

**ACBL Board of Directors
Executive Committee
Online Meeting via Zoom
April 4, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Joann Glasson at 7:00 ET on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

Present: Joann Glasson D4 (President), Dennis Carman R5 (Central), Jeff Overby R8 (East)
Cindy Shoemaker R10 (West Alternate), Margot Hennings R4 (Vice-President),

Also Present: Tim White R13

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The Codification was unanimously amended as follows:

**Chapter I - Membership
A. Membership**

Section 2 – Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership

2.1 Membership Rights (Effective June 15, 2020)

In accordance with Article III, Membership and Fees, Section 3.2 of the ACBL Bylaws, and Article XII, Arbitration, the following voting rights, term, characteristics, rights, limitations and obligations shall attach to all classes of membership as follows:

- 2.1.1 With the exception of Guest Members, shall have the right to vote in any election in which the general membership is the electorate as long as he or she is a member in good standing;
- 2.1.2 With the exception of Guest and Foreign Members, shall be able to run for an elected ACBL position as long as he or she is 18 years of age or older and there are no other age requirements for the position;
- 2.1.3 Shall have an obligation to adhere to the rules and regulations of the ACBL;
- 2.1.4 Shall have such limitations as imposed by rules and regulations of the ACBL or actions of an ACBL disciplinary body.

2.2 Classes of Membership

In addition to those rights and obligations listed in subsection 2.1 above and in accordance with Article III, Membership and Fees, Section 3.2 of the ACBL Bylaws, and Article XII, Arbitration, additional voting rights, term, characteristics, rights, limitations, and obligations shall attach to each class of membership as follows:

- 2.2.1 General Member
 - 2.2.1.1 Shall be a member as long as his or her dues are current.
- 2.2.2 Life Master
 - 2.2.2.1 Shall be required to remit an annual service fee or dues in order to receive the following services: a. receive the Bridge Bulletin; b. participate in some ACBL-sanctioned events; c. receive any subsidy or remuneration from; d. participate in and receive recognition for achievement in masterpoint races; and/or e. have an article published on the ACBL website or in the Bridge Bulletin
- 2.2.3 Life Member
 - 2.2.3.1 Shall be a member through the member's lifetime.
 - 2.2.3.2 Those members who joined or rejoined ACBL prior to January 1, 1996, and continuously maintained their membership, who achieve Life Master shall be subject to an annual service fee. The rights and obligations of Life Members are the same as those for Life Masters.
- 2.2.4 Honorary Member
 - 2.2.4.1 Shall be a member as long as his or her dues are current.
 - 2.2.4.2 Shall have benefits as stated in Chapter I—Membership, H. Awards and Trophies, Section 4—Awards.
- 2.2.5 Junior Member
 - 2.2.5.1 Shall be considered a Junior through their 25th birthday.
 - 2.2.5.2 Shall be a member as long as his or her dues are current.
- 2.2.6 Youth Member
 - 2.2.6.1 Shall be considered a Youth through their 19th birthday.
 - 2.2.6.2 Shall be a member as long as his or her dues are current.
- 2.2.7 Foreign Member
 - 2.2.7.1 Any member whose residency is outside ACBL territorial boundaries and assigned to Unit 999.
 - 2.2.7.2 Shall be a member as long as his or her dues, established by ACBL management, are current.
- 2.2.8 Patron Member
 - 2.2.8.1 Patron membership dues will be established by ACBL management.
 - 2.2.8.2 ACBL management will add to the Patron Member Membership and Renewal Form check-off boxes for contributions to the ACBL Charity Foundation or CBF Charity Fund and the ACBL Educational Foundation.
 - 2.2.8.3 Patron membership benefits shall be determined by ACBL management, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
- 2.2.9 Century Club

2.2.9.1 The Century Club will be established for members who reach 100 years of age, and an appropriate mention will be made in the Bridge Bulletin of this achievement.

2.2.10 Guest Member (Effective June 15, 2020)

2.2.10.1 May join the ACBL at no cost.

2.2.10.2 Former or current ACBL members may not join as guest members.

2.2.10.3 The guest membership benefits shall be defined by ACBL management policy.

Chapter I - Membership

A. Membership

Section 5 – Disputes

5.1 Binding Arbitration - Every member in each category of membership shall be subject to binding and compulsory arbitration to settle disputes involving the ACBL and its members in accordance with the Bylaws. A binding arbitration agreement in conformance with the Bylaws shall be set forth on the ACBL's website and may be updated from time to time on advice of counsel.

Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games

A. ACBL Sanctions for Club Masterpoint Games

Section 2 - Obtaining and Maintaining a Sanction

2.1 An application for an ACBL club game sanction, whether new or renewal, will not be accepted until the club manager signs the following arbitration agreement:

2.1.1 Should any dispute, of whatever kind or nature, arise between the ACBL and the undersigned club, it is agreed that such dispute shall be resolved by binding arbitration that conforms with the Bylaws and the agreement set forth on the ACBL's website.

Carried unanimously

Effective immediately

The Board adjourned sine die at 7:17 p.m. ET.