

**ACBL Board of Directors  
Online Meeting via Zoom  
November 14, 2022  
Special Meeting**

The Board of Directors Special Meeting was called to order by President Joann Glasson at 2:00 p.m. ET on November 14, 2022.

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

Absent: David Lodge R11

Also Present: Doug Couchman, Advisory Council Chair, Joseph Jones, Executive Director, Peyton Dodson, Director of Finance, Greg Coles, Director of Bridge Services, Stephanie Threlkeld, Marketing Manager, and Sabrina Goley, Administrative Coordinator

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**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The October 3, 2022 Special Meeting and the October 18, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting minutes were approved.

Carried unanimously

**Item 22S5-01 Ethical Oversight Committee Appointment**

Rick Roeder was appointed to fill the remaining term of Bob Glasson through the end of the Spring 2023 NABC. Craig Kavin was appointed to fill the remaining term of Brian Platnick through the end of the Spring 2024 NABC.

Carried unanimously

**APPEALS AND CHARGES COMMITTEE**

White (C), Rowe (VC)

Carman, Heth, Liddy, Overby, Sealy

Staff: Edelstein

As reported by Committee Chair

**Item 22S5-02: Report on Hearings**

In the matter of Vernon Hodge and Carolyn Motes the committee upheld the finding of the OEOC Panel that Mr. Hodge and Mrs. Motes violated CDR § 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating: Online. It also upheld the two-year suspension of both parties.

In the case of Mr. Hodge the committee modified other elements of his discipline as follows: the two-year probation was increased to three years, fifteen percent of his Masterpoint holding will be removed and he is ineligible to play with Carolyn Motes during the first year of his probationary period.

In the case of Mrs. Motes the committee modified other elements of her discipline as follows: the two-year probation was increased to three years, fifteen percent of her Masterpoint holding will be removed and she is ineligible to play with Vernon Hodge during the first year of his probationary period.

In the matter of Delbert and Ella Haylock the committee upheld the finding of the OEOC Panel that Mr. and Mrs. Haylock violated CDR § 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating: Online. It also upheld the two year suspension and three year probation of both parties. The committee modified other elements of their discipline as follows: twenty-five percent of both players' Masterpoint holdings will be removed and they will not be allowed to play with one another during the first year of their probations.

In the matter of Bill and Donna Jensen, 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 forfeiture of 100 Masterpoints. They will be Members "Not in Good Standing" during the length of their Probationary period.

In the matter of Jerome Haber and Susan Laitmon, 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 forfeiture of 100 Masterpoints. They will be Members "Not in Good Standing" during the length of their Probationary period.

The committee rejected a Negotiated Resolution due to the Probation start date beginning while the parties would still be serving a Suspension. The committee provided a condition for the parties' consideration, acceptance of which would enable the committee to approve a revised Negotiated Resolution. The parties were given ten days to accept or reject the condition and, if

they accept the condition, submit a revised Negotiated Resolution. A&C will further report on this matter if and when there is a resolution.

### **Item 22S5-03: Election Regulations - Electors**

The Codification, Part 1 – Governance and Policy, Chapter III- Administration, D. Elections, was amended as follows:

#### **Section 3 – Electors**

- 3.1 Regional Directors and Advisory Council Representatives shall be elected by Unit Board Members under the authority of the ACBL Director of Elections.
- 3.2 By June 15, the Director of Elections will provide notification to the Unit Presidents and Secretaries within the Districts in which an election is required. The notification must include:
  - 3.2.1 A list of the Unit Board members of record,
  - 3.2.2 Each Unit Board Members' email address that is on file with the ACBL and those Members' Unit number of record,
  - 3.2.3 Notice that the voting method will be electronic and
  - 3.2.4 A copy of the election regulations from the ACBL Codification.
- 3.3 By June 15, the Director of Elections will provide all candidates a list of all Unit Presidents and Secretaries within their District(s). Candidates are encouraged to take an active role in the update process and contact these Unit officials to request that they provide accurate lists of Board Members together with those Members' email addresses to the Director of Elections by the deadline set by ACBL.
- 3.4 By July 1, the Unit will corroborate or update the roster and email addresses.
  - 3.4.1 If the roster is not corroborated or updated, the Unit Board Members on record will be final for the upcoming election.
  - 3.4.2 All Board Members on record regardless of their Unit affiliation shall be deemed valid electors, with the exception that no Board Member will be considered a valid elector if there is no email address on file for that Member and one is not provided.
  - 3.4.3 No Unit Board Member may be designated as a valid Elector on more than one Unit Board.
  - 3.4.4 Unit voting power, as defined below, will reflect the number of valid electors, not the number of Board Members.

#### **Section 4 – Unit Voting Power**

- 4.1 Each Unit Board of Directors Member who has been determined to be a valid elector based on the criteria stated in section 3.3 above shall have “Unit Board Member Voting Power” based on the following formula:
- 4.1.1 The Unit membership divided by 100 and computed to the second decimal place.
    - 4.1.1.1 The membership of a Unit is the number of its dues-paying members and those who are active Life Members as recorded by ACBL on June 1.
  - 4.1.2 The division of the Unit membership in subsection 4.1.1 above shall then be divided by the number of valid electors in the Unit and computed to the fourth decimal place.
- 4.2 By July 1, each candidate and Unit shall be sent the Unit Elector Voting Power accorded for each Unit.
- 4.2.1 Objections to the Unit Elector Voting Power must be filed with the Director of Elections by July 15.
    - 4.2.1.1 Such objection will be forwarded to the Election Protest Committee and the procedure set forth in Section 14 - Protests below will be followed.
  - 4.2.2 If no such objection is filed, the Unit Elector Voting Power shall be considered binding, and no protest may subsequently be filed.

Effective November 14, 2022

Carried unanimously

#### **Item 22S5-04: Election Regulations - Results**

The Codification, Part 1 – Governance and Policy, Chapter III- Administration, D. Elections, be amended as follows:

#### **Section 8 – Ballot Count**

- 8.1 Ballots are not opened until counting commences for each contested position.
- 8.2 Regional Director and Advisory Council Representative ballots will be counted on the first business day following September 15, followed by an audit.
- 8.3 The Director of Elections and one additional member of the ACBL professional staff selected by the Executive Director will jointly be responsible for counting election and recall ballots. Each candidate, or his representative, is entitled to witness the opening and counting. An ACBL employee may not represent a candidate for this purpose. The rules for counting ballots for elections and recalls Chapter shall be the same.

8.4 Per the calculation of the Unit Voting Power of valid electors stipulated in Section 4 of this Chapter, if computing the election results to the fourth decimal place produces a tie, the tie will be broken by the Director of Elections by a drawing.

**Section 10 – Regional Director Election Results**

10.1 On the first business day following September 15, the Director of Elections will provide the election result to the candidates.

10.2 After all candidates have been notified, the Director of Elections will communicate the names of the elected candidates, and in the event a run-off election, the names of those candidates, to the members of the Board of Directors. The Director of Elections will include a statement that confirmation of the elected candidate will not be final until certified by the ACBL Board of Directors.

10.2.1 The names of the elected candidates or those candidates involved in a run-off shall be posted on the Election Chart on the ACBL website and will be updated as necessary.

10.2.2 Upon request from board members and other ACBL members, the election result will be distributed, without restrictions of confidentiality after certification by the ACBL Board of Directors. The election result is defined as the total number of votes cast and the percentage of the weighted votes received for each candidate:

Region / District	Candidate A		Candidate B	
	Votes Cast	Weighted Vote	Votes Cast	Weighted Vote
R47/D28	#	%	#	%
R47/D29	#	%	#	%

10.3 In the event one candidate does not receive a majority of votes cast using the Unit Elector Voting Power as calculated in section 4 of this chapter, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes using that Unit Elector Voting Power.

10.3.1 If a run-off election is required, the Director of Elections will commence an electronic election.

10.3.2 Only those persons eligible to vote in the initial election are eligible to vote in the run-off election.

10.3.3 On the first business day after the determination that a run-off election is required, the Director of Elections will email electors the date on which voting will commence. Biographies per section 2.2 for the remaining candidates will be provided with this notification.

10.3.4 Voting for the run-off election will commence on September 30. This provides the run-off candidates two weeks to contact electors prior to the commencement of voting.

- 10.3.5 In order to be included in the count, the electronic ballots must be received by the Director of Elections by midnight on October 15.
- 10.3.6 Elector votes shall be calculated as described in section 4 and election results announced on the first business day after voting ends. Candidates, members of the Board of Directors, and ACBL members may request the total number of votes cast and the percentage of the weighted votes received for each candidate.
- 10.3.7 During the period of a run-off, the incumbent Regional Director will continue in office until his/her successor is certified by the ACBL Board of Directors.
- 10.4 If there are no declared candidates in an election year for the position of Regional Director, the position will be declared vacant at the conclusion of the incumbent's term by the Director of Elections. Such vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the ACBL Bylaws.

Effective November 14, 2022

Carried          Yay: 11          Nay: R1 Steinberg, R2 Aquino, R4 Carman, R6 Heller, D10 Sealy, D21 Goodgold, D2 Belford

**Item 22S5-05: Codification Clean up**

The changes to the Codification in Exhibit A were approved.

Carried unanimously

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The Board of Directors convened into executive session with Doug Couchman, Joe Jones and Sabrina Goley present at 4:52.

The Board of Directors convened into open session at 5:00 p.m. ET. Stephanie, Peyton and Greg were not present.

**Item 22S5-06: Club Formulas for Masterpoint Calculations**

For face-to-face club games, the club formulas for masterpoint calculations were amended to provide that awards reflect the number of deals played, with 18 deals (the current minimum number for a “full” game) to be considered the baseline. Any game in which more than 18 deals are played will pay the “full” award (as calculated using the current club formula) times a factor of n/18, where n is the number of deals played, up to a maximum factor of 1.5.

The minimum number of deals for a game to award Masterpoints shall be 12 deals. This minimum shall not apply to games that are limited to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints; in such fields, games of any number of deals may award masterpoints.

This motion will replace Exhibit A (i) May 16, 2022 MP Award by Number of Deals Major Change Motion submitted by the Masterpoint Committee and (ii) the October 3, 2022 Clarification MP Awards by Number of Deals 30-day Minor Change Notice.

This change is temporary; unless explicitly renewed it will expire after June 30, 2025.

Effective December 1, 2022

Carried unanimously

The Board of Directors convened into executive session with Doug Couchman, and Joe Jones at 5:04 p.m. ET.