

Minutes of the  
ACBL Board of Governors  
Memphis, TN  
March 24, 2019

Richard Popper, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday March 25, 2019 10 a.m.

**OPENING REMARKS**

Chairman Popper welcomed the new members of the Board of Governors.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Honolulu, HI meeting minutes held November 25, 2018 are approved.

**CARRIED**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / FINANCE REPORT**

Joe Jones presented the Management's report. (See [www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/](http://www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/))

**LITIGATION REPORT**

Linda Dunn presented the Litigation report. (See [www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/](http://www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/))

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Popper presented his report on the meeting of the Board of Directors.  
(See [www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/](http://www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/))

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Steve Moese, presented the Board of Directors / Board of Governors Restructure proposal.  
(See [www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/](http://www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/))

**RECONSIDERATION**

Moved by Doug Couchman, District 21 and seconded that Item 191-02: Collusive Cheaters be reconsidered.

*a new Section 10.2.4 of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations be added as follows:*

*10.2.4 Collusive Cheating: Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of Section 10.2, the ACBL Board of Directors will not hear, and ACBL Management hereby is instructed not to forward to the Board, any request for readmission of a member who was expelled for premeditated collusive cheating in NABC+ or equivalent events, or who resigned his membership for the purpose of avoiding possible disciplinary actions concerning premeditated collusive cheating in such events, or combination of such expulsion or resignation. Such a former member may never be readmitted to Membership in the ACBL nor participate in any ACBL sanctioned events. Effective immediately*

### **MOTIONS**

#### **191-01 USE of Tournament Assistants (Tas)**

Moved by Peter Marcus, District 25, that the use of Tournament Assistants instead of ACBL-employed tournament directors should be prohibited when the TA

- a) Requires a hotel room paid by the sponsor to work at the tournament or
- b) Is coming from a distance greater than that of an available ACBL-employee director

Requests for exceptions to this rule would have to be approved by the Director, Field Operations or the immediate supervisor/manager of the tournament Director-in-Charge and documented, in writing, to the DIC and Tournament Chair.

This regulation would not apply to special circumstances where the ACBL had agreed to allow an individual to work as a director at a tournament, independent of their employment status, as a result of a lawsuit settlement.

**MOTION FAILED**

#### **191-02 Opportunities for ACBL Members Outside ACBL Territories**

Moved by Peter Marcus, District 25 and seconded that ACBL Management will create two online bridge tournaments, in conjunction with one NABCs, which:

- a) Will be limited to players whose residence is outside ACBL geographies
- b) Is only open to ACBL members in good standing, i.e., current with their dues
- c) Will provide for the opportunity to win gold, red and silver points

**CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL OF NEW LIFE MASTERS**

Moved by Sandy DeMartino, District 25 and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status will be designated as Life Masters.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**THANKS FOR HOSPITALITY**

Moved by Sandra DeMartino and seconded by all that the sincere thanks of the Board of Governors are extended to District 10 and its units, District Director Russ Jones, and Tournament Chair Bob Williams and all the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Memphis Sheraton Downtown, and the Memphis Convention Center for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:45 a.m.