

## **CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP OPERATING GUIDELINES**

### **H. AWARDS AND TROPHIES**

#### **Section 1 – Trophy Policies**

- 1.1 Policy and criteria for acceptance of permanent trophies honoring individuals:
  - 1.1.1 A minimum donation of \$50,000 is required for National Championships or ACBL-wide events and/or masterpoint races and a minimum donation of \$30,000 is required for Regional-rated events at NABCs. These funds will be accepted into the ACBL General Fund and, for the next 20 years, trophy replicas will be provided by ACBL.
  - 1.1.2 The individual to be honored must have been a member in good standing during the entire period of his or her ACBL membership and have made a significant contribution to the bridge community that warrants widespread recognition.
  - 1.1.3 A maximum of 50% of the annual income earned on the donation, after the purchase of the trophy, shall be used for replicas or other suitable awards. Additional income shall go to the ACBL General Fund for insurance, maintenance, engraving, etc. of the trophy.
  - 1.1.4 The trophy will be retired after 20 years unless renewed by the Board of Directors. Should the trophy be retired at that time, all funds will revert to the ACBL General Fund.
- 1.2 Policy and criteria for acceptance of permanent trophies bearing the name of a corporation, a foundation, an organization or a product:
  - 1.2.1 A minimum initial donation of \$100,000 and further donations of \$25,000 annually for 10 years for National Championships and a minimum initial donation of \$75,000 and \$15,000 annually for 10 years for Regional and other ACBL-wide events.
  - 1.2.2 A trophy is subject to renewal or cancellation after 10 years and the remaining funds shall revert to the ACBL General Fund.
  - 1.2.3 The ACBL and the trophy sponsor shall determine mutual benefits and obligations.

### 1.3 General.

- 1.3.1 ACBL shall retain possession of all trophies and shall be responsible for insurance and maintenance of the trophies. ACBL shall have the names of winners added to the trophy display in the ACBL Bridge Museum.
- 1.3.2 A list of awards, trophies and races shall be maintained by ACBL management and updated annually. If a trophy does not exist for an event/race, its title shall be changed to "award".
- 1.3.3 All events which have been on the current schedule of national-rated events at NABCs for at least five years will have a trophy assigned.

## **Section 2 – Trophy Assignment Policy**

See Appendix 1-H *Trophies*

- 2.1 A list of all trophy winners shall be published annually in the Bridge Bulletin.
- 2.2 Articles about events that award a trophy should have a paragraph and short bio about the trophy and its donor when it is written up.
- 2.3 Winners of NABC+ events and any ACBL members winning World Championships during the last year will be recognized during the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.
- 2.4 All trophies should be written up in the Daily Bulletin.
- 2.5 If an event that has a trophy is eliminated, the Board of Directors will decide on the disposition of the trophy at the time the event is terminated.
- 2.6 The Encyclopedia of Bridge should show the disposition of a trophy in the event of an event change or its demise.
- 2.7 The ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations should show the current list and a short description about the trophy.

2.8 The Board has the prerogative of changing the name on a trophy to that of a famous player who should be remembered but for whom no trophy was donated.

2.9. Relinquishment of Title.

2.9.1 Any ancillary benefit coming from a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in a NABC or NABC+ event will be removed or returned for all members of the relinquishing pair or team. This includes but is not limited to –

2.9.1.1 Any remuneration of any kind shall be returned to the ACBL.

2.9.1.2 Any trophy shall be returned to ACBL. The names of the relinquished players shall be struck from any trophy awarded.

2.9.1.3 Any rank change occurring as a result of the relinquished title shall be rescinded, including but not limited to Grand Life Master.

2.9.1.4 Any masterpoints and any event (such as Blue Ribbon Pairs) qualification shall be removed.

2.9.1.5 Any trophy or award received because of masterpoints received, including but not limited to Mott-Smith, Goren, Fishbein, Player of the Year, Barry crane Top 500, and Richmond, shall be forfeited and those titles shall remain vacant.

2.10. Vacated Titles.

2.10.1 The following ancillary benefits derived from a 1st or 2nd place finish in a NABC or NABC+ event that was vacated under ACBL Board of Directions' resolution (Item 192-03) will be removed or returned for all members of the relinquishing pair or team:

2.10.1.1 Any trophy shall be returned to ACBL. The names of the players whose titles were vacated shall be struck from any trophy awarded.

2.10.1.2 Any rank change occurring as a result of the vacated title shall be rescinded, including but not limited to Grand Life Master.

2.10.1.3 Any masterpoints and any event (such as Blue Ribbon Pairs) qualification shall be removed.

- 2.10.1.4 Any trophy or award received because of masterpoints received, including but not limited to Mott-Smith, Goren, Fishbein, Player of the Year, Barry Crane Top 500, and Richmond, shall be forfeited, and those titles shall remain vacated.

### **Section 3 – Specific Trophies**

- 3.1 Sidney H. Lazard, Jr. Award for Sportsmanship
  - 3.1.1 An award for sportsmanship is established to recognize those players who exhibit admirable ethical behavior and a strong sense of fair play at the highest levels of bridge.
  - 3.1.2 The Sidney H. Lazard, Jr. Award for Sportsmanship will go to an individual who displayed these traits over an extended period of time, not for just one good deed.
  - 3.1.3 Presentation of the award shall take place at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.
  - 3.1.4 A permanent trophy for this award will be kept at ACBL Bridge Museum.
  - 3.1.5 Recipients of the award will receive replica trophies.
  - 3.1.6 Recipients of the award will be determined by a three-person committee. Each committee member will appoint his/her own successor. In those circumstances in which a committee member is not able or can no longer serve on the committee and no successor has been named, the other two committee members will appoint the third member.
  - 3.1.7 The award is limited to the top echelon of players, i.e., only those players who have finished fourth or better in an NABC+ event.
  - 3.1.8 The award may be given annually or less frequently as appropriate.
- 3.2 Alan Truscott USPC/Senior Swiss Team Trophy
  - 3.2.1 The United States Playing Card (USPC) Trophy is reassigned as the Senior Swiss Team Trophy. The Senior Swiss Team Trophy will be named in honor of Alan Truscott. Sponsorship has been made by the United States Playing Card Company. The title on the trophy will be Alan Truscott/USPC Senior Swiss.

### 3.3 Goren Trophy

3.3.1 The Goren Trophy is reassigned and will be awarded to the player winning the most masterpoints at the Fall NABC.

### 3.4 Paul Soloway Trophy

3.4.1 The Herman Trophy is renamed the Paul Soloway Trophy and will be awarded to the player winning the most platinum points in a calendar year (e.g., the NABC Player of the Year).

### 3.5 Grant Baze Senior Knockout Team Trophy

3.5.1 A sterling silver trophy presented to the ACBL in the fall of 2010 will be named in honor of Grant Baze and will be awarded to the winners of the Senior KO Teams.

3.5.2 This Grant Baze Senior Knockout Team Trophy will be maintained in the ACBL Bridge Museum.

### 3.6 Morehead Trophy

3.6.1 The Morehead Trophy is for the winners of the Championship Flight of the Grand National Teams.

### 3.7 Baldwin Trophy

3.7.1 The Baldwin Trophy shall be for the winners of Flight A of the North American Pairs.

### 3.8 Fishbein Trophy

3.8.1 The GNT Championship Flight masterpoints won at the NABC in the semi-finals and finals will be included for the Fishbein Trophy which is awarded to the player winning the most masterpoints at the Summer NABC.

## **Section 4 – Awards**

### 4.1 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year

4.1.1 This information is to be included with the material that is provided annually to the Honorary Member of the Year Selection Committee. ACBL Management will form this committee annually and this committee will select the Honorary Member of the Year. The Board of Directors will approve the final selection. **(Effective July 14, 2020)**

- 4.1.2 The Honorary Member of the Year is awarded to:
  - 4.1.2.1 A person who is known widely throughout the membership of the ACBL.
  - 4.1.2.2 A person who has given freely of time and ability, without thought of reward, and in the interest and welfare of the ACBL as a whole as opposed to a segment of the ACBL's operations.
  - 4.1.2.3 A person who is not an incumbent member of the ACBL Board of Directors.
- 4.1.3 The benefits for those members selected as "Honorary Member of the Year" are as follows:
  - 4.1.3.1 Free entries to NABCs for one year.
  - 4.1.3.2 An article in the Bridge Bulletin and picture on the Bridge Bulletin cover.
  - 4.1.3.3 A letter of congratulations from the ACBL Board of Directors signed by the ACBL President.
- 4.2 President's Nadine Wood Volunteer Member of the Year Award
  - 4.2.1 The President's Nadine Wood Volunteer Member of the Year Award will be given to one or two ACBL members who have exhibited the effort and selfless giving that makes ACBL volunteers the best in the world.
  - 4.2.2 Award winners will be selected by the ACBL President and announced at the Fall Board meeting.
  - 4.2.3 ACBL management will design and provide pins that commemorate this award.
  - 4.2.4 Presentation of the award will be made to the recipient(s) at the Spring Goodwill meeting that follows the announcement.
  - 4.2.5 Airfare, using advance non-refundable ticketing reflecting the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times, and two nights hotel will be provided.
  - 4.2.6 A suitable article will be carried in the Bridge Bulletin.

4.3 King or Queen of Bridge

4.3.1 The King or Queen of Bridge is a merit program available to a graduating high school senior that is an ACBL member who plays and promotes bridge.

4.3.2 The ACBL Educational Foundation will present a \$1,000 scholarship to the King or Queen of Bridge.

4.4 Games at NABCs named in honor of players:

4.4.1 The Platinum Pairs is renamed the Norman Kay Platinum Pairs.

4.4.2 The Blue Ribbon Pairs is renamed the Edgar Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs.