a bias which affected the decisions of the panel, when objection to such bias was raised at the hearing, as the case may be. In general, appeals will be considered on the record made in prior hearings. Other than as provided in CDR § 601, no new evidence shall be allowed and the appellate body may not conduct a new hearing. A person’s past disciplinary record, should one exist, may not be considered in review of the merits of the issues being appealed but may be considered as to the severity of the discipline under review.

§ 605(C) Status of Disciplinary Body Whose Decision is Appealed or on Automatic Review

§ 903(C) **Timing.** All disciplines will be published on the ACBL website for the length of time of the discipline levied. Hearing reports made available under § 903(A) will be published on the ACBL website upon issuance. Expulsions shall also be reported in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. (See also CDR § 401.)

Effective immediately
 Carried Abstain: 18

FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Glasson (C), Muñoz (VC), Bertoni, Lane, Lodge, Smith	Staff: Dodson

As reported by Committee Chair.

Item 203-10: Operating & Capital Budget

The 2021 operating budget and 2021 capital budget is received.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously

Item 203-11: U.S. Currency for Membership Dues' Transactions

The Codification be amended as follows to provide for membership dues to be paid in U.S. dollars only:

1. Chapter I – Membership, C. Dues and Life Master Service Fees, Section 1 – Dues, be amended to add a new subsection as follows:
 - 1.8 ACBL membership dues will be transacted in U.S. dollars only.
2. Chapter I – Membership, C. Dues and Life Master Service Fees, Section 2 – Canadian Dues, subsection 2.2 Canadian Exchange Rate for Dues be amended and relocated in its entirety as so amended to Chapter II – Business Management, A. Finance, Section 7 – Foreign Funds, as follows:
 - 7.2 ACBL's policy with regard to setting the exchange rate for Canadian members is to optimally balance the needs to:
 - 7.2.1 Protect the Canadian ACBL member from overpaying because the Canadian dollar strengthens.
 - 7.2.2 Protect the ACBL from exchange losses because the Canadian dollar weakens.
 - 7.2.3 Control the administrative burdens and costs of changing renewal exchange rates too often.
 - 7.3 The exchange rate used to determine the rate for Canadian members shall be the rate established for that calendar year, except that the exchange rate will be modified during a year under the following conditions:
 - 7.3.1 Once a quarter on the 20th day (or on the first business day thereafter) of March, June, September and December, the average Canadian exchange rate as reported in the Wall Street Journal for that week will be checked.
 - 7.3.2 If this rate differs from the exchange rate then in effect for ACBL Canadian members by three Canadian cents or more, the average exchange rate for that week shall become the rate effective in the following month. This revised rate will remain in effect for the remainder of the calendar year unless and until altered in accordance with this provision.
3. Codification Chapter II – Business Management, A. Finance., Section 3 – Management Functions, be amended as follows:

3.1.3 Set the exchange rate applicable to Canadian members.

Effective immediately
Carried Nay: 1

Item 203-12: Budget Calendar

The Codification Chapter II – Business Management, A. Finance, Section 5 – Budget is amended as follows to change the timing of the annual budget process:

5.3 The budget for the next calendar year will be finalized no later than November 1, approved by the Finance Committee, and then presented to the full Board for ratification prior to the end of the calendar year.

Effective January 31, 2021
Carried unanimously

BRIDGE COMMITTEE

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

Item 203-05: Platinum Events

The Platinum Events entry requirements for paid up ACBL members, who have earned at least fifty (50) platinum points to qualify to play in said Platinum Events, be amended to require the accumulation of platinum points from the nine (9) most recently held in-person NABCs.

Effective retroactive to January 1, 2020
Carried unanimously

Item 203-06: Unit and Club Teacher Recommendations

The ACBL establish procedures to:

- Enable teaching clubs and Unit Board of Directors 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.

Motion failed unanimously

Item 203-07: Teaching Clubs and Teaching Centers

The ACBL will establish procedures for designating teaching clubs and teaching centers:

- Teaching clubs and teaching 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 teaching 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 teaching 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.

Motion failed unanimously

Item 203-08: Alert Chart

The Alert Chart as presented by the Competitions and Conventions Committee in 2020 is approved. (Attachment F)

Effective January 1, 2021

Carried unanimously

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The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 11:01 a.m. CST.

Present: Same as Wednesday, November 18

Also present: Same as Wednesday, with the addition of Stephen Moese, Transition Task Force member. Afternoon session: Nancy Strohmer, ACBL Charity Foundation President, Jeff Ford and Danny Sprung, members of the Competitions and Conventions Committee.

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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.

The oral report of Chair is received, including, but not limited to, a report by the Communications Subcommittee, an update regarding progress of the Board of Governors reorganization, thoughts about the future of ACBL governance, the updated Board Orientation Handbook, and the proposed bifurcation of the Codification as well as action on various motions.

Item 203-15: Establish a Framework for Operating Guidelines

Codification Chapter II – Business Management, A. Finance, Section 3 – Management Functions be amended to add the following:

- 3.6 The ACBL Board delegates authority to ACBL management in the program areas identified by, and subject to the specifications and constraints listed in, a newly created Appendix 2D – Operating Guidelines.

Effective January 1, 2021

Carried unanimously

Item 203-16: Overall Operating Guidelines

Codification Appendix 2D – Operating Guidelines shall include a Section 1 as follows:

1 Overall.

As functions shift from the ACBL Board of Directors to ACBL management, the Board intends that current operations continue except where noted within these Operating Guidelines.

Effective January 1, 2021

Carried unanimously

Item 203-17: Operating Guidelines for NABC Site Selection

Codification Appendix 2D – Operating Guidelines shall include a Section 2 as follows:

2 NABC Site Selection

- ACBL management shall maintain a standard Request for Proposal (RFP) for NABC site selection. The ACBL President and the Finance Chair must be alerted to any changes to the RFP.
- It is the expectation of the Board that NABCs will be profitable; however, ACBL management may provide any reasonable budget for any proposed NABC site. As

manpower permits, ACBL management shall update budget projections for approved NABC sites if substantial changes to the projections occur.

- The Board shall continue to be responsible for any decision to change the number of annual NABC tournaments.

Effective date: The earlier of 1/1/2022 or the approval of operating guidelines by the NABC Review Committee

Carried Nay: 1

Item 203-18: Operating Guidance for NABC Review

Codification Appendix 2D – Operating Guidelines shall include a Section 3 as follows:

3 NABC Review

- The Board of Directors must approve substantial changes to NABC events and start times.

Effective date: The earlier of 1/1/2022 or the approval of operating guidelines by the NABC Review Committee

Carried unanimously

Item 203-19: Operating Guidance from Bridge Committee

The motion maker requests the withdrawal of Item 203-19. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board is required to approve the withdrawal of a motion after it passes through the committee process.

Carried unanimously.

Item 203-24: ACBL Logo

Codification Chapter III- ADMINISTRATION, C. LEGAL, Section 2 – Seal and Emblem, subsection 2.2 is stricken and replaced with the following:

2.2 The ACBL's logo suite may be updated from time to time by ACBL management with Board approval.

Effective date: as soon as ACBL management can implement the changes

Carried Nay: 9, 10, 14, 22 Abstain: 18

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The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., immediately adjourned and reconvened as the ACBL Charity Foundation membership meeting.

ACBL Charity Foundation Membership Meeting

The ACBL Charity Foundation meeting was called to order by President Nancy Strohmer.

The Treasurer's report was received. Note that the Charity Foundation has depleted about 15% of its assets this year due to the pandemic which caused the ceasing of charity games since March.

The President's report was given, summarizing the accomplishments of the past year. It was suggested that the Charity Foundation encourage participation in Amazon Smile in some manner.

The trustees voted to let the 2020-year cycle for the BoD/Trustees complete due to the fact that it would be unfair to all that some grants would be given and others not with no advance notice to recipients. As of January 1, 2021, no grants (trustees, BoDs, NABCs, or others) will be awarded until a revenue stream has been established to replenish funds.

Two trustee positions on the Charity Foundation Board of Trustees are open. One is for a full term and the other is for the remaining year of a vacated position. The Charity Foundation Bylaws provide that a member of the ACBL Board of Directors must be one of the trustees.

Cindy Shoemaker declared her candidacy for the ACBL Board of Directors trustee position. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. Cindy Shoemaker was elected as the ACBL Board of Directors trustee for a four-year term January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024.

Nancy Strohmer and Jerry Thorpe declared their candidacies for the remaining vacated trustee position. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. By secret ballot Nancy Strohmer was elected to serve the remaining term which ends December 31, 2021.

The ACBL Charity Foundation meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m. CST and the ACBL Board of Directors meeting reconvened.

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Marketing Report

The Director of Marketing gave an oral PowerPoint presentation addressing questions arising from the 2020/2021 Marketing Plan presented during the October Board meeting, followed by a discussion with the Board.

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The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. CST.

Present: Same as Wednesday, November 18

Also Present: Same as Wednesday, November 18, in addition David Rodney and Shawn Stringer, members of the Tournament Task Force

TOURNAMENT TASK FORCE

W. Smith (C), J. Smith (VC)

Glasson, Hennings, Kovacich, Overby, Popper, Rodney, Stringer

Staff: Dodson

As reported by Task Force Chair

The oral report of Task Force Chair is received, including, but not limited to, a summary of Regional attendance, the attraction of on-line Regionals, masterpoint® level and where are members and Regionals are located.

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The Director of Bridge Services gave an oral PowerPoint presentation on club statistics year-to-date. (Attachment G)

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Georgia Heth and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 9 and its Units, District Director Jeff Overby, and to all the volunteers for their efforts related to the canceled Fall 2020 NABC scheduled to have been held Tampa, FL.

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The Board of Directors convened into executive session at 12:28 p.m. CST.

The Board adjourned sine die at 1:20 p.m. CST.