

# ACBL BOARD OF GOVERNORS/ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Minutes: SUMMER SPECIAL MEETING

July 3, 2022

Doug Couchman, Chair of the Advisory Council, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. EDT on Sunday, July 3, 2022. A quorum was present.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Chair Couchman opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** The Chair congratulated AC member and former Vice Chair Barbara Heller on her election to Regional Director, succeeding the late Mike Kovacich. He also congratulated AC member and former Chair Richard Popper on his appointment to the Online Ethical Oversight Committee.

**NEXT MEETING TIME:** The AC's next general meeting will occur at the Providence NABC at 8 pm Sunday, July 17. Members may attend in person or via Zoom.

### **DISCUSSION OF MATTERS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SUMMER**

**MEETING AGENDA:** Chair Couchman detailed the items on the Board of Directors' agenda for the Summer meetings. Numerous items were presented; only those that generated substantial discussion are detailed in these minutes, below:

**222-AC02, Remove GLM status and Hall of Fame membership:** Regional Director Jonathan Steinberg was permitted to explain this motion, and discussion ensued. Pertinent issues raised included whether as written the motion would be retroactive and whether it was appropriate to make revocation of GLM status permanent. The AC was generally supportive of the motion.

**222-BR01, Update NABC location guidelines:** Issues discussed included siting consideration beyond the scope of the motion; the Chair indicated that he would pass the concerns along to management.

**222-BY01, Change in governance structure of the Board of Directors:** Discussion related to the substance of this proposed Bylaws change and also certain related issues: The Chair indicated that if passed twice by the Board of Directors, the Bylaws change would likely be presented to the Advisory Council at its next special meeting and there was discussion as to whether a special meeting was appropriate for such a change.

**AI222-GV01, Internal Procedures for Board-elected positions:** Discussion centered around three questions: Whether electors for the office of District/Regional Director should be required to have valid email addresses (the consensus was yes); whether electors should be required to vote in such elections (the consensus was no); and how votes should be weighted in the event that one or more electors do not vote. Discussion

on the third question was lively and several issues concerning differences in procedures among the Districts were raised. Several alternative methods were suggested.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Roger Smith, Chair of the Goodwill Committee, spoke about a motion he wished to be presented to the Board whereby the Chair of the Goodwill Committee would be empowered to make two appointments per year to that Committee. After discussion the matter was brought to a vote, the result of which was 21–3 in favor of such a motion. Chair Couchman said he would work with the Board to bring such a motion before it at a special meeting before the Phoenix NABC.

Steve Moese, Chair of the Teachers and Clubs Committee, presented nine ideas that the Committee had developed. The membership broadly favored most points. Chair Couchman said he would ensure that they were presented to the appropriate committees and people.

Discussion was held concerning the scheduling of the AC's special meetings; Chair Couchman asked for suggestions concerning the timing of such meetings, which can be inconvenient. The consensus was that the timing, after release of the Board of Directors' agenda for each NABC but before the Board's meetings commence, was necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm EDT.