

**ACBL Board of Directors  
Adams Mark  
Denver, CO  
November 14 – 17, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Smith on November 14, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Jonathan Steinberg #2, Joan Gerard, #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Nadine K. Wood #6, Bruce Reeve #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Bill Cook #10, Jim Reiman #11, Bill Arlinghaus #12, Harriette Buckman #13, Sue Himel #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan E. Morse #16, Jerry Fleming #17, Richard Anderson #18, Barbara Nist #19, Jeffrey Taylor #20, Roger Smith #21, Jim Kirkham #22, Alan LeBendig #23, Alvin Levy #24, Richard DeMartino, #25.

Also

Present: Linda Mamula, Chairman Board of Governors; Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay Baum, CEO; Jack Zdancewicz, CFO; Rick Beye, CTD; Gary Blaiss, EAO; and staff Nancy Foy, Linda Granell, Julie Greenberg, Stan Katz, Jim Miller, Carol Robertson, and Kelley McGuire.

**Approval of Atlanta GA Minutes**

The Atlanta GA minutes are approved.

Carried.

**Non Agenda Items**

The following are added to the agenda.

2012 Fall NABC – Full Board  
ACBL's Relationship with Units – Governance  
Holding Unit for Certain Unpaid Life Members – Governance

**Item 053-131: Certification of Elections**

The following individuals are 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, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

Jonathan Steinberg, District 2; Joan Gerard, District 3; Craig Robinson, District 4; Georgia Heth, District 8; Sue Himel, District 14; Dan Morse, District 16; Roger Smith, District 21; Jim Kirkham, District 22.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as First Alternates to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three- year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

Darwin Afdahl, District 6; Jeff Overby, District 9; David Siebert, District 10; Bob Lyon, District 11; Beverly Gardner, District 12; Carolyn Newcomb, District 17; Linda Weiner, District 20, John Solodar, District 24.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as Second Alternates to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

Steve Robinson, District 6; Muriel Altus, District 9; Nell Cahn, District 10; Nancy Sachs, District 11; Barbara Jur, District 12; Elsie Matthews, District 17; Merlin Vilhauer, District 20; Larry Ascher, District 24.

Effective January 1, 2006

Carried.

**Item 053-132: WBF Representatives**

Richard Anderson and Jim Kirkham are elected as ACBL representatives to the World Bridge Federation for a three-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

Carried.

**Item 053-133: Pension Trustee Election**

Craig Robinson is elected as Pension Trustee for a four-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009

Carried.

**Item 053-134: ACBL Executive Committee Election**

- A. The Central Zone reported the election of Jim Reiman as Central Zone representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

- B. The Central Zone reported the election of Sue Himel as Central Zone alternate representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

Carried.

**Item 053-137: Goodwill Member of the Year**

The 2006 Goodwill Member of the Year is appointed.

Carried.

**Item 053-138: Honorary Member of the Year**

The 2006 Honorary Member of the Year is Zia Mahmood.

Carried.

**Item 053-139: ACBL Laws Commission**

Mildred Breed, Dan Morse and Peggy Sutherlin are appointed to the ACBL Laws Commission for a five-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010.

Carried without dissent.

**ACBL CEO Report**

The report of CEO Jay Baum is received. (Exhibit A)

**ACBL CFO Report**

The report of CFO Jack Zdancewicz is received. (Exhibit B)

**League Counsel Report**

The report of League Counsel Peter Rank on the status of litigation is received. (Exhibit C)

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The meeting was called to order by President Roger Smith on Wednesday, November 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Same as Monday, November 14

Also

Present: Same as Monday, November 14

**Item 053-140: 2012 Spring NABC**

The 2012 Spring NABC will be held in Memphis, TN, March 15 – 25, 2012, at the Memphis Cook Convention Center with Marriott, Wyndham, Comfort Inn, and Springhill Suites as host hotels.

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 19, 24, 25.

**Item 053-141: 2013 Fall NABC**

The 2013 Fall NABC will be held in Montreal, Quebec, November 14 – 24, 2013, at Queen Elizabeth, Bonaventure and Sheraton Hotels.

Motion Failed: Aye: 1, 2, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25. Abstain: 3

**Item 053-142: 2012 Fall NABC**

The 2012 Fall NABC will be held in San Francisco, CA November 22 – December 2, 2012, at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel.

Carried without dissent.

**BRIDGE**

LeBendig (C)      Robinson (VC)

Arlinghaus, DeMartino, Gerard, Heth, Kirkham, Levy, Morse, Reiman

Retek, Taylor, Wood

Staff: Beye

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 053-50: Regional/Sectional Tournament Scheduling & Sanctioning**

A. GENERAL

1. Every District must have a Tournament Coordinator.

2. Every Unit must have a Tournament Coordinator.
3. Regional tournaments will not be sanctioned to run concurrently with any portion of a North American Bridge Championship.
4. A restricted regional, by age or masterpoints, may run an open sectional tournament concurrently with the regional with the permission of the unit in which the regional is being held. An open or individual regional tournament may not run a sectional tournament in conjunction with the regional.
5. A North American Pairs District Final, a Grand National Teams District Final or the CNTC may be run concurrently with a regional or sectional tournament. If they are run concurrently with a sectional, the district must have permission from the sponsoring unit.

#### B. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

1. All regionals are allocated to districts. A district may conduct its regionals or allocate them to units within the district.
2. Each district is allocated four regionals which may be either open or senior. In addition, a district is allowed the following on an annual basis:
  - a. One Junior Regional.
  - b. One 0-199er Regional, or one 0-299er Regional, or one Non-Life Master Regional.

Each district is allowed to split two of its regionals.

3. In addition to its four allocated regionals, a District with 9,000 to 12,000 members is allocated one additional regional each year; a District with 12,001 to 15,000 members is allocated two additional regionals each year; a District with more than 15,001 members will be allocated three additional regionals each year.
4. Qualifications for district eligibility for a fifth, sixth or seventh regional tournament will be based on the June membership list of each year and will entitle the qualifying district to conduct the additional regional(s) in the second year after eligibility is earned. If a district falls below the membership level required for such qualification, the district will be entitled to **keep its** additional regional(s) **for two years**, notwithstanding the drop in membership. If, within the two-year period, the district regains a qualifying level of membership, the bonus may be continued without interruption. All rules and regulations concerning scheduling, sanctioning and conflicts apply to these regionals.
1. In addition to a district's existing allocation, the following Permanent Site regionals are allocated to their respective Districts:

- a. Alaska – D19
- b. Bermuda – D2

- g. Marco Island/Puerto Rico – D9
- h. Mexico – D16

- c. Gatlinburg – D7
- d. Hawaii – D20
- e. Las Vegas – D17
- f. Arizona Seniors – D17

- i. Mexico Resort Area - D16
- j. New England Individual - D25
- k. Cape Cod Seniors - D25

The following are not sponsored by a specific district.

- l. Europe
- m. Canadian Bridge Federation
- n. United States Bridge Federation

6. The minimum/maximum number of days a regional may be held is as follows:
  - a. Open or Senior Regional -- minimum of three days.
  - b. 0-199er, 0-299er, Non-Life Master or Junior Regionals -- minimum of two days.
  - c. Individual Regional -- no more than two days.
  - d. A regional tournament may not be more than six days in duration except that a Knockout event and a one-session pair game (may be a charity game of any type) may be held beginning the evening prior to a regional. One match (1/2 session) of a two-session compact KO may be held on the day prior to the start of the regional.
  - e. A **one-session** pair game may be held as an afternoon session on the day prior to the commencement of a regional to benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Team Program or the Canadian equivalent of the three. The current formulas will be used to determine the minimum monetary contribution for these games.
7. Only events scheduled for two or more sessions at regionals may award gold points. The afternoon and evening session pair games held prior to the beginning of a regional may not award gold points.
8. A district may join with other districts to co-sponsor a regional tournament or to hold a split regional tournament. If co-sponsored, the tournament will count against one district's allocation. If split, the tournament will count against both district's allocations. A district may, with permission, hold a regional tournament in a contiguous district.
9. Exclusive of Knockout Teams and side game series events, a regional may schedule up to four gold point sessions per day. For purposes of this regulation a split schedule, for example 10:30 AM/3:30PM and 1PM/7PM, is deemed to be the same two sessions since participation in one of the events preclude entry into the other. Management may, with cause, disallow more than 2 gold point sessions per day.
10. A district may move a regional tournament from the calendar year in which it hosts an NABC to any of the three prior years or any of the three succeeding years providing the regional meets with all requirements under "Scheduling of Regional Tournaments." This regulation extends to include Acts of God or hotels canceling contracts. Other unforeseen circumstances may be included as determined by the Arbitration Board.

11. The Regional Tournament Allocation Plan will be reviewed every five years.

### C. SCHEDULING OF REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. A sanction application to hold a regional tournament must be submitted three years in advance in order to protect the dates. If a sanction is not submitted at least three years in advance, the district loses its claim to the dates.
2. A district that holds a regional tournament on the same approximate dates and at the same sites/areas each year or every other year will be placed on the traditional date list for regionals. The list will be sent to districts to be checked. A definition of what is a traditional date will be included at the top of the list that is published. Easter will be noted as an exception. This list will be included with the Tentative Tournament Schedule.
3. A traditional date is established by holding a tournament on the same date at the same site for at least three years.
4. If a district has a permanent date but the site/area does not remain constant, that date will not be included on the traditional date list and must be submitted to the ACBL Tournament Department.
5. Regionals in the schedule for a specific date and location that move their location more than 50 miles within one year from this date will be subject to the "New Tournament Rules" (in other words this move will be treated as a new tournament).
6. Tentative tournament schedules for the current year and following years will be posted on the ACBL website. An updated list noting additions and deletions will be posted every two weeks.
7. A regional tournament appearing on the traditional date list which is not held for two years within a three year period will be removed from the list.
8. A regional tournament may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listing in the BULLETIN at least one month prior to the tournament and all rules and regulations regarding conflicts are met.
9. A regional tournament scheduled and sanctioned three years in advance takes precedence over a sectional tournament that is not treated as a regional (see Section E.6.)
10. All regionals have the same status and the same rules and regulations apply.
11. All tournament sanction applications must be submitted electronically.
12. A sanction application to hold a regional tournament will be acknowledged immediately upon receipt by the ACBL Tournament Department. All applications received must have the signature of the District Tournament Coordinator.

13. Approval for regional sanction applications will be sent three years out or immediately upon approval if received less than three years out.

#### D. TOURNAMENT CONFLICTS

1. If a District believes that a tournament request is in conflict with one of its tournaments, it must first endeavor to resolve the conflict with the District in question. The District Director(s) from the Districts involved in a possible conflict will be notified by Management of the possible conflict as soon as Management is aware of it.
2. An Arbitration Board is established.
  - a. The Board will consist of one member from each district – the District Director or his designee.
  - b. Representatives from the districts involved may not sit on the Board (Arbitration Board) that involves their own conflict.
  - c. The Board will consist of five people, two from each zone without the conflict and one from the zone with the conflict. No one from the districts involved may sit on the Board.
  - d. If there is a conflict between two districts or more in different zones, three people from the third zone and one from each of the two zones with a conflict will be on the Board. Again, no one from the districts involved may be on the Board.
  - e. For the Selection Process, the zonal representatives will pick the members of the Board from their zones as long as their zone is not involved. The President or Chairman of the Board will appoint the person from the "Conflict" Zone. Since the list of district directors is updated each year, the list will be automatically current.
3. Timeliness.
  - a. For timely sanction applications, if the parties involved cannot resolve the conflict, both applications will be sanctioned with the following proviso: the timely application of a traditional tournament date will take precedence over the timely application of a non-traditional tournament date.
  - b. In cases where there are a timely and an untimely application: If the District with the timely application claims there is a conflict, the Arbitration Board agrees there is a conflict and the conflict cannot be resolved, the untimely application will not be sanctioned. Otherwise, both applications will be sanctioned.



- c. For equally untimely sanction applications, both applications will be sanctioned. For the purpose of defining "equally untimely," applications received that would be listed on consecutive bi-weekly updates will be so deemed.
- d. The cases where there are non-equal untimely applications will be treated the same as timely/untimely with the earlier application being timely and the other untimely.

#### 4. Determination

The Arbitration Board will make a determination that a conflict exists after a request from Management or a District or Unit holding or applying for a sanction. Decisions will be reached after consulting internal resources, demographics of tournament attendance (if available), usual tournament size, data from involved parties, etc. The decision of the Arbitration Board will be FINAL.

### E. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

1. Sectional tournaments are allocated to units. There are no restrictions as to the number of sectional tournaments a unit may conduct. A district has the right of approval for new sectionals conducted by its units. A unit must abide by the decision of the district as to how many sectional tournaments it may run.
2. Sectional tournaments must be at least two days and no more than five days in duration, with the exception of Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs). STaCs must be at least two days and no more than seven days in duration.
3. Sectional tournaments may be Open, Senior, Limited by masterpoints (specifically, 0-100; 0-200; 0-300 or Non-LM), Junior, Progressive Style or STaC. Sectional senior or junior tournaments may be combined with limited-by-masterpoint tournaments. (Note: In these instances a higher sanction fee will apply.)
4. A unit may join with another unit(s) to run a sectional tournament or a STaC. A unit may, with permission of the unit and district(s), hold a sectional tournament in a contiguous unit.
5. A sectional tournament may schedule up to 4 sessions of championship rated events (no decrease in Masterpoint awards) per day. Management may, with cause, disallow more than 2 championship sessions per day.
6. Any unit which has held three or more sectionals in each of the preceding three years, may choose to run two, and only two, 6 1/2 day sectionals per year. These sectionals are subject to the scheduling requirements of regionals for purposes of settling conflicts.

## F. SCHEDULING OF SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. A sanction application to hold a sectional tournament may be submitted two years in advance and must be submitted one year in advance in order to protect the dates. If a sanction is not submitted one year in advance, the unit loses its claim to the dates.
2. A sectional tournament may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listing in the BULLETIN at least one month prior to the tournament and all rules and regulations regarding conflicts are met.
3. A sectional tournament scheduled and sanctioned one year in advance takes precedence over other sectional and regional tournaments not sanctioned one year in advance. A sectional tournament attempting to obtain a sanction less than one year out must abide by the rules and regulations governing conflicts.
4. All sectional tournaments have the same status and the same rules and regulations apply.
5. A sanction application to hold a sectional tournament will be acknowledged immediately upon receipt by the ACBL Tournament Department. All applications received must have the signature of the Unit Tournament Coordinator and the District Tournament Coordinator.
6. Approval for sectional sanction applications will be sent one year out or immediately upon approval if received less than one year out.
7. Questions concerning scheduling and other conflicts for sectional tournaments will be resolved by the Unit(s) and the District Organization involved.
8. Districts and units perceiving a conflict with other units or districts must notify Management or the Arbitration Board within 30 days of the tournament posting on the website.

Items 903-114, 911-115, 933-81, 941-61B4, 941-62, 941-63, 942-61, 942-77, 943-61, 943-68, 951-49, 951-50, 951-52, 953-100, 953-126, 961-109, 992-303, 032-76, 032-112 are rescinded.

Carried. Abstain: 11

### **Item 053-51: Knockout Conditions of Contest Appendix C**

The Vanderbilt, Spingold, Women's KO, and Senior KO Teams shall be held using only 2-way matches of 64 boards or, as necessary, 4-way matches (2 2-way matches of 32 boards followed by a 2-way match between the two losers to eliminate 1 team) and in such a way that the field shall be reduced within one day to a number of teams which is a power of 2. Management shall produce bracket sheets which make this possible with byes limited to what may be necessary to produce the above results in a fair manner.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-52: NABC+ Knockout Conditions of Contest**

- A. The closing time for entries to the Vanderbilt, Spingold, Women's KO, and Senior KO team events will be game time of the evening session the day before the event begins.
- B. If the number of teams entered is 17, 18, 33, 34, 65, 66, 129, 130, an announcement will be made during the evening session of all major events that the number of teams entered is an inconvenient one for running a KO, and that management will pay the entry of one to four teams (one for 17, two for 33, 34, etc.) in another event on the first day of the relevant KO if any teams care to withdraw. If too many teams offer to withdraw, the teams will be withdrawn based on the order of their offer.
- C. With insufficient withdrawals, there shall be 3-way matches with one survivor.

Carried.        Nay: 7, 11        Abstain: 15

**Item 053-53: Invitational Swiss for KO Byes**

If the number of byes in any of the Vanderbilt, Spingold, Women's KO, or Senior KO team events is six or greater (in the case of Spingold and Women's KO the sum of byes in the two events), a two session swiss event will be held for those teams which receive byes. The current masterpoint formula and restrictions shall apply.

Carried.        Nay: 5, 14, 19. Abstain: 15

**Item 053-54: NABC Appeals**

- A. The complete names and positions of all players involved in NABC Appeals Committee Hearings and from NABC+ or Flight A events will be published in the appeals reports in the Daily Bulletin and in any other reports of these Hearings. The names of the Committee members will also be published along with a minority opinion, if requested.
- B. Management shall ensure that the following functions are performed:
  - 1. Appeals from an NABC will be compiled and readied for publication on the ACBL web site as soon as possible after each NABC.
  - 2. A description of each appeal will be posted.
  - 3. Each appeal should include commentary.

4. Management shall publish descriptions of likely cases of interest in the Daily Bulletin of the NABC at which the decision took place when submitted by the Editor and the Chairman of National Appeals.
5. The commentators for the Appeals will be selected, and the number of commentators determined by the Director of National Appeals and Management. Any one of the above may require that a specific commentator not be used.
6. Management may include appeals cases from events conducted by the USBF, CBF and MBF, which qualify contestants to International competition.
7. Appeals shall be reviewed and approved by League Counsel, the Director of National Appeals and Management before they can be published.

Items 952-5 and 032-114 are rescinded.

Effective Immediately.

Estimated savings: \$11,000

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 6, 24. Abstain: 25

<b>BRIDGE – SPECIAL EVENTS</b>
<p>Robinson (C)  Arlinghaus, DeMartino, Gerard, Heth, Kirkham, LeBendig, Levy, Morse, Reiman,  Retek, Taylor, Wood <span style="float: right;">Staff: Beye</span></p> <p>Committee Report by Chairman</p>

**Item 053-75: NAP/GNT Conditions of Contest**

The Conditions of Contest for the GNT and NAP are amended to reflect:

- A. For the GNT, a member’s principal physical residence as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the National Finals shall establish the District in which the member is eligible to participate beyond the qualifying stage.
- B. For the NAP, a member’s principal physical residence as of June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the National Finals shall establish the District in which the member is eligible to participate beyond the qualifying stage.
- C. Entry forms for the Unit and District finals shall include the following statement: “By entering this event, I hereby certify, subject to penalties as provided in the Conditions of Contest for this event and in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations, that I am eligible to play in this District.”
- D. A Credentials Committee shall be formed and comprised of six (6) members of the ACBL Board of Directors; two each from the Eastern, Central and Western zones. Panels hearing exceptions will be comprised of three of the six members. The President of the ACBL shall select the members of this committee annually. The members shall hear all matters pertaining to the events begun that year.

- E. If a member is unsure which district is the appropriate district in which he may play, the member may seek clarification from the credentials committee prior to the start of the event.
- F. If, at the Unit final stage or later, an ACBL member believes that another player is playing in the wrong district, he may challenge that player's eligibility to the Credentials Committee.
- G. The Credentials Committee may request documentary evidence from the member whose eligibility is in question. If a member requesting clarification as provided in paragraph E above fails to provide the requested evidence, no ruling shall be made and the member shall play at his own risk. If a member is unable to verify to the committee's satisfaction that he has played in the district of principal physical residence, the Credentials Committee shall automatically disqualify the member and his partner (NAPs) or teammates (GNTs). If a member is found to be ineligible, the matter may be referred to the ACBL President to make charges to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee.
- H. If a player wishes an exception from the requirements of sections A and B above, he must begin the process for the NAP by April 1 and the GNT by July 1. Players must seek permission **in writing** from the District Directors of the District in which he lives and the District in which he wishes to play. Both District Directors must agree for the exception to be granted. This written permission from both District Directors will be forwarded to the Credentials Committee for final approval. If the Directors do not agree, the exception is not granted. There is no appeal from this decision.

Effective July 1, 2006 for GNT 06/07 events  
 Effective April 1, 2007 for NAP 07/08 events

Carried. Nay: 11

<b>BRIDGE - TOURNAMENTS</b>	
Wood (C) Arlinghaus, DeMartino, Gerard, Heth, Kirkham, LeBendig, Levy, Morse, Reiman, Retek, Robinson, Taylor	Staff: Beye

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 053-120: Mini Spingold KOs**

The Mini-Spingold Special Conditions of Contest will be amended and edited to reflect:

1. The 0-1500 event shall be no longer than five days. The field on the second day shall be no larger than 16 teams.
2. All references to Appendix C shall be deleted.

Effective January 1, 2006.

Carried. Abstain: 4

**Item 053-121: NABC Fast Open Pairs Championships**

In accordance with item 023-116 NABC Fast Open Pairs Championship, the report submitted by Management has been reviewed and approved.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-123: NABC Regionally Rated Fast Pair Events**

At the local host organizations option, regional fast open pair events at NABCs may be 24, 26 or 27 boards.

Effective January 1, 2006.

Carried without dissent.

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The meeting was called to order by President Roger Smith on Thursday, November 17, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, November 16

Also Present: Same as Wednesday, November 16

**JUNIORS**

Seals (C) Harlan, (VC)  
Arlinghaus, Buckman, Cook, Fairchild, Fleming, Heth, Himel, Nist,  
Robinson, Taylor Staff: Blaiss, C.

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 053-85: ACBL World Junior Camp**

Item 032-68 is reaffirmed and in accordance with Item 032-68, the WBF World Junior Camp will be held in Nashville in 2007. Further that the proposed Camp Rules are adopted.

Deferred to Spring 2006 NABC.

Carried. Nay: 1, 7, 8, 10, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25

**MARKETING**

Fleming (C)    Cook (VC)  
Anderson, Buckman, Fairchild, Harlan, Himel, Nist, Steinberg, Seals    Staff: Granell  
Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 052-100: Marketing/Publicity Status Report**

The marketing / publicity status report is received.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 052-101: Bridge Education Status Report**

The bridge education status report is received.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-102: Dues/Service Fee Amnesty Program**

Management will implement an amnesty program beginning January 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2006. Upon payment of annual membership dues/service fees, people whose membership had lapsed shall be credited with all masterpoints earned during that period.

Carried without dissent.

**Executive Session**

At approximately 11:30 a.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

The board reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

**GOVERNANCE**

Fairchild (C)    Arlinghaus (VC)  
Anderson, Buckman, Cook, Gerard, Harlan, Heth, Himel, Kirkham, LeBendig, Morse,  
Steinberg, Taylor, Wood    Staff: Miller  
Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 053-20: Senior Swiss Team Trophy**

The Senior Swiss Team Trophy will be named in honor of Alan Truscott. Sponsorship has been made by the US Playing Card Company. Title on the trophy will be Alan Truscott USPC Senior Swiss.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-23: ACBL Board Operations**

The board operations committee report is received. (Exhibit D)

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-24: Insurance Committee Report**

The insurance committee report is received. (Exhibit E)

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-25: Redistricting Committee Report**

The redistricting committee report is received. (Exhibit F)

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-26: Election Procedure Committee Report**

The election procedure committee verbal report is received.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-27: Goodwill Member of the Year**

Item 911-94 is amended as follows:

- B. The regulation for selection of the ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year (Item 892-95) is amended to read as follows:

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 ACBL Goodwill Committee shall review all nominations and present its recommendations for ACBL Goodwill Member of the year at each Fall Meeting of the Board.

The Goodwill member will be informed by the Goodwill committee chairman and honored at the Spring Goodwill reception.

Carried without dissent.

### **Item 053-28: Non-Dues Paying Players Surcharge**

Except for charity events or events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints:

- A. For all sectionals beginning after July 1, 2006, the sponsoring organization shall charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$1.00 per person per session for non-members and non-service fee paying LMs.
- B. For all regionals beginning after July 1, 2006, the sponsoring organization shall charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$2.00 per person per session for non-members and non-service fee paying LMs.
- C. It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members.
- D. The additional fee shall be retained by the sponsoring organization.

Item 983-196B is rescinded.

Effective July 1, 2006

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 6, 12, 24

### **Item 053-29: USA – Canada Friendship Trophy**

In conjunction with celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Goodwill Committee we intend to recognize our joint interest in promoting our game and bringing closer players from both sides of the border as we propose to establish a new Trophy for the 2006 to 2013 years. It would consist of eight games (D19 & D19; D18 & D18, D5 or 12 or 13 or 14 & D2; d3 or 4 or 25 & D1).

Starting from West to East each year one game at one side of the border will be designated as the Friendship Trophy game. It is suggested that this game will be the final Swiss or KO event of the Regional or NABC (regional event) tournaments.

The winning team members will receive a replica of the Friendship Trophy that will be displayed throughout the tournament.

Deferred to Spring 2006 NABC.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-30: Holding Unit for Certain Unpaid Life Members**

Item 971-46 is amended as follows:

Once a month, Management will notify each affected unit and district of all (1) Life Members who have moved out of a unit to an unknown location and (2) unpaid Life Members who have had no contact with ACBL for the previous two years. Unless informed to the contrary, each such Life Member will be transferred into a special holding unit not associated with any of the 25 districts. A list of the Life Members who have been so transferred will be sent each year to the appropriate units and districts.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-31: ACBL Units**

- A. The relationship between ACBL and each of its chartered units is that of independent organizations.

Carried unanimously.

- B. The application for and acceptance of a charter constitutes agreement to the attached.
- C. By acceptance of its portion of membership dues reimbursement, each existing chartered unit shall re-affirm its agreement to the attached document.

Deferred to Spring 2006 NABC.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-32: Real Estate Committee Report**

The real estate committee report is received. (Exhibit G )

Carried without dissent.

**Item 053-33: Director of Appeals**

Item 972-202 is amended as follows:

The President shall appoint one member of the Board of Directors to serve as Director of the Tournament Appeals Committee at NABCs. The Director shall not serve on any committee involving conduct or ethics, or involving any other matter that might result in an appeal to the Board of Directors. No other member of the Board may serve in any capacity on this committee.

The Director and Chairman and/or Co-chairmen shall have the sole responsibility of determining the membership of the NABC Tournament Appeals Committee.

The Director shall be entitled to a hotel room through the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and per diem through the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of his NABC stay. (ACBL Board members automatically receive free plays).

Effective January 1, 2006  
Estimated savings: \$5,000

Carried.      Nay: 6, 21, 22, 23      Abstain: 7

#### **Item 053-34: Defined Pension Plan Option**

The ACBL will not offer defined pension plan option to newly hired employees.

Effective January 1, 2006

Carried.      Nay: 6, 7, 11, 17, 21.

#### **APPEALS & CHARGES**

Heth (C)      Kirkham (VC)  
Anderson, Buckman, Fairchild, LeBendig, Morse

Staff: Blaiss, G.

Committee Report by Chairman

#### **Item 053-01: Report of Hearings**

**In the matter of the review of the discipline of Kevin Lewis, ACBL number L248224, in accordance with CDR 7.2.6:**

The Committee affirms the finding that Mr. Lewis violated CDR section 4.4. Further, the Committee finds that Mr. Lewis played in ACBL sanctioned games while under ACBL suspension. The Committee modifies the discipline previously imposed. Mr. Lewis is expelled from the ACBL effective November 18, 2005.

**In the matter of the appeal of the District 6 Appellate Committee's decision regarding the decision of the Unit 135 Disciplinary Committee concerning discipline imposed on Stanley Schwartz, ACBL number L200507:**

1. The factual findings of the District 6 Appellate Committee from its de novo hearing are accepted.
2. The discipline imposed by the District 6 Appellate Committee is modified except that masterpoints forfeited by the Unit 135 Disciplinary Committee and reinstated by the Appellate Committee are permitted to remain reinstated.
3. Discipline is imposed by the Appeals and Charges Committee as follows:
  - a. Eighteen months of Mr. Schwartz's current probation is converted to suspension with credit for four months time served. Mr. Schwartz shall serve this suspension from 12:01 AM December 1, 2005 through 11:59 PM January 31, 2007.
  - b. Twelve months of probation to be served consecutive to Mr. Schwartz's current probation. This additional period of probation shall commence 12:01 AM January 1, 2009 and end 11:59 PM December 31, 2009 (Schwartz's current probation will resume when his suspension ends and remain in effect through 11:59 PM December 31, 2008).

This committee has asked that the chairperson of Appeals and Charges write a letter to Unit 135 to instruct its current and future disciplinary chairpersons on the issue of bias of hearing-panel members whether actual or perceived.

The report is accepted.

#### **Item 053-02: ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations**

- A. Appendix B is removed from the CDR.
- B. Appendix C is now named Appendix B.
- C. There is a new Appendix A. ( Exhibit H)

Carried without dissent.

#### **Item 053-04: CDR Amended**

The CDR is amended. (Exhibit I)

Carried without dissent.

**FINANCE & BUDGET**

Reiman (C) DeMartino (VC)

Fleming, Levy, Nist, Retek, Robinson, Seals

Staff: Zdancewicz

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 053-10: 2006 Budget**

The ACBL 2006 budget is approved.

General Revenue increases are:

1. Rating point game fee increase \$ .65 to \$ .74. (Effective 4/1/06)
2. STaC fee increase from \$2.42 to \$3.04.
3. Progressive sectional (qualifying) from \$2.65 to \$3.04.
4. Sectional surcharge increased from \$110 to \$135.
5. Tournament Director fees increased by 7%.
6. Supply fees increased from \$ .85 to \$ .95.
7. Tournament assistant fee increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00.
8. NABC entry fees increased \$1.50/per person per session.

Effective January 1, 2006 except as noted.

Carried. Nay: 2, 5, 6, 7, 14, 17, 21, 22.

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**Volunteer of the Year**

Roni Gitchel, District 5 and Cindy Kirk, District 21 were announced as the Volunteers of the Year.

**Item 053-135: Charity Foundation Trustee Election**

Jerry Fleming is elected as Charity Foundation Trustee for a four-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009

**Item 053-136: Educational Foundation Trustee Election**

Flo Belford, Jim Kirkham and Don Mamula are elected as Educational Foundation Trustees for a three-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008

### **Closing Remarks**

It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 17 and its units, District Director Jerry Fleming, Tournament Chairs Roy Weinstein and Bob Wingard and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Adam's Mark Hotel for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 4:10 p.m.