

**Minutes of the  
ACBL Board of Governors  
Las Vegas, NV  
July 21, 2019**

Richard Popper, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday July 21, 2019 10 a.m.

**OPENING REMARKS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Memphis, TN meeting minutes held March 24, 2019 are approved.

**CARRIED**

**LITIGATION REPORT**

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

**FINANCE REPORT**

Peyton Dodson presented the Financial report. (See [www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/](http://www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/))

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Joe Jones presented the Management's 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.  
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**RECONSIDERATION**

Moved by Steve Moeses, District 11, and seconded that Item 192-51 Bylaws – Executive Committee be reconsidered.

**CARRIED**

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## MOTIONS

### **Item 192-05BG: Task Force Plan for Reduction**

Moved by Allison Brandt, District 4 and seconded that the current ACBL President, Russ Jones, will create a Task Force from the Board of Directors to deliver a plan for the reduction in the size of the ACBL Board of Directors. This plan must be delivered to the Board of Directors for a vote at the San Francisco meeting in November 2019.

**CARRIED**

### **Item 192-06BG: Senior Players**

Moved by Mike Heymann, District 16 and seconded that all eligible Senior players be grandfathered in for all future Senior NABC games.

**CARRIED**

### **Item 192-01BG: Hybrid Sectionals**

Moved by Jay Apfelbaum, District 4 and seconded that Chapter X – Sectionals – Section A General 1.8 is amended

- 1.8 Sectionals may be Open, Senior, Limited by masterpoints (specifically, 0-100; 0- 200; 0-300; 0- 750), Junior, Youth, Progressive-style, Hybrid or a STaC.

#### Chapter X – Sectionals – Section A. General – Section Hybrid Sectionals

- 8.1 A hybrid sectional is identical to an open sectional, except for the playing sites. The Flight A events will be run from a pre-announced single site. The other flights, whether flighted or stratified, is run from specific, pre-announced sites.
- 8.2 ACBL Tournament Director staffing will be based on the expected attendance at the Flight A site.
- 8.3 The sponsoring organization is responsible to provide adequate, competent staffing for the Flight B sites.
- 8.4 Masterpoints will be awarded for the Flight A event the same as if the entire Sectional was held at a single site.
- 8.5 Masterpoints will be awarded for the other flights the same as if it were a STaC.

**MOTION FAILED**

### **Item 192-03BG: Duties of the Board of Governors**

Moved by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded that the ACBL Bylaws Article IX Board of Governors, Section 9.2 be amended as follows:

- 9.2 **Duties.** In furtherance of these purposes, the duties of the Board of Governors are:

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- 9.2.1 To review the resolutions voted on by the Board of Directors.
- 9.2.2 To forward selected resolutions decided by the Board of Directors back to that body for reconsideration.
- 9.2.3 To propose new or revised resolutions for consideration by the Board of Directors and receive reports from the Board of Directors on the status of such resolutions.
- 9.2.4 To initiate or ratify amendments to these Bylaws as specified in Article X.
- 9.2.5 To ratify proposed changes in the districting of the ACBL.
- 9.2.6 To recognize new ACBL Life Masters.
- 9.2.7 ~~To perform other duties as may be specified elsewhere in these Bylaws or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.~~ To gather input from District members on issues and priorities facing the District and the ACBL, and report findings from Board of Governor's meetings to District members.
- 9.2.8. To perform other duties as may be specified elsewhere in these Bylaws or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. (See Appendix for entire Article IX text)

**CARRIED**

**Item 192-04BG: Recruiting Incentive**

Moved by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded that the ACBL identify the member sponsor, the teacher (if applicable) and the club program (if applicable) and reward them with cash.

Establish a minimum incentive (40% of the new membership fee from year 2 through year 6 (5 years total of their continuous membership). The incentive is allocated 50% for the sponsor, 25% for the teacher and 25% for the Club, with any one or two of the three eligible for the entire award if they did all the related work. When in doubt, fees will go to the first contact defined by the prospect themselves.

Units may earn incentives for Unit initiatives that identify, train, and introduce new players to bridge.

In order to fund this effort equitably across the bridge ecosystem, without increasing membership fees,

- Units will contribute their 11% membership rebate,
- all NABC and Regional tournaments will contribute an incremental \$3 per table, and
- Sectional Tournaments (not STaCs or Progressive sectionals at clubs) will contribute an additional \$1 per table for all games.

In addition, the ACBL will create a Membership Growth Fund month for clubs during which all club games will charge \$1 extra, with \$2 per table going to the ACBL Membership Growth Fund. All funds so raised will be used solely to pay toward the recruiting rewards due under this plan.

Note – incentives will be set at a minimum 40% of current membership fees until full funding is achieved by year 5 of the program. No incentives will be applied retroactively for past year performance.

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The exact amount of the award for the year will be determined by the Growth Funds raised in the year from all sources divided by the number of renewing new members. If recruitment fails to achieve at least 12000 new members, the minim 40% will be the incentive for that year.

Funds earmarked for the growth fund may not be used for any purpose other than the recruiting incentive. If after a 3-year period the program is not able to sustain itself financially, the Board of Directors can suspend or eliminate the program. Any remaining funds must be used for recruiting new members only.

New members who self-associate to the ACBL shall not be included into the incentive program.

Only ACBL Members in good standing are eligible for these incentives. Dropping membership ends the incentive.

## **MOTION FAILED**

### **Item 192-07BG: Hand Records**

Moved by Mike Flader, District 14 (proxy) and seconded that identical hand records be used at all NABC events that are playing at the same time.

**CARRIED**

### **Item 192-08BG: Recorder**

Moved by Joann Sprung, District 17 and seconded that all recorder forms submitted be shared with the recorder in the player's home district.

**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 17 and its units, District Director Bonnie Bagley, and Tournament Chair Liz Hamilton and all the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Las Vegas Cosmopolitan for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:50 a.m.

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