

**ACBL Board of Directors  
Executive Committee  
Online Meeting via Zoom  
January 5, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Joann Glasson on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 10 p.m. ET.

Present: Joann Glasson D4 (President), Dennis Carman R5 (Central), Jeff Overby R8 (East)  
David Lodge R11 (West), Margot Hennings R4 (Vice-President), Paul Cuneo (Interim Executive Director)

Also Present: Administrative Coordinator Sabrina Goley

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**Fall 2027 NABC Site Approval**

The Executive Committee was convened to vote to approve Phoenix as the Fall 2027 NABC site. This approval is being done by the Executive Committee because of the ongoing negotiations by Paul Cuneo as Interim Executive Director and Conference Direct with the Sheraton in Phoenix. These negotiations will reduce the \$198K attrition charges at the Sheraton from our Fall 2022 NABC in Phoenix by half, and will ensure a \$50K credit towards the 2027 NABC from the Sheraton as long as an answer from ACBL to commit to the Sheraton as the host hotel with a specified room block is received by January 6, 2023. If the Sheraton does not receive a commitment from ACBL by the 6<sup>th</sup>, their offer will be rescinded.

The dates being offered by the Sheraton require that the 2027 Fall NABC be scheduled to begin a week earlier than is our recent tradition, so Thanksgiving will be in the middle of the tournament instead of the beginning of the tournament. The President sent the proposal from the hotel, a statement about the probable financial impact of this change in schedule, and an analysis of attendance when a fall NABC is held a week earlier to the Full Board prior to this meeting so that input from all Board members could be provided to their respective Zonal Reps. (See attachment A).

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, January 4, and unanimously approved this site for 2027.

After discussion, including questions raised to and answers from Paul, the Executive Committee, by a vote of 4-1, approved the Phoenix Sheraton as the site of the 2027 Fall NABC from Thursday, November 18 through Sunday, November 28. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. ET.

The 2027 NABC Proposal from the Phoenix Sheraton, the Proposed Phoenix 2027 financial statement, and the Proposed Date Analysis are all available on the MIM under the tab entitled Jan 5 23 EC.

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