

ACBL Board of Directors
July 11 - 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Joann Glasson on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. ET.

Present: Jonathan Steinberg R1, Mark Aquino R2, Margot Hennings R4, Dennis Carman R5, Barbara Heller R6, Paul Cuneo R9, David Lodge R11, Tim White R13, Flo Belford, D2, Carlos Muñoz D3, Joann Glasson D4, Georgia Heth D8, Jeff Overby D9, Larry Sealy D10, AJ Stephani D11, Deana Liddy D14, Cindy Shoemaker D17, Laurie Rowe D20, Stu Goodgold D21, David Moss D24

Also Present: Doug Couchman, Advisory Council Chair, Joseph Jones, Executive Director, Peyton Dodson, Director of Finance, and Sabrina Goley, Administrative Coordinator.

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Item 222-BD01 Certification of Region 6 Regional Director

Barbara Heller was certified as having been duly elected as Region 6 Regional Director of the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League to complete the remaining term, July 11, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

Carried unanimously

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The March 8-11, 2022 regular meeting minutes and May 16 and 23, 2022 special meeting minutes were approved.

Carried Abstain: R6

Consideration of Non-Agenda Item

Item NA222-01 Unit formation, transfer and dissolution regulations was approved as a non-agenda item by unanimous vote and assigned to the Governance Committee.

Item 222-BD02 Online Ethical Oversight Committee Appointments

Cheri Bjerkan, Jordan Chodorow, Ira Chorush, Richard Popper and Rick Rowland were appointed for a three-year term to the Online Ethical Oversight Committee from the end of the Summer 2022 NABC through the end of the Summer 2025 NABC.

Carried unanimously

Consent Calendar

Items 222-BR01 and 222-GV01 were included on the Board's consent calendar based on unanimous approval by the respective committees:

Item 222-BR01: Update NABC location guidelines

Codification Part 2 – Bridge Operations, Chapter VIII – North American Bridge Championships, Section 2 – Goals for a NABC and Appendix 8-A North American Bridge Championships were amended as follows:

2.3 Location Guidelines

2.3.1 A site for a NABC may be proposed only by ACBL management and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

2.3.2 ACBL management and the Advisory Committee, if any, will consider cities that meet NABC criteria, while attempting to equally distribute sites in each zone (East, Central and West) of the continent every year.

Appendix 8-A North American Bridge Championships

D. Rotation and Frequency

The geographic rotation of having an NABC in each zone (East, Central and West) of the continent each year is highly desirable and should be attempted. Over an extended period of time, there should be an equal distribution of NABCs in Eastern, Central and Western locations, including Canada.

Any deviation from the requirements should be clearly identified when site recommendations are presented.

Effective immediately

Item 222-GV01: Communications removal from Codification

Codification Part 1 - Governance and Policy, Chapter IV - Board Procedures, A. Administration, Section 4 - Communications and Appendix 4-A3 were removed.

Effective January 1, 2023

Executive Session

The Board of Directors and Advisory Council Committee Chair convened into executive session from 9:12 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ET.

The Board of Directors adjourned at 10:30 a.m. ET for committee meetings during the remainder of the day.

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The meeting was called to order by President Joann Glasson on Tuesday, July 12 at 9:05 a.m. ET.

Present: Same as July 11.

Also Present: Same as July 11 except for Educational Foundation President Robert Todd.

Educational Foundation Presentation

ACBL Educational Foundation President Robert Todd presented a new concept for Member Analysis and Membership Recruitment Program Development to the Board. At the conclusion of this presentation, a straw poll vote supported moving forward as soon as feasible with the creation of a task force to spearhead a member recruitment program to provide digital leads to a select group of teachers on a pilot basis to run beginning bridge classes with the intent of converting those students into members. (See below under Non-Agenda Item 222-02)

ACBL Management Report

The report of Executive Director Joseph Jones was received. (Attachment A)

Litigation Report

The report on the status of litigation was received. (Attachment B)

FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Lodge, (C), Moss (VC) Cuneo, Hennings, Liddy, Munoz, Rowe, White	Staff: Dodson

As reported by Committee Chair

The Finance Committee Chair reported on the revised budget for the Summer 2022 NABC in Providence as well as the current state of the ACBL's finances. (Attachment C)

STRATEGIC COMMITTEE	
Cuneo (C), White (VC), Aquino, Goodgold, Liddy, Sealy, Shoemaker	Staff: Jones

As reported by Committee Chair

The Strategic Committee Chair presented the current strategic direction of the ACBL.

BRIDGE COMMITTEE	
Carman (C), Sealy (VC) Aquino, Belford, Heller, Moss, Steinberg	Staff: Weinstein

As reported by Committee Chair

The Bridge Committee Chair reported on the following items from the Spring 2022 NABC:

Item 221-BR02: Limited MP Event Eligibility was reviewed by the Competition and Conventions Committee. The motion will be rewritten and presented as a new motion during the Fall 2022 NABC.

Item 221-BR03: Change Table Counting for Human Robot Pairs was reviewed by the Masterpoint Committee. Doug Couchman reported that no action will be taken on this motion because it was determined that it was not feasible to do at this time due to IT constraints and financial concerns. However, the Masterpoint Committee will reconsider it in the future.

Executive Session

The Board of Directors convened into executive session for a discussion with the Strategic Committee at 3:20 p.m. ET.

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The meeting was called to order by President Joann Glasson on Wednesday, July 13 at 9:00 a.m. ET.

Present: Same as July 11.

Also Present: Same as July 11.

Consideration of Non-Agenda Item

Item NA222-02 Pilot Membership Recruitment Development Program for Teachers was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee in a meeting on July 12, 2022. The Finance Committee also provided approval before it was presented to the full board due to the financial obligation. The motion was unanimously accepted by the full board as a non-agenda item.

Non-Agenda Item 222-02 Pilot Membership Recruitment Development Program for Teachers

The ACBL, in cooperation with the ACBL Educational Foundation, shall run a Pilot Program to develop new bridge players and members. ACBL shall also provide implementation support for this Pilot Program, as appropriate, to help ensure success.

The ACBL shall pay for generating new student leads and the associated costs of this Pilot Program not to exceed \$100,000 for the remainder of 2022.

The ACBL Educational Foundation shall assist in real-time monitoring of and analyzing the results of this Pilot Program. This assistance will be funded by the ACBL Educational Foundation.

Effective upon approval of the ACBL Educational Foundation of their commitment to monitoring and analytical support of this Pilot

Carried

Abstain: D11, D20

IT Report

Joseph Jones presented to the Board challenges facing the ACBL Information Technology Dept. and reported on the status of ongoing IT Dept. projects.

COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE	
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Shoemaker (C) Aquino, Belford, Rowe	Staff: Stratton
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As reported by Communications Task Force Chair

The Communications Task Force Chair reported on the current projects and the accomplishments of improved communication within the Board of Directors, between the Board and ACBL management, and the Board and ACBL membership.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE	
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Goodgold (C) Aquino, Heller, Steinberg	Staff: Dunn
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As reported by Committee Chair

First Reading

The ACBL Bylaws, Article VI, Officers of the ACBL, Sections 6.1.2 and 6.2.2 and Article VII, Committees, Section 7.2.2.2 was amended as follows:

- 6.1.2 The Board of Directors shall elect from among its members a Vice-President of the ACBL to serve for the following calendar year or until a successor is elected. Only a member of the Board of Directors may serve as Vice-President.
- 6.2.2 Vice-President: The Vice-President of the Board of Directors shall:
 - 6.2.2.1 Perform the duties of the President during the absence, incapacity, or vacancy of the President.
 - 6.2.2.2 Have such other duties as the Board of Directors or the President may assign.
- 7.2.2 The Executive Committee shall be composed of:
 - 7.2.2.2 The Vice President of the Board of Directors.

Effective immediately after ratification by the Advisory Council

Carried Nay: R2, D9, D20

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Hennings (C)
Belford, Goodgold, Heller, Overby, Shoemaker, Steinberg

As reported by Committee Chair.

Item 222-GV02: Regulations regarding Board-elected/appointed positions

Codification, Part 1—Governance and Policy, Chapter IV—Board Procedures, A. Administration, Section 3, Elections and in the Codification, Part 1—Governance and Policy, Chapter VII—International Bridge, B. WBF Representative and NABF Board Members was replaced with the following:

CHAPTER IV – BOARD PROCEDURES A. ADMINISTRATION

Section 3 – Elections

The Board of Directors’ election and nominating procedures for officers and other elected positions, follow.

3.1 Nominations

- 3.1.1 An eligible ACBL member desiring to be a candidate for ACBL President, ACBL Treasurer, WBF Representative, NABF Representatives, or other position elected by the ACBL Board of Directors may declare his own nomination by notifying the Director of Elections.
- 3.1.2 No declarations will be accepted within 24 hours of an election. Candidates are encouraged to declare their interest in an elected position to the Director of Elections via email at least ten business days in advance of said election.
- 3.1.3 If the election is for a position for which only Board members are eligible (e.g., President, Treasurer), a Board member may declare or nominate an eligible candidate from the floor at the time of the election. If someone wishes to be nominated from the floor, they must be present when the election is held.
- 3.1.4 If the election is for a position for which non-Board members are strongly encouraged to “apply” but for which Board members may also declare (e.g., appointees to the NABF board of directors), no nominations from the floor shall be accepted.
- 3.1.5 A person may only serve as ACBL President if he is also serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

3.2 Voting Procedures

- 3.2.1 All voting will be by secret ballot. Vote totals will be announced at the end of each round of voting. The final election results, including vote totals, shall be recorded in the official Board Meeting Minutes. Only the names of those elected

and not the vote totals will be published in the monthly Bulletin or in announcements on the ACBL website or other social media platforms.

3.2.2 Single seat available.

3.2.2.1 One person nominated: No vote is necessary; the nominated person is elected.

3.2.2.2 Two people nominated: Voting continues until one of the two nominees gains a majority of members present.

3.2.2.3 Three or more people nominated: Voting will proceed as follows:

- a. On the first ballot, each elector casts one vote. The nominee with the highest number of votes, if a majority, is elected.
- b. If there is no nominee with a clear majority on the first ballot, the one nominee, if any, with the fewest number of votes is eliminated and another vote is taken. If there is no single nominee with the fewest number of votes, then no nominee is eliminated and another vote is taken, provided that a nominee or nominees receiving no votes shall be automatically eliminated.

3.2.3 Two or more seats available.

3.2.3.1 Voters will vote for one position at a time. If the terms are different, the positions will be filled in order of term length, starting with the longest or longer.

3.2.3.2 The voting will proceed as follows:

- a. On the first ballot, each elector casts one vote. The candidate with the highest number of votes, if a majority, is elected.
- b. If there is no nominee with a clear majority on the first ballot, the one nominee, if any, with the fewest number of votes is eliminated and another vote is taken. If there is no single nominee with the fewest number of votes, then no nominee is eliminated and another vote is taken, provided that a nominee or nominees receiving no votes shall be automatically eliminated.

3.2.3.3 Once the first position is filled, the process is repeated for the second and any subsequent position.

3.3 Counting Ballots

In-House Counsel, if available, and a member or members of ACBL management designated by the ACBL President will count the ballots.

CHAPTER VII – INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE
B. NABF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WBF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND NABF BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1 – Policy Regarding ACBL Appointees to the WBF Executive Council and to the NABF Board

Current regulations of the NABF allow the ACBL to name two people to the NABF board of directors, and to nominate one or more people from whom the NABF will select one person to serve as one of its representatives on the World Bridge Federation Executive Council.

- 1.1 To facilitate communication between the organizations, the ACBL nominee(s) to serve as a representative of the NABF to the WBF Executive Council must be members of the ACBL Board of Directors. The ACBL appointees to the board of directors of the NABF may be selected from among the members of the ACBL Board of Directors or from any ACBL member in good standing.
- 1.2 A report shall be periodically presented to the ACBL Board of Directors from the ACBL Zone 2 Representative to the WBF Executive Council and the ACBL appointees to the NABF Board. This report shall include but not be limited to the following information:
 - a. Any actions by the WBF or the NABF regarding World or Zone 2 bridge that have transpired since the last meeting of the ACBL Board.
 - b. The agenda or any actions expected to come before the WBF or the NABF prior to the next meeting of the ACBL Board.
 - c. Financial information such as budgets, operating statements and balance sheets, including explanations of unusual expenses.
 - d. The assignments that ACBL representatives or appointees have in the WBF or the NABF, respectively.
 - e. Any compensation, reimbursement or benefits from the WBF or the NABF to any ACBL Board of Directors member.

Section 2 – Election of the ACBL Appointees to the WBF Executive Council and to the NABF Board

One or more persons shall be nominated by the ACBL Board of Directors for the one Zone 2 Representative to the WBF Executive Council position that has been allotted to the ACBL by the NABF. If one person is nominated, that person shall be deemed elected as the Zone 2 Representative. If more than one person is nominated, the ACBL Board may choose to present multiple nominees to the NABF Board and the NABF Board will elect the representative. The ACBL Board may limit the nominee(s) to be presented to the NABF Board using the election procedures stipulated in Chapter IV—Board Procedures, A. Administration, Section 3 Elections.

Two NABF Board members, one of which may be a non-Board member, will be appointed by the ACBL Board of Directors using the election procedures stipulated in Chapter IV—Board Procedures, A. Administration, Section 3 Elections.

Effective July 14, 2022

Carried unanimously

Item 222-GV03: Change in Board Governance Structure

Reference to Chair and Chairman were removed from the following sections of the Codification and replaced with reference to Vice-President:

**PART I – GOVERNANCE AND POLICY, CHAPTER IV – BOARD PROCEDURES
4. ADMINISTRATION**

Section 5 – ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code

5.3 The Board Oversight Committee will consist of three members, the Vice-President as the committee chair and the two most immediate past Board Presidents currently serving on the Board. If there are not any or a sufficient number of Past Presidents currently serving on the Board, then the Board member(s) with the longest tenure will serve. Should there be more than one member equally eligible to fill any vacancy, the decision shall be made by coin toss.

**PART I – GOVERNANCE AND POLICY, CHAPTER IV – BOARD PROCEDURES
D. COMMITTEES**

Section 1 – Committees of the Board

1.1 Executive Committee

1.1.2 Composition

1.1.2.1 The committee comprises the President of the ACBL, the Vice-President, and three elected members of the Board of Directors. Both the President and Vice-President are ex-officio members with full voting rights.

1.1.2.2 The President of the ACBL is the chair of the committee. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President serves as chair of the committee.

**PART 2 – BOARD OPERATIONS, CHAPTER IX – REGIONALS
A. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING AND SANCTIONING**

Section 4 – Tournament Conflicts

4.3.5 The ACBL President or the Vice-President will appoint a person from the “conflict” zone to represent those interests.

Effective only upon approval by the Advisory Council following the second reading of the ACBL Bylaws change regarding Board governance structure (Item 222-BY01)

Carried unanimously

Non-agenda Item 222-01: Revise proposed Unit formation, transfer and dissolution regulations

The Codification Part 1 – Governance and Policy, Chapter I – Membership, A. Membership, Section 3 – Residency and Part 2 – Bridge Operations, Chapter III – Administration, A. Units, Section 4 – Unit Formation, Boundary Change and Dissolution was replaced the following:

**PART 1 – GOVERNANCE AND POLICY, CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP
A. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 3 – Unit Membership

- 3.1 Members of the ACBL belong to the Unit in which they reside. Residency for the purpose of determining eligibility in GNT and NAP events is set forth in CHAPTER XI – SPECIAL EVENTS, A. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, Section 1 – GNT and NAP. Residency for the purpose of membership rights and obligations shall be determined as set forth below.
- 3.2 Transferring an Individual Member to Another Unit.
 - 3.2.1 If an individual member desires to belong to a Unit in which he/she does not reside, the member must specifically make this request in writing to the ACBL, stating the Unit of preference and the reasons for the request. Further, if the Unit is not in the same District where the member resides, ACBL will contact both Districts to approve the membership in the other District.
 - 3.2.2 The following are some of the reasons why a member would be given permission to belong to a Unit outside their District of residence. To warrant consideration, a player should meet at least two of the six reasons listed:
 - a. Plays at least once a month in a face to-face club in that Unit.
 - b. Attends face to-face STaCs or Sectionals in that Unit at least twice a year.
 - c. Attends the annual Unit dinner and/or annual membership meeting.
 - d. Participates in Unit special events.
 - e. Serves on the Unit Board and/or Unit committees.
 - f. Serves on the District Board and/or District committees.
 - 3.2.3 The membership approval granted by a District in which the member does not reside may be reviewed by that District from time to time to ensure the above criteria continue to justify non-residency membership.

- 3.2.4. Members who have multiple residences may choose to remain permanent members of one of the Units in which they reside.
- 3.3 Transferring a Block of Members to Another Unit.
- 3.3.1 A majority of members within one or more postal code boundaries may request by petition (under the procedures set out in section 3.3.4 below) to transfer from one Unit to an adjacent Unit. The geographic area of the transfer shall include all members within those postal code boundaries. A transfer request may not isolate a geographic “island” of ACBL members from their Unit of affiliation. The Regional or District Director may assist in determining the correct procedures for creating the petition.
- 3.3.2 ACBL management will notify the parent Unit and the Unit of proposed affiliation for approval of the request. If both Unit Boards approve, ACBL management will take the necessary steps to make the changes. All members and the affected Unit Boards will be informed of the effective date of transfer. Should either of the Units disagree with the request, the matter will be referred to the ACBL Board of Directors for resolution as it deems proper.
- 3.3.3 If the ACBL Board of Directors has denied to grant a request under this section, no affected member may begin the circulation of another petition or request another special election for at least six (6) months.
- 3.3.4 The petition process for block transfers must include the following:
- 3.3.4.1 A request by email to start the petition process to implement the transfer of a block of members to another Unit must be made to ACBL management. The member requesting the action must be a member in good standing and will be designated as the official Point-of-Contact (POC) for all communications with ACBL.
- 3.3.4.2 ACBL will provide a petition template to the POC. It is the responsibility of the POC to solicit the required number of signatures within 60 days of the petition request.
- 3.3.4.3 For votes to count in an election or their names on a petition to be deemed valid, each member must a) be a member in good standing; and b) have an email address on file with the ACBL that has no failed delivery when an attempt is made to include them in determining action.
- 3.3.4.4 All ACBL members residing in the affected geographical area will be included as eligible signatories to the requested action.
- 3.3.4.5 Once the completed petition has been submitted by the POC, the members of the Units and the affected Unit Boards involved will be provided a copy of the petition by email.
- 3.3.4.6 Any member within the affected Unit(s) has 15 days from the date on which the petition is provided to the Unit members to protest to ACBL

management. ACBL management will then verify the membership status of those protested individuals. All signatures not protested or deemed valid after verification will be considered valid.

PART 2 - BRIDGE OPERATIONS, CHAPTER III – ADMINISTRATION OF OPERATIONS A. UNITS

Section 4 – Changes to a Unit Charter

- 4.1 **Changes to Unit Charters – Options.** The relationship between the ACBL and Units governed by a charter or Unit affiliation agreement as described in CHAPTER III – ADMINISTRATION OF OPERATIONS, A. UNITS, Section 1 – Unit Jurisdiction and Relationship to ACBL, may be changed in the following ways:
- 4.1.1 *Voluntarily Dissolving a Unit.* A Unit may choose to end its charter or Unit affiliation agreement with the ACBL.
 - 4.1.2 *Creating a New Unit.* The ACBL may, upon the request of a majority of more members of one or more postal code boundaries within an existing Unit, create a new Unit.
 - 4.1.3 *Ending the Charter by the ACBL.* The ACBL may rescind a charter or Unit affiliation agreement with an existing Unit.
- 4.2 **Voluntarily Dissolving a Unit.**
- 4.2.1 The current Unit President (or Chair, as the Unit bylaws may indicate) of record with the ACBL may request by email to ACBL management to start the process to end its affiliation with the ACBL. If the current Unit President cannot be located or refuses to cooperate, a Unit official who represents that they serve the needs of the Unit may make the request. The Regional or District Director may assist in making the request.
 - 4.2.2 ACBL management will investigate the request and determine: (1) whether the request represents the will of a majority of the Unit membership; and (2) if a majority of the Unit prefers to consolidate with an adjacent Unit. ACBL management may use a special election (under the procedures set out in section 4.5 below) or other methods of making these determinations.
 - 4.2.3 If ACBL management determines that the request represents the will of a majority of the Unit membership and prefers to consolidate with an adjacent Unit, it shall determine if the adjacent Unit agrees to the consolidation. If the adjacent Unit agrees under terms set forth by the dissolving Unit, ACBL management shall take the necessary steps to consolidate the Units. If the adjacent Unit does not agree, the matter will be referred to the Board of Directors for additional actions as it deems proper.
 - 4.2.4 The actual dissolution of the non-profit or unincorporated association will be determined by applicable law.

4.3 **Creating a New Unit.**

- 4.3.1 A request by email to start the process of creating a new unit must be made to ACBL management. The member requesting the action must be a member in good standing and will be designated as the official Point-of-Contact (POC) for all communications with ACBL.
- 4.3.2 The specific geographical boundaries and zip codes of the proposed new Unit must be included in the request.
- 4.3.3 Such a geographical area may not isolate any “islands” of ACBL members from their Unit of affiliation.
- 4.3.4 There must be at least 100 current ACBL members in the geographical area of the proposed new Unit.
- 4.3.5 ACBL management will investigate the request and determine whether the request represents the will of a majority of the members in the geographical area of the proposed new Unit. ACBL management may use a special election (under the procedures set out in section 4.5 below) or other methods of making these determinations.
- 4.3.6 If ACBL management determines that the request represents the will of a majority of the members in the geographical area of the proposed new Unit, it will attempt to mediate a solution between the existing Unit and the new proposed Unit to divide the assets of the existing Unit between of the new proposed Unit and the existing Unit. The final disposition of assets of the original Unit will be governed by applicable law.
- 4.3.7 If the existing Unit and the new proposed Unit agree to terms, ACBL management shall take the necessary steps to create the new Unit. If the existing Unit and the new proposed Unit do not agree, the matter will be referred to the ACBL Board of Directors for additional actions as it deems proper.
- 4.3.8 If the ACBL Board of Directors has denied a request to form a new Unit, no member in the geographical area of the previously proposed new Unit may request to create a new Unit for at least six (6) months.

4.4 **Ending the Charter by the ACBL.**

If ACBL management determines there is no effective governing body of a Unit, whether because of suspension, expulsion, revocation of charter or Unit affiliation agreement, resignation of the Unit Board, refusal to act, or for any other reason where the governing body is not in compliance with ACBL rules and regulations, it may request that the ACBL Board of Directors do one of the following:

- 4.4.1 Rescind the charter or Unit affiliation agreement and provide for a new charter or Unit affiliation agreement with a separate non-profit or unincorporated association or

4.4.2 Transfer all or some of the Unit members to one or more neighboring Units. The ACBL Board of Directors will review the request and take additional action as it deems proper.

4.5 Procedures for a Special Election.

If ACBL management or the ACBL Board of Directors determines that a special election is necessary, the following procedures shall be used:

4.5.1 All ACBL members residing in the affected geographical area will be included as an elector.

4.5.2 For votes to count in an election, each member must a) be a member in good standing; and b) have an email address on file with the ACBL that has no failed delivery when an attempt is made to include them in determining action.

4.5.3. Unit members will be notified via email by the ACBL of the need for a special election and of the start and end dates of said election. The voting period is 14 days.

4.5.4 Once the election is completed, the members of the Units and the affected Unit Boards involved will receive the results by email.

Effective July 14, 2022

Carried unanimously

The Governance Committee Chair gave a presentation on the importance of governance and the role that it plays in the ACBL. Also included was a summary of the work the Governance Committee will undertake this fall and next spring—updating the Board Manual, streamlining the Codification with respect to describing committee work and creating a separate Governance document to address committee details, and finalizing scope and responsibility statements for work that is being transitioned from the board to other entities within the organization.

The Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Chair convened into board breakout sessions for the remainder of the day.

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The meeting was called to order by President Joann Glasson on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 11:12 a.m. ET.

Present: Same as July 11.

Also Present: Same as July 11.

APPEALS AND CHARGES COMMITTEE

Stephani (C), Rowe (VC)
Carman, Liddy, Overby, Sealy, White

Staff: Edelstein

As reported by Committee Chair

Item 222-AC01: Report on Hearings

In the matter of Charlene Friedman and Cynthia Yock, the Committee approved a Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL management in which they admitted a violation of CDR § 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating: Online. They agreed to a Suspension of 6 months, followed by a Probation of 18 months, and a 8.5% forfeiture of total Masterpoints for Friedman and 12.5% forfeiture of total Masterpoints for Yock. They will be Members “Not in Good Standing” during the length of their Probationary period.

In the matter of John and Azalea Noronha, the Committee approved a Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL management in which they admitted a violation of CDR § 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating: Online. They agreed to a Suspension of 6 months, followed by a Probation of 2 years, and a 10% forfeiture of total Masterpoints for John and 25% forfeiture of Masterpoints for Azalea. They will be a Members “Not in Good Standing” during the length of their Probationary period.

In the matter of Roger and Sharon Anderson, the Committee approved a Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL management in which they admitted a violation of CDR § 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating: Online.

Roger Anderson agreed to a Suspension of 30 months, followed by a Probation of 5 years, an Exclusion from playing with Sharon Anderson as partners in online ACBL sanctioned events during the length of his Probation, and a forfeiture of 10% of his total Masterpoints. He will be a Member “Not in Good Standing” during the length of his Probationary period.

Sharon Anderson agreed to a Suspension of 3 years, followed by a Probation of 5 years, an Exclusion from playing with Roger Anderson as partners in online ACBL sanctioned events during the length of her Probation, a forfeiture of 10% of her total Masterpoints, and withdrawal from ACBL Hall of Fame induction. She will be a Member “Not in Good Standing” during the length of her Probationary period.

In the matter of Marilyn Bein and Harry Price, the Committee approved a Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL management in which they admitted a violation of CDR § 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating: Online. They agreed to a Suspension of 6 months, followed by a Probation of 2 years, and a forfeiture of 12.5% of total Masterpoints for Marilyn Bein and 15% of total Masterpoints for Harry Price. They will be Members “Not in Good Standing” during the length of their Probationary period.

In the matter of Chris and Susan Owens, the Committee approved a Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL management in which they admitted a violation of CDR § 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating: Online. They agreed to a Suspension of 3 months, followed by a Probation of 2 years, and a forfeiture of 20% of total Masterpoints for Chris Owens and 10% of

total Masterpoints for Susan Owens. They will be Members “Not in Good Standing” during the length of their Probationary period.

In the matter of Charles and Jane Zempel, the Committee upheld the finding of the OEOC Panel that they violated CDR § 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating: Other. The Committee also upheld the discipline recommended by the OEOC Panel. Accordingly, they will be Suspended for 30 months, followed by a 2-year Probation period, and a forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints. They will be Members “Not in Good Standing” during the length of their Probationary period.

Item 222-AC02: Remove GLM Status and Hall of Fame Membership

ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulation § 404 was amended as follows:

(F) Forfeiture of Masterpoints/Titles for a First Degree Ethical Violation. When a Disciplinary Body finds an ACBL member responsible for a First Degree Ethical Violation and is suspended for a period of two years or more or expelled, that member shall be:

- 1) Permanently ineligible to be awarded the ACBL rank of Grand Life Master
- 2) Permanently ineligible to be inducted into the ACBL Hall of Fame
- 3) If a current GLM, the title/rank of GLM shall immediately be revoked
- 4) If a current member of the ACBL Hall of Fame, such membership shall immediately be revoked.

Except as provided above, the Committee may also impose the forfeiture of any or a combination of any of the following:

- (1) Masterpoints, in accordance with CDR § 301(A)(7);
- (2) specific titles or all titles earned by the person disciplined;
- (3) ACBL status rank(s);
- (4) other ACBL related awards theretofore earned by said participants through participation in all ACBL events.

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The Appeals and Charges Committee Chair provided a status update on the Institute for Bridge Arbitration and EDGAR.

Executive Session

The Board of Directors adjourned at 12:05 p.m. ET and reconvened in executive session with the Executive Director Review Committee.