

**ACBL Board of Directors
Online Meeting via Zoom
October 3, 2022
Special Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Joann Glasson at 3:00 p.m. ET on Monday, October 3, 2022.

Present: Jonathan Steinberg R1 (joined at 3:04 p.m. ET after the vote on 22S4-01), Mark Aquino R2, Margot Hennings R4, Dennis Carman R5, Barbara Heller R6, Paul Cuneo R9, Tim White R13, 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

Absent: David Lodge R11, Flo Belford D2, Carlos Muñoz D3

Also Present: Doug Couchman, Advisory Council Chair, Joseph Jones, Executive Director, Peyton Dodson, Director of Finance, Greg Coles, Director of Bridge Services, Mary Stratton, Director of Marketing, Susie Cordell, Director of Information Technology, Stephanie Threlkeld, Marketing Manager, Sara Beth Raab, Meeting Services Manager, Sabrina Goley, Administrative Coordinator, and Tom Schwinden, Vice President of Global Accounts for Conference Direct.

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Approval of Meeting Minutes

The July 2022 regular meeting minutes and August 15, 2022 special meeting minutes were approved.

Carried unanimously

Item 22S4-01 Online Ethical Oversight Committee Appointment

Pam Wittes was appointed to fill the remaining term of Bob Glasson through the end of the Summer 2024 NABC.

Carried Abstain: D9 Overby

Item 22S4-02 Corporate Secretary Appointment

Sabrina Goley was appointed as Corporate Secretary.

Carried unanimously

Item 22S4-03: Change in Governance Structure of the Board of Directors

SECOND 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: D20 Rowe

Item 22S4-04: Codification Amendment to Sectional Operations

Codification Part 2 – Bridge Operations, Chapter X – Sectionals D Operations Section 1 – Staffing be amended as follows:

- 1.1 Sectional tournaments will be staffed either by Tournament Directors who are ACBL employees or ACBL approved Tournament Assistants, except as noted below:
 - 1.1.1 Sectionals with an upper masterpoint limit of 500 masterpoints or fewer may be run by directors who are not ACBL employees. Such directors must be certified club directors.
 - 1.1.2 With ACBL management approval, a sponsoring organization may run a limited Sectional with a maximum of 750 masterpoints using directors who are not ACBL employees or ACBL approved Tournament Assistants.
 - 1.1.2.1 Approval will be granted or withheld at the time the sanction is approved. It is expected that approvals will be made on an exception basis and that most such applications will not be approved.
 - 1.1.2.2 Final determination will be made by the ACBL Manager of Bridge

Operations in conjunction with the appropriate Area Manager.

- 1.1.3 For tournaments not staffed by an ACBL employee, the Sectional surcharge applies. This Sectional surcharge is to offset the cost of processing at ACBL Headquarters that would normally be done on site by a Tournament Director.
- 1.1.4 Tournaments staffed by a non-employee or an ACBL approved Tournament Assistant do not use ACBL-provided hand records and do not display results on ACBL Live.
 - 1.1.4.1 Tournaments may make arrangements with a nearby ACBL Tournament Director or an ACBL approved Tournament Assistant to provide these services. Such arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
 - 1.1.4.2 If ACBL hand records are used, the normal charge applies. If an ACBL employee submits results to ACBL Live or provides any other support, the tournament will be charged a fee over and above all other fees and charges.
- 1.1.5 Regardless of staffing, all tournaments are expected to follow ACBL policies and regulations relating to permitted methods, use of bidding boxes, and non-member eligibility and charges.

Deferred Nay: R5 Carman, R9 Cuneo, R13 White, D4 Glasson, D11 Stephani, D20 Rowe

Item 22S4-05: Table Fee Discretion Given to Management

Codification Part 2 – Bridge Operations, Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games, A. ACBL Sanctions for Club Masterpoint Games, Section 3 - Cost of a Sanction was amended as follows:

3.3.1 ACBL management will establish table fees for club games as part of the annual budgeting process. Management may establish different fees for games shorter than 14 deals and those with 14 or more deals.

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Carried Nay: R1 Steinberg, R4 Carman, D8 Heth, D9 Overby
Abstain: D4 Glasson, R6 Heller

Item 22S4-06: Report on Hearings

In the matter of John McAllister, the Committee heard the Charge that he violated CDR § 304(D): Improper Conduct in ACBL Official Activities. The Committee determined that his conduct warranted a minimal discipline. Accordingly, McAllister was placed on Probation for 90 days beginning September 7, 2022.

In the matter of Robert Byrum and Louis Lipset, the Committee approved the Negotiated Resolutions 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 (beginning August 23, 2022), followed by a Probation of 2 years, and a forfeiture of 100 Masterpoints. They will be Members “Not in Good Standing” during the length of their Probationary period.

In the matter of Norman and Kathryn Hasty, the Committee approved the Negotiated Resolutions 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 (beginning August 23, 2022), followed by a Probation of 2 years, and a forfeiture of 15% of total Masterpoints for Norman and 10% of total Masterpoints for Kathryn. They will be Members “Not in Good Standing” during the length of their Probationary period.

Item 22S4-07: Approval of Summer 2026 NABC Site

Sara Beth Raab gave a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of the NABC Site Selection Committee focusing on Minneapolis and Dallas as options for the Summer 2026 North American Bridge Championship. She gave an overview of the benefits and the financial estimate. Mary explained that the previous recommendation of Dallas was still an option as the other group interested in the space passed on the opportunity.

Following discussion, the board voted to accept the Minneapolis location for Summer 2026 NABC

Carried Nay: D8 Heth, D9 Overby

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The Board of Directors and Advisory Council Committee Chair convened into executive session at 5:16 p.m. ET.