

Bridge Review

Item 161-20: Vulnerability Inserts

Moved by:

Linda Trent, district 22 and seconded, that ACBL place vulnerability inserts in their boards. (Carried)

Item 161-21: Slow Play

Moved by:

Linda Trent, district 22 and seconded, after the Director has been called twice for a slow pair and the clock is at 12 minutes or less, a third call about the same pair shall result in an automatic procedural penalty. (Carried)

Bridge Integrity Task Force

Item 161-250: Creation of the Anti-Cheating Commission

Moved that:

Chapter I.F., Section 6 be added to the ACBL Codification:

Section 6 – Anti-Cheating Commission (ACC)

6.1 The ACBL Anti-Cheating Commission (ACC) will be composed of at least five expert players appointed by the ACBL CEO. The initial ACC will be composed of five members appointed by the CEO. The CEO may replace a member without cause. The CEO may also add additional members if necessary.

6.2 Each player selected for the ACC will have a long history of success in NABC+ events, a reputation for high ethical standards, and the highest respect of the bridge community.

6.3 The purpose of the ACC will be to provide opinions to the ACBL National Recorder's Office about Player Memos and other evidence obtained in collusive cheating investigations.

6.4 The ACC may commence an investigation into any collusive cheating case. The investigative team assembled by the ACC may engage experts in any field to assist the investigation. The ACC must notify the ACBL National Recorder in writing prior to commencing any investigation. Any expenditures must be approved by the ACBL National Recorder.

6.5 The ACBL National Recorder may submit evidence or Player Memos to the ACC for a formal opinion. The National Recorder will provide any relevant ethical player memos or other evidence to the ACC Chair on a regular basis. The ACC may utilize any additional experts as provided in section 6.4 in preparing their opinion.

6.6 All ACC opinions will be provided to the ACBL National Recorder in writing. Decisions regarding filing formal complaints against specific players shall be at the sole discretion of the ACBL.

6.7 All ACC Members and additional experts utilized by the ACC must sign a mandatory ACBL Confidentiality Agreement. Confidentiality applies to any evidence reviewed by the ACC and the existence of an investigation.

6.8 The ACC shall immediately provide a copy of any Player Memos or other evidence received by the ACC to the ACBL National Recorder.

Effective immediately

Conditions of Contest

Item 161-40: Drop-ins

Moved that:

For the 2016 Summer NABC, the ACBL will allow drop-ins into the 2nd day of the Open Life Master Pairs from the Championship Flight of the GNT. Only players eliminated during the Round of 8 of the Championship Flight of the GNT are eligible to drop-in to the Open Life Master Pairs. Players eliminated from the Round of 8 of the Championship Flight of the GNT, may form partnerships with any player who was also eliminated from the Round of 8 of the Championship Flight of the GNT.

The DiC of the event shall determine the number of qualifiers for the second day of the Open LM Pairs pursuant to the Conditions of Contest for the event. Any pairs dropping into the Open LM Pairs will be added to those qualifiers for the second day. Pairs otherwise qualifying from play during day-one of the event may not be excluded.

Those pairs interested in dropping in must notify the DIC of the LM Pairs as soon as it has been confirmed that their team has been eliminated.

Each pair dropping into the Open LM Pairs shall receive a carry-over equal to the carryover received by a pair closest to the 33.3 percentile of the qualifying field.

Effective Immediately

Item 161-41: KO Conditions of Contest

Moved that:

The ACBL KO Conditions of Contest for the Spingold and Vanderbilt be modified as follows:

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Every team member must play at least half the boards of each match, exclusive of playoffs, in order to continue on that team for the remainder of the event. The team captain may submit an application for exemption from the requirements of this paragraph to the DIC but must do so (other than for emergencies) prior to entering the team.

2. A team member granted an exemption must still play at least 40% of the boards, excluding play-off boards, for as long as the team survives to qualify for overall masterpoint awards and other privileges. No contestant may play any match after it has become mathematically impossible to play at least 40% of the boards, excluding play-off boards, played by the team. In order to be entitled to the first place award, a contestant must play at least 50% of the boards in each of the semi-final and final matches. In the case of a 4-way, each match will be treated as a separate match and a contestant must play half of the matches.

Effective April 1, 2016

Clubs/Membership

Item 161-50: Newcomer Games

Moved that:

Chapter VI: Clubs, Section B: Types of Games; Section 3 – Newcomer Games, 3.2 be amended as follows:

Section 3 – Newcomer Games

3.2 A newcomer game is conducted to acquaint new players with duplicate bridge and to encourage participation by inexperienced players. Players are encouraged to ask for advice, refer to notes and have help on any hand.

Item 161-51: Opt-out Dues CBF / USBF

Moved that:

Management consider some form of opt-out on dues renewal forms for CBF and USBF members.

At a minimum, the form should outline the combined dues, for example, for Canadians,

Check one:

ACBL & CBF dues (\$nn1)

ACBL dues only (\$mm1)

and for those residing in the USA,

Check one,

ACBL & USBF dues (\$nn2)

ACBL dues only (\$mm2)

Education/Marketing

Item 161-70: School Bridge Program

Moved that:

School Bridge Program would change as follows:

Section 1 - School Bridge Program

1.1 The ACBL will provide ~~“Bidding in the 21st Century” and “Play of the Hand in the 21st Century”~~ textbooks, cards, drawstring backpack and certificates materials needed to run School Bridge lessons under the following guidelines.

1.1.1 Students must be under 26 years of age.

1.1.2 Students who have graduated from high school must be enrolled full-time at a four-year college.

1.1.3 There must be at least four students. It is recommended that all classes have at least 12+ students.

1.1.4 Students may not be charged for teacher's time.

Effective Immediately

Full Board

Item 161-230: Executive Committee Minutes

Moved that:

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held _____ are received/are ratified.

Item 161-231: Election of ACBL Treasurer

_____ is elected as ACBL Treasurer for a one-year term May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017.

Effective date: May 1, 2016

Item 161 -232: Hall of Fame Committee Appointments

_____ are appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2016 NABC through the end of the Spring 2019 NABC.

Effective Spring 2016 NABC

Item 161-233: Competitions & Conventions Committee Appointment

_____ are appointed for a one-year term from the end of the Spring 2016 NABC through the end of the Spring 2017 NABC.

Effective Spring 2016 NABC

_____ are appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2016 NABC through the end of the Spring 2019 NABC.

Effective Spring 2016 NABC

Item 161-234: Ethical Oversight Committee Appointment

_____ are appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2016 NABC through the end of the Spring 2019 NABC.

Effective Spring 2016 NABC

Item 161-235: ACBL Disciplinary Committee Appointment

_____ are appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2016 NABC through the end of the Spring 2019 NABC.

Effective Spring 2016 NABC

Item 161-236: ACBL Laws Commission Appointment

_____ are appointed for a five-year term the Spring 2016 NABC through the end of the Spring 2021 NABC.

Effective Spring 2016 NABC

Item 161-237: Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee Co-Chairs Appointments

Moved that:

Sandy Arlinghaus (East), Carol Hamilton (South), Joo-Hee Janicki (Eastern Canada), Janise Saul (Midwest), Vacant (Southwest), Janice Anderson (Western Canada) and Marilyn Vilhauer (Northwest) are appointed as Co-Chairs to the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee.

Effective immediately

Finance

Item 161-90: 2016 Budget

Moved that:

The 2016 budget is ratified.

Item 161-91: Entry Fees

Moved that:

For team events held at an ACBL in which all team entrants receive full overall masterpoint awards, entry shall be charged on a per person basis. For team events in which the overall award is calculated as a percentage of a players participation, entry fees shall be charged on a per team basis at a rate equivalent to four players on that team.

Effective immediately

Item 161-92: Spouse Excursions

Moved that:

Appendix 8-C, page 3 of the Codification is amended to remove the following paragraph:

~~ACBL provides funds for pre-tournament entertainment activities. This money is to provide up to two functions for the spouses and guests of the ACBL Board of Directors on Monday and/or Tuesday prior to the start of the tournament. This is separate from NABC funds.~~

Effective August 1, 2016

Item 161-93: ACBL President/BOD Expenses

Moved that:

Chapter 4B., sections 1-2 of the ACBL Codification be amended as follows:

CHAPTER IV - BOARD PROCEDURES

B. EXPENSES

Section 1 - ACBL President Expenses

The image of the ACBL is paramount in all of the activities of the president. In keeping with such premise, the following statement of policy sets forth the duties, responsibilities and restrictions by which the president will be guided.

1.1 The president will be granted an annual president's expense allowance of not more than \$45,000, which for the year 2011 will be \$56,423 and each year thereafter said fund will be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index fluctuation.

1.2 In addition to the usual presidential administrative functions which the president of most organizations performs, there are additional special responsibilities required of the office of ACBL President. These include, but are not limited to:

1.2.1 Attending regional and sectional tournaments of his choosing to bring the ACBL to its members. In addition, at those tournaments the president is expected to host local volunteers in his suite or at a meal function.

1.2.2 Hosting certain social functions at NABCs involving the members of the Board of Directors and special groups in his suite and holding special committee meetings in his suite and one president's dinner at the NABC of his choice. At the other two NABCs, The president will host a welcoming buffet/reception for Board members and special guests in his suite.

1.3 The president may be accompanied by a person assisting the president in performing his duties. The expenses of such person(s) will be charged to the president's budget. The ACBL complies with IRS regulations which require companion travel reimbursements to be reported to the IRS as a taxable benefit.

1.4 The president is expected, within reason, to travel the most economical way to any tournaments, meetings or for other ACBL business. Airfare, using advance non-refundable ticketing, will reflect the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates whenever possible. The president will be reimbursed for travel to only one bridge event outside Zone 2 per year. The President and CEO shall not travel to the same tournament, if located outside Zone 2. The CEO will be the first choice to attend such, and the President may only attend if the CEO cannot/will not attend.

1.5 Travel and other expenses related to a specific activity (especially special committee meetings) will be charged to Board expenses not to the president's expenses.

1.6 In addition to serving as ACBL President, the president also continues to serve as his district's representative on the Board of Directors and, therefore, will receive the trimester expense reimbursement identical to that provided all other Board members.

1.7 Per diem will be paid at the appropriate IRS acceptable rate to the president and traveling companion per 2.4 below. Sponsored meals by either the visiting President or the host unit/district/organization will be deducted at normal Board procedures.

1.8 Travel to and from the NABC will be paid for up to two individuals acting as hosts at the president's suite during each NABC. One-half of this expense will be charged to Board expenses and one-half to president's expenses

1.9 Any additional expense shall be charged to the president's budget.

Section 2 - Board of Directors Expenses

This policy pertains to board members, Chair of the Board of Governors, and ~~the~~ General Counsel, ~~and any other non staff member required to attend~~ for ACBL meetings or functions. The ACBL will reimburse the following expenses:

2.1 Travel Via Air

2.1.1 Actual ticket price using advance non-refundable ticketing reflecting the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates. Travelers may upgrade to business/first class so long as no additional expense is incurred by ACBL.

2.1.2 On an individual basis, when authorized by the President and CEO, spouse/companion airfare to a meeting will be paid when needed.

2.2 Travel via Automobile and Rail

2.2.1 Subject to advance approval of the treasurer, board members will be reimbursed at the applicable United States IRS rate for automobile travel provided it is a reasonable amount not to exceed the price of round trip equivalent airline ticket at the rates listed above.

2.2.2 Tolls and ferries en route and parking at the meeting site for the number of days calculated for per diem reimbursement will also be reimbursed by ACBL.

2.2.3 No meals or rooms en route will be reimbursed.

2.2.4 ACBL will reimburse the cost of train fare not to exceed the cost of equivalent airfare.

2.3 Hotel

2.3.1 Board members will be reimbursed at the ACBL host hotel negotiated room rate incurred beginning with the night before their first officially scheduled meeting and continuing through the night the board meetings conclude; however, if the board member attends the Board of Governors meeting, the reimbursement will extend through the first Saturday night of the NABC.

2.3.2 In order to qualify for reimbursement, the attendees must have paid the ACBL host hotel for the appropriate number of room nights.

2.3.3 Board members who share a room with another board member will only receive reimbursement at the ACBL host hotel negotiated room rate for one room, not two.

2.3.4 Board members may not charge a fee for use (or sharing) of their room for which they are receiving ACBL reimbursement.

2.4 Per Diem Meals

2.4.1 Reimbursement for meals will be paid on the basis of the applicable IRS meals-only per diem rate for travel within the 48 continental United States (including the District of Columbia) ("CONUS"). For travel outside CONUS meals-only per diem will be paid at the applicable IRS per diem meals-only rate for the highest cost CONUS city.

2.4.2 Per diem will be paid beginning with the day before the first officially scheduled meeting through either the day of departure or the Sunday of the Board of Governors meeting, whichever is earlier.

2.4.3 Board member per diem ~~may be reduced by 25% by the ACBL Treasurer based on the concierge privileges. will not be affected by the presence or absence of concierge privileges.~~

2.4.4 Board member per diem will ~~not~~ be reduced for lunches provided by ACBL ~~except~~ when lunches are for the entire board. ~~and have been announced before a meeting.~~

2.4.5 ~~On the day of the annual president's dinner, one half of the per diem will be deducted from each board member who attends the dinner.~~

2.4.6 Board members and their spouse/companion are welcome to attend volunteers' dinner at each NABC. Attendance is not required. One-half of the per diem for that day will be deducted from each board member who attends the dinner. The balance will be paid for by the ACBL. Seating assignments will be encouraged.

Effective immediately

Item 161-94: TD Fees Canadian Tournaments

Moved that:

TD fees charged to Canadian tournaments be adjusted to reflect half of the exchange rate difference when the Canadian/US Dollar exchange rate is out of the 90-110% range.

To offset lost revenue at these times, TD rates will be increased 1% throughout the ACBL.

Exchange rate adjustments will be reset semi-annually based on the December 31st and June 30th rates.

GNT/Special Events

Item 161-100: Grass Roots Funds

Moved that:

Grass Roots Funds be dispersed 90 days after Grass Roots month.

Governance/Board Operations

Item 161-110: ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code

Moved that:

These changes be made in the codification, ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code, Section 5

Section 5 - ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code

5.1 The Board of Directors is Sole Judge of the department of its members.

5.2 Other than as relates to Board duties, no Board member will use his Board member status to receive preferential treatment from League staff and, where possible and appropriate, will take reasonable, affirmative steps to avoid receiving such preferential treatment.

5.3 There will be an oversight committee of the Board whose duties will include addressing issues of conduct by the Board members. The Board Oversight Committee will consist of three members; ~~the Chairman of the Board as the committee chairman with the two most immediate past presidents currently on the Board not holding any other Board officer position.~~ the immediate past president and two others, one being the penultimate past president and the other a member selected by the current president. The third member must be entering his second -- or higher -- term on the ACBL Board.

5.3.1 If for any reason a member of the Board Oversight Committee cannot continue to perform his/her duties on the BOC, the president will appoint a replacement, again one in his second term or higher.

5.4 The Board Oversight Committee will receive complaints from any member of the Board of Directors or the CEO concerning inappropriate behavior of a Board member. The committee will investigate and review the facts of the case, making any necessary inquiries of the parties involved. A member of the Board Oversight Committee may serve for no longer than two consecutive years and must be off the Committee for two full years before serving again.

5.5 Offenses for which Board members may be referred to the Board Oversight Committee include, but are not limited to:

5.5.1 Inappropriate communication with any ACBL employee by telephone, mail, email or in person. Inappropriate communication includes, but is not limited to, condescending, rude or insulting remarks, and requests for significant amounts of information without going through the appropriate committee chairman.

5.5.2 Sexually explicit remarks or behavior toward any employee.

5.5.3 Condescending, rude or insulting remarks made to another Board member or chairman of the Board of Governors in a Board meeting or by phone, mail, or email.

5.5.4 Conduct that would embarrass or damage the credibility of the ACBL or the Board of Directors.

5.5.5 Discussing any personnel matter, other than in a private conversation, in any forum except an Executive Session of the Board of Directors.

5.5.6 Breaching the confidentiality of any ACBL business discussion designated as confidential. Chapter 4, A.9

5.5.7 Failing to comply with the requirements of Codification Chapter IV, Section 8 Conflict of Interest Policy.

5.5.8 Engaging in any way in a campaign for Unit, District or ACBL elected position other than his own.

Item 161-111: Chapter IV - Board Procedures A. Administration, Section 3- Elections

Moved that:

Section 3 - Elections

The Board of Directors nominating and election procedures for officers and other elected positions follow.

3.1 Nominations

An eligible ACBL member desiring to be a candidate for ACBL President, ACBL Treasurer, WBF Representative or any other position elected by the ACBL Board of Directors, may declare his own nomination by notifying the ~~Executive Assistant to the CEO~~ Director of Elections. In addition, a Board member may declare or nominate an eligible candidate from the floor at the time of the election. A person may only serve as ACBL President if he is also serving as a member of the Board of Directors

Effective immediately

Item 161-112: Election Rules - List

Moved that:

Chapter 3. D. of the ACBL Codification be amended as follows:

Chapter III: Administration

D: Election

Section One: Declaration of Candidacy

1.6.2 Candidates may request, free of charge, one list or one set of labels of the unit board members within their district, so they may campaign on their own behalf. The list may contain street addresses or email addresses or both.

Section Seven: Unit Meeting

7.5.2 On or about September 1, the Director of Elections will notify Unit Board Members ~~candidates and the Unit Presidents and Secretaries~~ of the status of their unit's ballots.

Effective immediately

Item 161-113: ACBL President Emeritus

Moved that:

Chapter IV – Board Procedures A. Administration Section 2 Item 2.5 be deleted from the codification.

2.5 ACBL President Emeritus

Duties and Privileges

2.5.1 Is invited to attend all Board of Directors meetings, committee meetings and Board functions.

2.5.2 May be assigned as a substitute on the Executive Committee at the direction of the President.

2.5.3 Has no vote except, when otherwise allowable, in the following election(s):

- a. ACBL Honorary Members
- b. ACBL Good Will Committee Chairman
- c. ACBL Charity Foundation Trustees
- d. ACBL Educational Foundation Directors

2.5.4 Membership dues/Life Master service fees are waived.

Effective Immediately

Item 161-114: Permanent Committees

Moved that:

Chapter IV: ACBL Board of Directors Section 2 Permanent Committees, of the Codification, be updated as follows:

Section 2 – Permanent Committees

2.1 A permanent committee is a body established by the Board of Directors to address a functional area for which there is a need for continuing evaluation. It will report the results of its deliberations to the Board of Directors at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

2.2 The president appoints the chairman and members at the beginning of his term. Membership is comprised of board members.

2.2.1 The Presidents of the WBF Zone Two National Bridge Organizations shall be members of the "International Committee" or any successor committee whose functional area is participation in international bridge organizations and events; they may, individually or collectively, propose motions to the Board of Directors concerning international bridge. Their participation shall be limited to Committee activities. Expenses attributable their participation on the Committee shall not be paid nor reimbursed by the ACBL.

Item 161-115: Election Rules - Ballots

Moved that

The ACBL Codification Chapter III: Administration, Section D: Election be revised as follows:

Section 9 – Return of Ballots

- 9.3 Ballots are not opened until counting commences for each contested position. Before the results are formally released, the Director of Elections will make every effort to verbally communicate the outcome to all candidates.
- 9.3.1 District Director ballots will be counted on the first business day following September 15, followed by an audit of the initial count.
 - 9.3.2 First and Second Alternate ballots will be counted on the first business day following September 15, followed by an audit of the initial count.
 - 9.3.3 Board of Governors ballots will be counted on the first business day following September 15, followed by an audit of the initial count.
- 9.4 The votes by Units in District-wide election will be kept confidential.
- 9.4.1 The Director of Elections will release the total number of individual votes received by each candidate within the District as well as the total percentage of the weighted votes received.

Effective January 1, 2016

International

Item 161-126: WBF Laws Committee Representative

Moved that:

Chapter IV Board Procedures, D. Committees be amended as follows:

WBF Laws Committee Representative

1.4 Laws Commission

~~1.4.7 The ACBL will send a representative from the ACBL Laws Commission to attend all meetings of the WBF Laws Committee held in conjunction with World Championships.~~

~~1.4.7.1 The representative will be selected by the ACBL Laws Commission.~~

~~1.4.7.2 The ACBL will provide air fare actual ticket price using advance non-refundable ticketing reflecting the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates, per diem and hotel room.~~

Effective immediately

Juniors/Youth NABC

Item 161-135: High School Team Championship

Moved by:

Stu Goodgold, District 21 and seconded, that each district and each unit be allowed to hold one high school team championship event each year. (Carried unanimously)

Item 161-136: Conditions of Contest

Moved that:

ACBL Collegiate Conditions of Contest would change as follows:

FINALS STAGE

- A. Teams attending the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Finals must comprise of four to six original members of the team. Teams of only four members may have one replacement, which must be an eligible student from the same participating college. A replaced player forfeits all rights earned in the competition. The ACBL invitation is extended specifically to players, not teams. Therefore, a player being replaced must be unwilling or unable to participate in the finals, and the substitution must be approved by the ACBL. No team shall have the right to replace a player who is willing and able to participate in the finals.
- B. No teams will be given the ability to augment additional players.
- C. Each member of the qualifying teams must be an ACBL member with a membership date not later than June 1, 2016
- D. To be eligible for masterpoints and scholarships, players must play half the boards of each match during the finals, including playing for 3rd/4th.
- E. Qualifying ~~teams~~ players will be invited to Washington, DC to compete in the finals of the 2016 Collegiate Bridge Bowl. Each participant receives:
 - a. Economy round-trip airfare up to \$500 to Washington, DC
 - b. Lodging for three nights, double occupancy
 - c. Expense supplement for meals
- F. The captain of the #1 seed will select their first round opponent, creating a knockout style bracket. The team chosen by the #1 seed will become the #4 seed for purposes of seating for the remainder of the tournament. Of the remaining teams, they will become the next highest seed determined by the higher VP totals from all qualifying matches of the College Bridge Bowl. On both days, teams will play ~~2~~, a 48 board match, in two sessions, scored by IMPs. The winning teams will move on to the finals bracket, while the other two teams move on to the consolation bracket. Day 2, the finals bracket will play for 1 and 2, and the consolation bracket will play for 3 and 4.
- G. On both days, the #1 seed and #3 seed will have their choice of seating the first and fourth quarters, or second and third quarters.
- H. In the event of a tie, additional 8 board matches will be assigned to determine the winning team.
- I. The winning team of the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Finals will win a \$20,000 scholarship to be split evenly among all competitors of the winning team. The scholarship is non-transferable and is not redeemable for any cash value. The scholarship must be paid directly to the school, or toward a loan which can be

proven as used for the education of the participant. The scholarship can be redeemed up to 5 years from the date it was won.

- J. The ACBL General Convention Chart will govern play.
- K. The Collegiate Bridge Bowl Finals will award 30 gold masterpoints for first place, 20 for second and 10 for third.

Effective Immediately

Item 161-137: Conditions of Contest

Moved that:

ACBL Collegiate Conditions of Contest would change as follows:

FINALS STAGE

- L. Teams attending the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Finals must comprise of four to six original members of the team. Teams of only four members may have one replacement, which must be an eligible student from the same participating college. A replaced player forfeits all rights earned in the competition. The ACBL invitation is extended specifically to players, not teams. Therefore, a player being replaced must be unwilling or unable to participate in the finals, and the substitution must be approved by the ACBL. No team shall have the right to replace a player who is willing and able to participate in the finals.
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 - c. Expense supplement for meals
- Q. The captain of the #1 seed will select their first round opponent, creating a knockout style bracket. The team chosen by the #1 seed will become the #4 seed for purposes of seating for the remainder of the tournament. Of the remaining teams, they will become the next highest seed determined by the higher VP totals from all qualifying matches of the College Bridge Bowl. On both days, teams will play ~~2~~, a 48 board match, in two sessions, scored by IMPs. The winning teams will move on to the finals bracket, while the other two teams move on to the consolation bracket. Day 2, the finals bracket will play for 1st and 2nd places, and the consolation bracket will play for 3rd and 4th places.
- R. On both days, the #1 seed and #3 seed will have their choice of seating the first and fourth quarters, or second and third quarters.
- S. In the event of a tie, additional 8 board matches will be assigned to determine the winning team until the tie is broken.
- T. The winning teams of the Collegiate Bridge Bowl Finals will win scholarship money to be split evenly among all competitors of the winning teams as follows:
 - a. \$10,000 for 1st
 - b. \$5,000 for 2nd
 - c. \$3,000 for 3rd
 - d. \$2,000 for 4th
- U. The ACBL General Convention Chart will govern play.

- V. The Collegiate Bridge Bowl Finals will award 30 gold masterpoints for first place, 20 for second and 10 for third.

Effective 2016/2017 College Bridge Bowl

Legal Services Review

Item 161-290: Attorneys in ACBL Disciplinary Cases

Moved that:

The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) be amended as follows:

CDR 5.1.11 Representation on behalf of ACBL Disciplinary Bodies of Original and Appellate Jurisdiction may be provided at cost to the disciplinary body, as follows with the only requirement being that the representative at the hearing shall not be ~~an attorney~~ or a member of the ACBL Board of Directors:

CDR 5.2.3

(c) For hearings at the Unit or District level or any Tournament Disciplinary Committee, be represented at the hearing by another person who shall not be an attorney or a member of the ACBL Board of Directors. The person charged may be represented by an attorney outside the hearing room.

(d) For hearings at the ACBL Ethical Oversight, Disciplinary and Appeals and Charges Committees, be represented at the hearing by another person who shall not be a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.

~~(d)~~ (e) Produce evidence and make statements on his/her own behalf.

Renumber remainder of section.

CDR 7.7 Each party to an appeal or review under this CDR 7 shall be entitled to:

7.7.1 Receive written notice of date, time and place of the appeals hearing.

7.7.2 For hearings at the Unit or District level or any Tournament Disciplinary Committee, be represented at the hearing by another person who shall not be an attorney or a member of the ACBL Board of Directors. The person charged may be represented by an attorney outside the hearing room.

7.7.3 For hearings at the ACBL Ethical Oversight, Disciplinary and Appeals and Charges Committees, be represented at the hearing by another person who shall not be a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.

Renumber remainder of section.

Appendix A: Guidelines for Disciplinary Committees

INTRODUCTION

I. ACTIONS, ADVOCATE AND PRESENTER

C. ADVOCATE

While the complainant is usually responsible for prosecuting or supporting his or her complaint, an advocate may be selected by the complainant, the Unit, the District or ACBL Management to prosecute the complaint. An advocate is the representative of the Complainant. As such, the advocate is not neutral or unbiased. The advocate is free to aggressively prosecute a complaint.

- (1) For hearings at the Unit or District level or any Tournament Disciplinary Committee, the advocate selected to appear at the hearing shall not be an attorney or a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.
- (2) For hearings at the ACBL Ethical Oversight, Disciplinary and Appeals and Charges Committees, the advocate selected to appear at the hearing may be an attorney, but may not be a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.

D. PRESENTER

A presenter is an individual who makes or assists with an impartial presentation of evidence to a disciplinary committee upon the appointment by the committee chair. A presenter may be the recorder, tournament director or other party. The presenter may act as an aide to the disciplinary committee to ensure a fair and complete presentation of the evidence for the committee to consider. It is suggested that consideration be given to selection of a presenter when a case is complex and neither party is represented by counsel.

- (1) For hearings at the Unit or District level or any Tournament Disciplinary Committee, the presenter selected to appear at the hearing shall not be an attorney or a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.
- (2) For hearings at the ACBL Ethical Oversight, Disciplinary and Appeals and Charges Committees, the presenter selected to appear at the hearing may be an attorney, but may not be a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.

IV. PREHEARING PROCEDURES

A. NOTIFICATION

The parties involved, including the complainant and charged member, must receive timely written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing, ~~are~~ be furnished with written charges, and ~~are~~ be advised of their right to be represented by counsel. ~~(who shall not be an attorney or a member of the ACBL Board of Directors), to produce evidence on their behalf and to be present during the entire hearing. The person charged may be represented by an attorney outside of the hearing room.~~

- (1) For hearings at the Unit or District level or any Tournament Disciplinary Committee, the counsel selected to appear at the hearing shall not be an attorney or a member of the ACBL Board of Directors. The person charged may be represented by an attorney outside of the hearing room.

- (2) For hearings at the ACBL Ethical Oversight, Disciplinary and Appeals and Charges committees, the counsel selected to appear at the hearing may be an attorney, but may not be a member of the ACBL Board of Directors.

Suggested forms are available at the ACBL web page at www.acbl.org. The chairperson of the committee hearing the matter must verify that appropriate notices have been sent. Notice sent by email shall include a request to confirm receipt of the notice by return email. If no confirmation is received within seven days of the notice, a written notice shall be sent via the U.S. Postal Service.

V. HEARING PROCEDURES

A. PRESENCE AT HEARING

The complainants and the people charged and/or their counsels, subject to the restrictions of IV. A. above, (who may not be attorneys or members of the ACBL Board of Directors) are entitled to be present while all evidence is given. Other individuals may remain at the hearing only at the discretion of the chairperson.

Effective Date: April 1, 2016

Item 161-291: CDR – Evidence

Moved that:

The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations be modified as follows:

Definitions:

Clear and Convincing Evidence: Evidence that is highly and substantially more likely to be true than untrue where the trier of fact has an abiding conviction that the truth of the factual contention is highly probable. The Committee must have a firm belief or conviction in the evidence. A greater degree of believability is required for Clear and Convincing Evidence than would be required for Preponderance of the Evidence, which requires that the facts more likely than not prove the issue for which they are asserted. Direct, Circumstantial, Hearsay, Witness Statements, Mathematical Analysis, and any other relevant evidence can be used to establish Clear and Convincing Evidence.

Appendix A: GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

V. HEARING PROCEDURES

G. DELIBERATIONS

After hearing all testimony the committee considers the case in a closed session; these deliberations are privileged. The standard for determining guilt is that the complainant's case be supported by a preponderance of the evidence. Any allegation that the Charged Party has committed an ethical violation must be proved by Clear and Convincing Evidence. (see VII). A simple majority decision prevails.

VII. EVIDENCE

To find a person guilty requires a simple majority of the committee. It shall be the burden of the complainant to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the charged party has committed the CDR violation(s) upon which that party is charged. It is not necessary that the evidence be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. If a committee member finds that the

evidence of guilt is more convincing than the evidence opposed to it then that committee member should find the charged person guilty. However, any allegation that the Charged Party has committed an ethical violation must be proved by Clear and Convincing Evidence.

VIII. PRINCIPLES OF EVIDENCE AT HEARINGS

B. BURDEN OF PROOF

The complainant has the responsibility to prove the issue by presenting a preponderance of the evidence. ***See definition of "preponderance of the evidence" in the CDR definitions section.*** However, any allegation that the Charged Party has committed an ethical violation must be proved by Clear and Convincing evidence. ***See definition of "Clear and Convincing Evidence" in the CDR definitions section.***

Effective Date: April 1, 2016

Item 161-292: CDR – Management Suspensions motion

Moved that:

Section 4.3 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations be modified as follows:

4.3 Suspension by ACBL Management.

4.3.1 ACBL Management may impose an administrative suspension on a person who:

(a) Has not paid dishonored checks to ACBL, its Districts, Units or Conferences;

(b) Has failed to pay a valid hotel bill to a hotel supporting an ACBL tournament without notifying ACBL and the hotel that he or she disputes such obligation in good faith.

(c) Has failed to pay a debt to ACBL, its Districts, Units or Conferences without notifying ACBL that he or she disputes such obligation in good faith.

(d) Has failed to submit club masterpoint reports in a timely manner (the person may be either the sanctioned owner and/or club manager).

~~(e) Has failed to return a traveling trophy upon demand.~~ (e) Has violated an ACBL Confidentiality Agreement or other contract with the ACBL.

(f) Has caused damage to any facility associated with an ACBL tournament during the conduct of such tournament without adequate reason or justification and failed to make reasonable compensation therefor.

Effective immediately

Marketing

Item 161-80: ACBL Goodwill Committee

Moved that:

Chapter 1D., section 1 of the ACBL Codification be amended as follows:

CHAPTER I - MEMBERSHIP
D. GOODWILL, ETHICS and ZERO TOLERANCE

Section 1 - Goodwill Committee

1.1 The ACBL Goodwill Committee is named the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee.

1.2 Appointment to the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee (Goodwill Committee).

1.2.1 Each year each District Director may appoint two members from his district to be lifetime members of the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee.

1.2.2 District Directors, in addition to the two annual appointments, may appoint replacements (maximum of two per year) from their District to fill vacancies created by deaths of prior appointees in their District. A District with 8000 or more members (12-month average as of March 1) shall be entitled to one additional Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill committee member appointment for the following year.

1.2.3 Members of the ACBL Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Governors and ACBL Goodwill Members of the Year shall automatically become a lifetime member of the Goodwill Committee. ~~Spouses/civil union partners of current members of the Board of Directors, the current Chairman of the Board of Governors, and current and former Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Members of the Year will be allowed to accompany their spouses/civil union partners to the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Receptions.~~

1.2.4 The President of the ABA will be appointed by the committee chairman to the Goodwill Committee during the first year of his or her presidency. The appointment will be shown in the district of residence but not count toward the district's quota.

1.3 Suspension or removal from the Goodwill Committee

1.3.1 An Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee appointment is a lifetime appointment as long as the member is a member in "good standing." If a member loses good standing, the member's Goodwill Committee appointment shall be suspended until the member regains good standing. Expulsion from the ACBL, suspension for one year or longer or probation for two years or longer will result in permanent removal from the Goodwill Committee.

1.4 Replacement Goodwill pins for lost or stolen pins will be provided free of charge to members of the Goodwill Committee.

1.5 Goodwill Committee Chair and Co-Chairmen

1.5.1 The Chairman of the Goodwill Committee shall have a term of three years. He or she shall name his or her assistants for the three years. Chairmen may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

1.5.2 At the Spring NABC, the Chairman of the Goodwill Committee shall be reimbursed for his/her actual ticket price using advance non-refundable ticketing reflecting the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates, two nights hotel, three days per diem and six free plays (12 sessions) at NABCs (excluding the Educational Foundation game).

1.5.3 Co-Chairmen of the Goodwill Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman with the approval of the Board. The terms of office of the Co- Chairmen will run concurrently with that of the Chairman.

1.5.4 Seven Co-Chairmen of the Goodwill Committee may be appointed: one each from seven areas of the ACBL: The East, the South, the Midwest, the Northwest, the Southwest, Eastern Canada and Western Canada.

1.6 Goodwill Receptions

1.6.1 A reception for all members of the Goodwill Committee will be held at the Spring ~~each~~ NABC on Goodwill Day. The budget for these receptions shall not exceed \$12,000. ~~will be determined on an annual basis, taking into account the venue costs, etc.~~ The Goodwill member shall be entitled to bring to the reception their spouse, civil union partner or significant other.

1.6.2 The ACBL President shall host a Goodwill Committee reception in his suite at both the Summer and Fall NABCs. At each reception the Goodwill Member may be accompanied by his/her spouse, civil union partner or significant other.

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 ACBL Goodwill Member of the year at each Fall Meeting of the Board.

1.7.2 The Goodwill member will be informed by the Goodwill Committee chairman and honored at the Spring 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 Spring 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. ~~The reimbursement will come from the Norman Kay Fund which will be supplemented by the ACBL general fund as needed.~~

Effective immediately

NABC Oversight

Item 161-155: Soloway KO

Moved that:

A seven-day KO event named in honor of Paul Soloway be created and included in the schedule for the Fall NABC beginning on the first Friday of the tournament. The only additional change to the Fall NABC schedule is that the Senior KO be moved to begin on the first Sunday of the Fall NABC, after the qualifying period for this new event is over.

Effective January 1, 2017

Item 161-156: Vanderbilt/Spingold Seeding

Moved that:

Appendix B of the ACBL Conditions of Contest: Seeding Points (SPs) For Vanderbilt and Spingold Knockout Teams be amended to permit the Vanderbilt and Spingold to be seeded subjectively by the Director in Charge (DIC) with input from the Seeding Committee as deemed appropriate and necessary by the DIC. Once seeding groups are established, those seeding groups will be shuffled by the DIC as currently described. This system will remain in effect until such time as a permanent plan to deal with potentially vacated seeding points is established. Any conditions of contest for the Vanderbilt or Spingold will be superseded by this motion.

Effective immediately

Item 161-157: NABC+ Appeals

Moved that:

ACBL Tournament Directors shall hear and rule upon all appeals filed at North American Bridge Championships. NABC+ appeals shall be heard by Tournament Director Panels in a manner similar to regional appeal hearings (Ref: 983-02, 992-02). All Conduct and Ethics or Disciplinary matters shall continue to be referred to and heard by the NABC Tournament Committee or to its assignees.

Effective July 2016

Item 161-158: Sternberg Women's BaM Teams Review

Moved that:

The status of the Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams, an NABC+ event, be reviewed.

Effective 2017 Fall NABC

Item 161-159: Board of Governors Attendance

Moved that:

That each Board of Governors meeting be live-streamed and available for viewing via the ACBL Web site for 60 days. Non-attending board members are expected to watch the meeting at their earliest convenience.

The only District Directors obligated to attend the BOG meeting shall be the President, Chairman of the Board, Treasurer and host District Director.

No other board member shall receive expenses – unless explicitly approved by the President and Treasurer – beyond the morning after the full board adjourns.

Effective July 2016

Item 161-160: Volunteer Dinner

Moved that:

Chapter IV – Board Expenses, Section B. Expenses be amended as follows:

1.2.2 Hosting certain social functions at NABCs involving the members of the Board of Directors and special groups in his suite, ~~and holding special committee meetings in his suite, and one president's dinner at the NABC of his choice.~~ At the other two NABCs, the president will host a ~~welcoming~~ welcome buffet/reception for Board members and special guests in his suite.

2.4.5 ~~On the day of the annual president's dinner, one half of the per diem will be deducted from each board member who attends the dinner.~~ Two options are available for a celebration to honor NABC Volunteers. One option or the other must be selected by the NABC Volunteer Host Committee at least three months in advance of their NABC.

OPTION #1: There will be a formal dinner held on the Wednesday night immediately preceding the start of each NABC. The President will attend each Volunteers' Dinner, as will the District Director for the district in which the NABC is held. All other BOD members and the Chairman of the Board of Governors will be invited to only one dinner per year. Spouses/Significant Others may be invited. Management may invite additional board member(s) and their spouse(s)/companion(s) if some board members have declined their invitation, to ensure that an adequate representation of the BOD is present. All members who attend will have one half of their per diem for the day deducted. For 2016 only, each board member and the Chairman of the Board of Governors will attend two dinners, spring and either summer or fall.

OR

OPTION #2: The Volunteer Host Committee may choose to receive a contribution from the ACBL not to exceed \$5000 that will be used for a post-tournament celebration for the Volunteers, hosted by the local Committee. No Board of Directors members (other than the host District Director, at the invitation of the NABC Tournament Chair) or HQ staff will be present. ***In addition,*** all key Volunteers (list to be provided by the Tournament Chair, may include Significant Others as appropriate) will be formally invited to the President's Suite at the conclusion of the evening session on the first Thursday of the NABC for an informal reception. All ACBL Board of Directors

members and the Chairman of the Board of Governors as well as key ACBL HQ and Field staff will also be invited to attend.

~~2.4.6 Board members and their spouse/companion are welcome to attend the volunteers' dinner at each NABC. Attendance is not required. One half of the per diem for that day will be deducted from each board member who attends the dinner. The balance will be paid for by the ACBL. Seating assignments will be encouraged.~~

Effective Immediately

Online Bridge

Item 161-180: World Computer-Bridge Championship

Moved that

Motion 001-96 be updated:

The ACBL's annual World Computer Bridge Championships may be held at an ACBL NABC or a WBF Championship. An allocation of \$3,500 for tournament expenses, excluding space, for this event is allowed for the World Computer-Bridge Championship activity. The coordinator selected to represent the ACBL will receive no compensation, but will be allowed his/her expenses reimbursed up to a maximum of \$2,500.

Effective January 1, 2016

Item 161-181: On-line Regional events

Moved that:

Chapter IX. C., section 7 of the ACBL Codification and Appendix I: On-Line Events of the General Conditions of Contest for Pairs Events be added as follows:

CHAPTER IX – REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

C. EVENTS / SCHEDULES

Section 7: On-Line Events

7.1 A District may apply to ACBL Management to run an experimental on-line event at their Regional bridge tournament. Approval for the event shall be governed by the ability of the District to meet all provisions contained in the Conditions of Contest – Pair Events for on-line events.

7.2 ACBL Management will discuss the application for the on-line event with the DiC of the tournament. Approval will be conditioned upon the DiCs ability to provide adequate staffing to run the event.

7.3 The above-mentioned on-line event will be run as a non-championship, one-session pair event. Applications for multi-session and team events may be considered at Management's discretion. Masterpoints will be awarded pursuant to the General Formula.

7.4 Tournament Organizers are responsible for all ACBL sanction fees, TD session fees, and online host fees that result from this event.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST FOR PAIR EVENTS

Appendix I: On-Line Events

1. This event will be conducted at a variety of playing sites, and hosted online by an ACBL approved host.
2. Regarding any of the below, the decision of the Director in Charge (DIC) will be final. The DIC is empowered to remedy any omissions in these CoC.
3. Unless specifically noted below, the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, the ACBL Convention Charts, the ACBL Alert Chart, General CoC for pairs events and ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy shall govern this event.
4. The DIC must be an ACBL Director, hold the rank of Tournament Director or higher, and shall have the authority to assign his own staff.
5. The Tournament Organizer will provide a format for the event which includes contingencies for any number of pairs.
6. Contestants at each site will play the same deals as all other contestants.
7. Each Contestant shall have access to these CoC and the event's format (#5 above). Failure to have reviewed these conditions, or lack of proficiency with computers or the software used by the online host does not excuse any irregularity, or violation of these conditions.
8. Each pair must pre-register by one week prior to the announced date of the contest. Pairs participating at the tournament site shall not be required to pre-register. All pairs participating in the event must play on-line, even if they are physically located at the tournament site. Late entrants may be accepted for the convenience of the movement and only at the discretion of the DIC. At the time of pre-registration, pairs are required to submit funds for participation and the following information for each pair member: Name ACBL Number User ID for online host Site of participation Any special needs addressed by these CoC.
9. In the event a Contestant is handicapped, where he is unable to use a computer, and in all cases where a Contestant does not have the requisite computer skills, said Contestant may bring an Operator to relay calls, plays and explanations thereof. Communication between the Contestant and his Operator is to be conducted in writing. Any notes from a Contestant/Operator interaction may be used to settle disputes. The Operator must be named in preregistration, and is subject to the approval of the DIC.
10. Should a technical difficulty arise which delays play for one or more tables, play in all unaffected tables shall continue and 15 minutes will be allotted to resolve the issue before play is suspended. If play is suspended for longer than 15 minutes, the decision of the DIC about the continuation of the event shall be final.

Security

1. Each Contestant must preregister to participate at a particular site, and no Contestant may participate from a physical location other than a site designated by the Tournament Organizer, and approved by the DIC. The DIC shall be informed, no later than 2 days after the close of registration, of each designated site.
2. The Tournament Organizer will designate at least one Monitor for each playing site. The DIC shall be informed, no later than 2 days after the close of registration, of the proposed Monitor for each site and their contact information. The proposed Monitor is subject to approval by the DIC.
3. Monitors shall ensure the enforcement of these CoC and will be primarily responsible for the enforcement of any security-related issues at their designated location.
4. Monitors need not be Directors and may not rule on any irregularity occurring during play nor penalize a Contestant for any violation of these conditions. Monitors must immediately inform the DIC of any irregularity or violation of which they become aware in any manner.
5. Contestants are not permitted to be in possession of any electronic communication devices while they are competing. All electronic devices must be turned over to the monitor before the start of play. VIOLATION OF THIS CONDITION WILL RESULT IN A MANDATORY PENALTY OF ONE FULL BOARD, AND A SECOND VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN THE PAIR'S DISQUALIFICATION.
6. Contestants may only run the following applications during the play period: A. Online Host Software; or B. An internet browser for the purpose of accessing the Online Host and/or (in Mid-Chart events only) for the purpose of accessing the ACBL's defense database.
7. Monitors shall ensure that Contestants cannot view the "computer screens" of other Contestants within their own flight.
8. Monitors shall ensure that Contestants, competing at the same site as their partner, are seated in positions which obscure their view of one another.
9. Contestants must not relay, through chat visible to partner or at the monitoring site, any extraneous information.

The Play

1. Contestants are required to post a complete convention card, in ACBL format, inclusive of any supplemental notes.
2. The ACBL Mid-Chart may apply at the Tournament Organizers discretion. Tournaments utilizing the ACBL Mid-Chart must advertise its use on their tournament flyer. Pairs playing methods requiring a written defense must pre-alert their opponents, and post a written description of the method(s) along with their convention card. Contestants opposing a pair playing such methods are permitted to access the ACBL's defense database and keep said defenses open in their internet browser.
<http://www.acbl.org/play/defenseDataBase.html>
3. If the ACBL Mid-Chart is not used, the ACBL General Convention Chart applies.

4. The Director must be summoned electronically for any irregularity which occurs during play. Once the Director has been summoned, all play and bidding shall cease until the Director authorizes its continuation.
5. Contestants are required to alert and explain their own calls (not their partner's). When one makes an Alertable call, the bidder must give a full explanation of the agreement to his opponents (and only his opponents.) Stating the common or popular name of the convention is not sufficient.
6. Any Contestant may request, but only at his turn to call or play, information concerning an opponents' methods. Such inquiries may be asked of either or both opponents, but must be asked in a private chat. Replies to these inquiries must be given in a private chat.
7. Violations of conditions, which make available to one's partner extraneous information by a remark, a question, a reply to a question, an unexpected alert, failure to alert, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement or mannerism (Security 9-11 & The Play 5 & 6), shall be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, and are subject to procedural penalties. The Monitors and Contestants must report any such violations to the DIC.
8. Any deviation in tempo does convey extraneous information and is subject to rectification under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Any Contestant experiencing technical difficulties which may be construed as conveying extraneous information should immediately inform the Monitor or Director.
9. Claims, concessions, agreement thereto and contention or cancellation thereof will be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.
10. Unintended calls or plays will be rectified under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. If a Contestant makes an unintended call or play he should summon the Director immediately. As in live play, undoes are permitted only upon instruction of the Director.

Requirements for ACBL approved Online Host

1. Online Hosts must be accessible to all of the events participants.
2. The Host must have the ability to run three separate strats.
3. The Host must have the capability to run distinct random deals for each session.
4. The Host must ensure the conditions of each deal are consistent with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge (Laws 1, 2, 4-6)
5. The Host shall ensure that each participant may chat with either or both of his opponents, and with all of the Contestants at his table, but not privately with partner.
6. All deals, auctions, play and chat shall be recorded and available for review, in real time, by the Director.
7. If feasible, the auction should appear for each Contestant three bids at a time.
8. The Host must have the capability of running a pairs movement, where each board is played simultaneously at each table.

Effective immediately

Tournament Oversight

Item 161-210: Limited and Invitational Games in STaCs

Moved that:

Stephen Moese, District 11 that item 153-70 Limited and Invitational Games in STaCs be reconsidered by the ACBL Board of Directors:

Item 153-70: Limited and Invitational Games in STaCs

Clubs which have a sanctioned masterpoint limited game, may not declare such game as open when there is a STaC.

Clubs which have a sanctioned invitational game may not declare such game as open when there is a STaC.

These clubs, limited and invitational, can play in the STaC, but they will be grouped with like (all invitational together, similar masterpoint limits) clubs.

Effective January 1, 2016

Carried. Nay: 2, 8, 11, 17, 22.

Carried.