

**Minutes of the ACBL Board of Governors
Long Beach, CA
Sunday, July 20, 2003**

Donald Mamula, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, July 20, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Opening remarks

Chairman Mamula announced Bruce Reeve as the ACBL President for 2004.

Mamula announced that Detroit, MI was approved as the spring 2008 NABC and San Diego, CA was approved for the fall 2009 NABC.

Mamula welcomed the new members of the Board of Governors.

Approval of Minutes

Moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held March 9, 2003 in Philadelphia, PA was approved.

Carried unanimously.

President's Report

Al Levy, president of the ACBL reported that the Board of Directors worked very hard at this summer meeting conducted business in three days. In the fall we may expand the meetings for policymaking and brainstorm sessions and will have to have the four-day agenda.

Levy spoke as president he is writing several articles for the *Bridge Bulletin*. The July article was praise for the many volunteers.

Levy stated that the Board of Directors thanks the Board of Governors for their input into the meetings.

CEO's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Jerry Fleming presented the Treasurer's report. (Exhibit B)

League Counsel's Report

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

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mamula noted that last fall the ACBL Board of Directors established a bylaws committee. Four members of the Board of Directors two members of the headquarters staff and one member of the Board of Governors Linda Mamula.

Chairman Mamula presented his report. (Exhibit D)

Motions for Reconsideration

Moved by Ralph Cohen, District 10 seconded by Rae Dethlefsen, District that item 032-89: Blue, Red and Silver Ribbon Events be reconsidered by the ACBL Board of Directors.

Carried.

Moved by Cecil Cook, District 23 seconded by Peter Benjamin, District 23 that item 032-47: Eligibility for NABC Nationally-Rated Events be reconsidered by the ACBL Board of Directors.

Board of Governors recommends to the Board of Directors that participation is allowed but masterpoints not be awarded.

Motion failed.

Old Business

Bylaws amendment: Additions are underlined; Deletions are struck through.

Article V – ACBL Board of Governors

~~G. The Chairman shall attend all regular and special meetings of the ACBL Board of Directors with voice but without vote and with the same compensation as a Director. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall act on the Chairman's behalf in representing the Board of Governors and shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the Chairman.~~

Article VIII – Board of Directors

G. In addition to the members of the Board of Directors who are elected from the various Districts, there shall be two (2) ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. Sections A through of Article VIII shall not apply to the ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.

1. The Chief Executive Officer (hereinafter referred to as “CEO”) shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors with vote, subject to the following limitations:
 - a. The CEO shall not attend, nor have any voting rights for the portion of any meeting during which the performance, compensation or other aspects of the CEO's employment are discussed, unless invited by a majority of the other board members.
 - b. The CEO shall not receive remuneration in addition to the financial benefits in his or her employment agreement as a result of his or her position on the Board of Directors.

Motion failed.

G. The Chairman of the Board of Governors shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors with vote. If the Chairman of the Board of Governors cannot attend any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors shall attend and be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the Chairman.

Motion failed.

New Business

Moved by Bruce Keidan and seconded by Barbara Doran, District 6 that the Board of Governors request that the five WBF representatives work toward increasing the age limit for Senior events at the WBF level.

Carried.

Moved by Jeff Taylor, District 20 and seconded by Barbara Doran, District 6 that Article VIII – Vacancy of Office Section E of the ACBL Bylaws be amended to include that provided the vacancy occurs after the election of First Alternate but before the beginning of the term of the new First Alternate director such newly elected First Alternate Director shall fill the vacancy.

Motion failed.

Moved that Jeff Taylor, District 20 and seconded by Reba Jernigan, District 7 that a provision be inserted referring to the incoming district director would be limited to serving until the results of a special election to be held during the regular election cycle in the succeeding year.

Motion Failed.

Moved by Cecil Cook, District 23, Past President and seconded by many, that it is the sense of the Board of Governors that the bylaws committee and the Board of Directors revise the bylaws regarding election and succession to reflect the sense of the membership of the district.

Carried.

Moved by Dewitt Hudson, District 16 and seconded by Nancy Ferguson, District 21 those members of the Board of Governors when they attend the meeting of the Board of Governors are given free plays for two days at a NABCs.

Motion failed.

Moved by Jeffrey Taylor, District 20 and seconded by Dudley Brown, District 19 recommend that the ACBL Board of Directors and bylaws committee consider changes to Article VIII Section F related to the procedures, percentages and eligibility.

Carried.

Approval of New Life Members

Moved by Aileen Osofsky (District 24) and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master status (# 77,225 to #77,990) will be designated as Life Masters.

Carried unanimously.

Thanks for Hospitality

Moved by Aileen Osofsky (District 24) and seconded by all, that the sincere thanks of the Board of Governors is extended to our hosts: Alan LeBendig, ACBL District 23 Director, and

Tournament Chairman Jan Nathan, and all the other chair persons and numerous volunteers, plus a thanks to the Hyatt Regency Long Beach for their fine cooperation.

Carried unanimously.

Adjourned sine die at 11:05 a.m.