

**Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
San Francisco, CA
December 1, 2019**

Richard Popper, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday December 1, 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 July 21, 2019 are approved.

CARRIED

PRESIDENT REPORT

President Jones introduced David Lodge to discuss the reorganization plan. (See www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

LITIGATION REPORT

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

FINANCE REPORT

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

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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:

- 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 (Proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Board of Directors at its Spring 2020 meeting)

RECONSIDERATION

Moved by Peter Clark, District 1, and seconded that Item 193-36 NABC Regional and Single Session Event Entry Fees be reconsidered.

MOTION FAILED

Moved by Stu Goodgold, District 21, and seconded that Item 193-16/51 ACBL Board Reorganization be reconsidered.

CARRIED

Moved by Ellen Kent, District 13, and seconded that Item 193-61 Revised Schedule for Selected NABC Events be reconsidered.

CARRIED

Moved by Peter Marcus, District 25, and seconded that Item 193-26 Non-Conforming Events be reconsidered.

MOTION FAILED

MOTIONS

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Item 193-05BG: Unit and Club Teacher Recommendations

Moved by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded

- To enable Teaching Clubs and Unit Boards to recommend teachers who teach at clubs or bridge centers to teach beginner bridge classes.
- To record these recommendations for all members in good standing.
- To list teachers and beginner classes they teach on the trybridge.org website under “find a teacher” or “find a class” searches by zip code, city or state.
- To encourage such Club and Unit recommended teachers to engage their peers for best practices, teaching materials (including teaching hands) and collaborative problem solving.

CARRIED

Item 193-04BG: Teaching Clubs Centers

Moved by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded

- To designate Teaching Clubs and Teaching Centers.
- Teaching Clubs and Centers apply to the ACBL for their designation with a 1-year calendar showing class, play, social, and duplicate offerings.
- Annual renewal requires updated information.
- Teachers, Clubs, and Centers are responsible for keeping the class offerings up to date. Outdated information is removed from tyrbridge.org. Failure to update information loses the Teaching Club/Center designation.
- To display teaching clubs and teaching Centers to new prospects in response to their search for how to learn bridge.
- The ACBL may limit the number of Teaching Clubs and Centers based on their objective performance teaching news students, attracting new players to bridge, and helping create new ACBL Members. Paid ACBL member creation and creation of (new) Guest Members are appropriate metrics for assigning these designations. Objective criteria used shall be made known to teachers, clubs, and centers.

CARRIED

Item 193-02BG: Teaching Clubs/Centers Incentives

Moved by Steve Moese, District 11 and seconded

- In addition to the guest membership program, offer a new player year one membership discount available through teachers, teaching clubs and centers exclusively. (We recommend a year one price between \$9.99 and \$19.99).
- Offer 1-2 additional Club Championship games for free based on objective performance - number of prospects engaged (guest members), number playing rubber bridge, and number of new members created (Year one or full membership price). Lessons, rubber bridge sessions, I/N games. Supervised play, Teaching Games are all evidence of best practice. The ACBL defines and publishes objective performance criteria.

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- Feature Teaching Clubs and Centers in advertising that targets known guest members and new prospects. Make access to these programs timely and accurate.
- Award extra matching Cooperative Advertising Program funds to the top 200 clubs proven top performers.

MOTION FAILED

Moved that the Board of Governors Chair has the authority to modify Item 193-16/51 Board Reorganization to allow modification where necessary.

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 21 and its units, District Director Jackie Zayac, and Tournament Chair Jim Leuker and all the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA 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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