

## **FULL BOARD**

Glasson (P), Hennings (VP)

Steinberg, Aquino, Carman, Heller, Sealy, Overby, Cuneo, Shoemaker, Lodge, Zayac, White, Belford, Muñoz, Heth, Liddy, Goodgold

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### **Item 232-BD02: Online Ethical Oversight Committee Appointments**

Jon Brissman, Jan Martel, Karen Walker, Karen Allison, and Marjorie Michelin be appointed for a three-year term to the Online Ethical Oversight Committee from the end of the Summer 2023 NABC through the end of the Summer 2026 NABC.

Effective end of the Summer NABC

Carried          Absent: D8 Heth

## **APPEALS AND CHARGES**

White (C)

Carman, Heth, Liddy, Sealy

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### **Item 232-AC01: Report on Hearings**

Bill and Ann Nutting (Automatic Review)

In the Matter of Bill and Ann Nutting, the Committee upheld the finding of the OEOC Panel that they violated CDR 3.20 Cheating and other Ethical Violations (CDR effective January 1, 2020).

The Committee also upheld the discipline imposed by the OEOC panel.

Accordingly, Bill Nutting was suspended for a period of five years and Ann Nutting was suspended for a period of four years. Each will serve a period of ten years probation following their suspension, a condition of which is they are prohibited from playing with each other during the entirety of the probationary period. Each will forfeit 10% of their total Masterpoint<sup>®</sup> holding. They will be members “Not in Good Standing” during the period of their discipline.

Linda Daniel and Linda Thornton (NR Review)

In the Matter of Linda Daniel and Linda Thornton, the Committee approved the Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL Management in which the parties admitted to a violation of CDR 3.20 Cheating and other Ethical Violations (CDR effective January 1, 2020). Ms. Daniel agreed to a 6-month suspension to begin on March 12, 2023, followed by two years probation. She is prohibited from playing in ACBL online games with Linda Thornton for the entire probationary period; she is prohibited from playing ACBL face to face games with Linda Thornton for the first year of the probationary period. Ms. Daniel forfeits 8% of her current Masterpoint<sup>®</sup> total. She further agreed that If she plays in any ACBL sanctioned games between March 12, 2023 and when this agreement is accepted by Appeals and Charges, this agreement is voidable by ACBL.

Ms. Thornton agreed to a 6-month suspension to begin on January 10, 2023, followed by two years probation. She is prohibited from playing in ACBL online games with Linda Daniel for the entire probationary period; she is prohibited from playing in ACBL face to face games with Linda Daniel for the first year of the probationary period. Ms. Thornton forfeits 10% of her current Masterpoint® total. She further agreed that If she plays in any ACBL sanctioned games between January 10, 2023 and when this agreement is accepted by Appeals and Charges, this agreement is voidable by ACBL. Ms. Daniel and Ms. Thornton will be members “Not in Good Standing” during the period of their discipline.

Jacqueline Shasha, Michele Shahrabani and Lily Yousfan (NR Review)

In the Matter of Jacqueline Shasha, Michele Shahrabani and Lily Yousfan, the Committee approved the Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL Management in which the parties admitted to a violation of CDR 301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating: Online (CDR effective August 1, 2021).

Ms. Shasha and Ms. Shahrabani agreed to 6-month suspensions to start on January 8, 2023.

Ms. Yousfan agreed to an 8-month suspension to start on January 8, 2023.

All three parties agreed to two years probation to follow their suspensions. The parties are prohibited from playing in ACBL face to face games with one another for the duration of their probations and in ACBL online games with one another for the first year of their probations. Each forfeits 150 Masterpoints®.

All agreed that if they play in any ACBL sanctioned games between January 8, 2023 and when this agreement is accepted by Appeals and Charges, this agreement is voidable by ACBL. They will be members “Not in Good Standing” during the period of their discipline.

Received

#### **Item 232-AC03 Delete References to AAA from CDR**

All references to the American Arbitration Association shall be removed from the Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

Carried unanimously

#### **Item 232-AC04 Re-consider EOC/OEOC/A&C disciplinary limits**

In CDR 403(C)(3) **Suspension**, “Maximum of Six Months” be revised to “Maximum of Twenty-four Months”

Carried unanimously

## **BRIDGE COMMITTEE**

Carman (C)

Aquino, Belford, Heller, Sealy, Steinberg, Zayac

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### **Item 232-BR01: Codification Clean Up - Sectionals**

Codification Chapter X - Sectionals was amended. [Attachment](#)

Effective September 1, 2023

Carried unanimously

### **Item 232-BR02: GNT Conditions of Contest**

The 2023-2024 Grand National Teams Conditions of Contest ([attached](#)) were approved and the related Codification was amended as described below.

Chapter XI - Special Events, A. Residency Requirements, Section 1 - Grand National Teams and North American Pairs

1.1 The Grand National Teams (GNT) and North American Pairs (NAP) were created initially with the expectation that players would play in and represent the Districts in which they lived.

1.2 For the GNTs, a member's principal physical residence as of September 1 of the year prior to the National final shall establish the District in which said member is eligible to participate beyond the club qualifying stage.

1.2.1 All residency requirements and requests for exceptions shall also apply to players augmented onto GNT teams.

1.3 For the NAPs, a member's principal residence as of June 1 of the year prior to the National final shall establish the District in which said member is eligible to participate beyond the club qualifying stage.

1.4 In both events, changes in residence after such date shall not change the District in which the player is eligible to participate.

1.5 Guidelines for Exceptions

~~1.5.1 A player seeking an exception must obtain permission in writing from the District President representing the District in which the member has a principal residence and from the District President of the District in which the member wishes to play. Both District Presidents must approve the request for the exception to be granted. (Effective 1/1/2022)~~

1.5.1 A player seeking an exception must obtain permission in writing from the District ~~President~~ Director representing the District in which the member has a principal residence and from the District ~~President~~ Director of the District in which the member

wishes to play. Both District **Presidents** Directors must approve the request for the exception to be granted. “District Director” shall be the Regional Director (RD) when the RD is from the involved District, and when not, a person from the involved District designated by the RD to resolve the issue(s) at hand. Such designee shall be the actual District Director if a person is still serving in that capacity.

1.5.2 Any exceptions in the highest flight of the event must also be approved by a Credentials Committee. ACBL management shall assume all duties of the Credentials Committee, including the assigning of the composition of such committee, and shall hear and adjudicate all matters pertaining to eligibility of person(s) and/or teams to participate in any stage of the GNT/NAP. **(Effective 7/14/2020)**

1.5.3 Listed below are examples of situations where an exception might be considered. Others may arise and will be dealt with on a case- by-case basis.

1.5.3.1 A “snowbird”, a member with seasonal residences who spends more than half of the GNT (September 1-February 28) or NAP (June 1-August 31) qualifying period in a District other than the District of his principal physical residence, may play beyond the club qualifying stage in his District of seasonal residence. If he chooses to do so, he may only play in the District level final of one District. He must play in that District’s District finals to be eligible to play in the National finals. Such a player will not be eligible to be added to a team from his other District. All necessary approvals must be obtained before play begins at the District level.

1.5.3.2 A player with multiple domiciles should apply to the Credentials Committee for a one-time choice of District in which he wishes to play. This application must be made before the start of the event's qualifying period. This player may be asked to document his time in each of his residences. The player must spend at least three months each year in a District in order to have it considered as a domicile possibility. Once a player chooses a District in which to play, he must play only in that District until he no longer has a domicile in that District.

1.5.3.3 A participant who is a full-time student, a member of the armed forces or whose employment requires temporary relocation may play in the District in which he temporarily resides.

1.5.4 In rare cases, a player who is a member of a Unit in a District in which he does not reside may seek permission to play in the District in which he has a Unit membership. Such an exception will be considered only if the player meets all of the conditions below:

- a. Lives sufficiently close to the District borders;
- b. Has been a member of the Unit in which he wishes to play for at least five (5) years, continuously, prior to the start of the competition in the year for which the exception is being requested;

c. Must not have played in the GNT or NAP in another District for that period of time; and

d. Must have been actively involved as a volunteer in the Unit or District in which he wishes to play for at least two (2) years. Possibilities for such “active involvement” include, but are not limited to, Unit or District board member, chair of a NABC or major NABC committee, District or Unit Recorder, Tournament Chair, or club manager.

**Note:** Simply playing bridge in the other District/Unit or having a regular partner who resides in the other District is not considered sufficient reason for an exception to the “play where you live” rule.

~~1.5.4.1 Any player seeking an exception for this reason must document the reasons why an exception should be considered and send it to both District Presidents involved, as described above. This application must be made before the start of the event's qualifying period. The District President of the District in which the player is a member must confirm the fact that the player has been an active volunteer in the District (or Unit) where the player does not live before forwarding such requests to ACBL management (Championship Flight only.) (Effective 1/1/22)~~

1.5.4.1 Any player seeking an exception for this reason must document the reasons why an exception should be considered and send it to both District ~~Presidents~~ Directors involved, as described above. This application must be made before the start of the event's qualifying period. The District ~~President~~ Director of the District in which the player is a member must confirm the fact that the player has been an active volunteer in the District (or Unit) where the player does not live before forwarding such requests to ACBL management (Championship Flight only.) “District Director” shall be the Regional Director (RD) when the RD is from the involved District, and when not, a person from the involved District designated by the RD to resolve the issue(s) at hand. Such designee shall be the actual District Director if a person is still serving in that capacity.

1.5.4.2 Should an exception be granted for this reason, the player is eligible to play only in that District and may not change Unit affiliation unless the player’s principal physical residence changes.

1.6 The Credentials Committee is also responsible for clarifying in which District a player is allowed to play when said player's eligibility is in question. When a challenge to one's eligibility from a Unit final stage or later stage has been made, the Credentials Committee may request documentary evidence from the member whose eligibility is in question. If a member is unable to verify to the Credentials Committee's satisfaction that he or she is playing in the District of the member’s principal residence, the Credentials Committee shall automatically disqualify the member and his teammates.

1.7 When a member is disqualified by the Credentials Committee, the matter will be referred to the ACBL President who may choose to make charges to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee in accordance with section 2.2.3 (d) of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

1.8 The Credentials Committee may consider exceptions under unusual circumstances for otherwise eligible players who change their District through a change in their physical domicile after September 1. The request must be made at least 30 days before the appropriate District-level final.

1.9 There is no appeal from the Credentials Committee decision.

Effective Sept 1, 2023

Carried unanimously

### **BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Goodgold (C)

Heth, Steinberg, Couchman

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## **SECOND READING**

### **Item 232-BY01: Bylaws Amendment – Arbitration**

Bylaws Article III was amended and Article XII be added.

Bylaws Article III was amended and Article XII be added.

Article III:

3.5 Arbitration. ~~All members of the ACBL~~ **The following** shall be subject to binding and compulsory arbitration in cases and controversies involving ACBL: **all members, including members not in “good standing”; former members raising any issue related to their time as members; and non-members entering or participating in any ACBL-sponsored competition or otherwise availing themselves of the services of ACBL.**

This Section shall serve as sufficient notice of compulsory arbitration to all ACBL members as may be required by any court of law. The ACBL may provide notice of such compulsory arbitration through other methods. **Specifics regarding arbitration are found in Article XII of these Bylaws.**

## **ARTICLE XII** **ARBITRATION**

**12.1 Arbitration. For purposes of this Article, the members and ACBL agree that both duplicate bridge competition under ACBL auspices and the general operations of ACBL constitute “commerce” of an interstate or foreign nature as defined in Section 1 of the**

Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §1, and that, in relation to all disputes subject to arbitration under this Article otherwise subject to Canadian, Mexican, or Bermudian law, as a matter of contractual choice of law, the Federal Arbitration Act shall apply, including time limitations for review or confirmation of arbitration awards.

12.2 Procedure. Where any part of this Article provides for arbitration, arbitration shall be conducted exclusively under the rules of the Institute for Bridge Arbitration or, if such rules are for any reason not in existence or not, even by analogy, applicable to a particular controversy subject to arbitration, under the U.S. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure construed to address the arbitration context, e.g., references to "judge", "court", "jury", or "jury trial" shall be understood as meaning "arbitrator(s)" or "arbitration panel" as the case may be.

12.3 Exhaustion of Internal Processes. After the exhaustion of internal processes, including review by the Appeals and Charges Committee if available, any disciplinary matter as between the League or any subsidiary agency, committee, or official on the one hand and any member on the other, shall be subject to arbitration as provided in this Article.

12.4 Ethical Matters. Any dispute concerning a disciplinary determination arising under Part 301 of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations (or any replacement), as adopted by the Board of Directors and as amended from time to time thereafter, shall be arbitrated before a panel of three (3) arbitrators assigned by the Institute for Bridge Arbitration.

#### 12.4.1 Scope of Arbitration.

12.4.1a When Internal Disciplinary Process Has Occurred. When a disciplinary hearing and determination has been initially made by the Ethical Oversight Committee, the Online Ethical Oversight Committee, a District Disciplinary Committee, or any duly authorized disciplinary committee, the arbitrators' review shall be limited to whether

(1) the determination was procured by corruption, fraud, or undue means;

(2) there was evident partiality or corruption in the adjudicators, or any of them;

(3) the adjudicators were guilty of misconduct in refusing to postpone the hearing, upon sufficient cause shown, or in refusing to hear evidence pertinent and material to the controversy, or of any other misbehavior by which the rights of any party were substantially prejudiced; or

(4) the adjudicators exceeded their powers, or so imperfectly executed them that a proper decision upon the subject matter submitted was not made.

The established principles of harmless error shall apply.

If satisfied that any of grounds (1)-(4) have been clearly established and that such error(s) is (are) not harmless, the arbitrators shall remand for a new determination, and may additionally direct that one or more of the initial adjudicators shall not

participate in further proceedings, and the arbitrators, in their discretion, may retain jurisdiction to review the remand proceedings. If no grounds (1)-(4) have been clearly established, the arbitrators shall confirm the determination.

12.4.1b Where Internal Disciplinary Process Has Not Occurred. Where a disciplinary hearing and determination have not been initially made by the Ethical Oversight Committee, the Online Ethical Oversight Committee, a District Disciplinary Committee or any duly authorized disciplinary committee, the arbitrators' shall, on the basis of the competent evidence submitted, and after applying the test of comfortable satisfaction, render a written award determining all matters in dispute.

## 12.5 Costs and Fees.

12.5.1a Initial Costs and Fees. The party invoking arbitration shall initially be obligated to pay associated costs and fees.

12.5.1b Arbitrators' Authority Over Costs and Fees. The arbitrators may, in their discretion, direct that either party shall pay, or reimburse the other party for having paid, all or any portion of the associated costs and fees. The arbitrators may also, in their discretion, require either party to pay all or any portion of the other party's reasonable attorney fees relating to the arbitration, whenever the arbitrators determine that any issue or argument was raised or asserted without substantial basis in law or fact. For purposes of this Bylaw, "reasonable attorney fees" shall be evaluated according to the standards utilized by the United States federal courts for cases applying 42 USC §1988.

12.5.1c Payment of Costs and Fees Prerequisite to Reinstatement: Whenever a member of ACBL is required by the arbitrators to pay any costs or fees, including attorney fees, such costs or fees must be paid in order for such member to seek reinstatement (if expelled), or to regain good standing and the restoration of membership rights (if suspended or placed on probation).

12.6 Venue. The arbitrators shall designate a place for the arbitration to be conducted, which may be virtual, and shall be reasonably convenient to the parties and witnesses.

12.6.1a Virtual Hearings. When arbitration is to be conducted virtually, any location shall be deemed "reasonably convenient to the parties and witnesses."

12.6.1b Approved Locations. The site of a North American Bridge Championship, during such event, or a location within ACBL Headquarters or within a 10 mile radius thereof, shall also be deemed "reasonably convenient to the parties and witnesses".

12.7 Conduct and Administrative Matters. Any dispute concerning a disciplinary determination arising under Parts 302, 303 or 304 of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations

**(or their replacements), as adopted by the Board of Directors and as amended from time to time thereafter, shall not be subject to arbitration unless the Board of Directors shall, by a 2/3 vote, so provide by regulation.**

Effective date: Immediately upon ratification by the Advisory Council

Carried unanimously

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Lodge (C)

Goodgold, Heth, Liddy, Munoz, Overby, Steinberg

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**Item 232-FN01: Accounts Payable**

Appendix 2-A, Accounts Payable and Check Cashing Policies and Procedures, to Codification Chapter II - Business Management - A. Finance, was revised as [attached](#).

Effective immediately upon conclusion of Board meeting

Carried            Absent: D3 Munoz

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Hennings (C)

Belford, Heller, Overby, Stu Goodgold, Shoemaker, Zayac

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**Item 232-GV01: Member Not in Good Standing**

Moved that: The Codification Chapter 1 – Membership, Section 2 – Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership, 2.3.2, be revised as follows:

2.3.2 A member who is not in good standing (as defined herein) shall not be entitled to:

- a. serve in any elected or appointed position in the ACBL;
- b. receive any subsidy or remuneration from the ACBL;
- c. participate in and receive recognition for achievement in masterpoint races;
- d. receive recognition for achievement in masterpoint rank promotion;
- e. have an article published on the ACBL website or in any ACBL publication;
- f. vote in any election in which the general membership is the electorate;
- g. serve as a club manager, ~~or~~ Director, **or in any other club administrative capacity**;
- h. participate in events where such participation is prohibited by the conditions of contest;
- i. vote in a Hall of Fame election; and/or
- j. membership on the Goodwill Committee.

Failed            Yay: R1 Steinberg, R4 Hennings, R6 Heller, R7 Sealy, D2 Belford, D8 Heth

## Item 232-GV02: Bulletin

Moved that: Codification Chapter II - Business Management - D. ACBL Bulletin be revised and removed as indicated.

### Chapter II - Business Management - D. ACBL Bulletin

#### Section 1 - Name

- 1.1 The Bridge Bulletin is designated as the official publication of the ACBL (hereinafter referred to as the Bulletin).

#### Section 2 - Content and Editorial Policy

- 2.1 Subject to the following ~~limitations~~, the ~~Executive~~ Editor of the Bulletin will be the sole judge of its content and editorial policy.

~~2.1.1 The size of the Bulletin will be determined by ACBL management.~~

~~2.1.2 Items of extremely limited readership will no longer be carried.~~

~~2.1.3 Conditions of Contest, NABC tournament schedules and charity donations will be carried as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors or ACBL management.~~

~~2.1.4 Housing and airline ads for each NABC will be carried as necessary.~~

~~2.1.5 Popular "house organ" type material, such as the various tournament schedules, information about upcoming NABCs and other special events that are of interest to the entire general membership, must be included monthly as appropriate.~~

~~2.1.6\_1 When, in the opinion of the Executive Director, certain matters, particularly those that involve personnel, could affect the welfare of ACBL, the final decision to publish or not to publish shall rest with the Executive Director. **The final decision to publish or to not publish content that involves personnel and/or content that could affect the welfare of ACBL shall rest with the Executive Director.**~~

~~2.2 Each issue of the Bulletin shall include a section devoted to new players.~~

~~2.3 The Barry Crane Top 500 List shall be published in the Bulletin on a periodic basis. The lists of remaining races shall be published on a rotating basis.~~

**2.4 1.2** The Board of Directors Meeting page(s) contained in the Bulletin shall include a condensation of major enacted motions, actions and ACBL elections and appointments. Publication of the complete minutes is not required. The ACBL President (or designee) shall prepare the content and approve the layout before publication.

**2.1.3 The Editor must follow regulations regarding specific actions /notices that are detailed in other sections of the Codification and are required to be included in the Bulletin.**

~~2.5 Publishing Names of Suspended Players-~~

~~2.5.1 When a player is Suspended or Expelled by the Ethical Oversight Committee, and after the appeals process is complete, their full name and player number shall be published in the Bulletin. This will not apply if on appeal the action is reversed.-~~

~~2.5.2 In cases where a player or players are expelled (1) through actions of the Appeals and Charges Committee or (2) through actions of the Ethical Oversight Committee that are not appealed, an article may be published in the Bulletin explaining what occurred. The purpose of this article is to educate the readership on what is and is not actionable behavior. The chair of the applicable committee will oversee the writing of the article. Publication is at the discretion of the Bulletin Editor.-~~

~~Section 3—Advertising-~~

~~3.1 ACBL management shall make every effort to assure that each advertisement in the Bulletin is appropriately identified as an advertisement and does not necessarily carry an endorsement by ACBL.-~~

~~3.2 Districts and Units shall be billed for ads and inserts in the same month as the ad appears.-~~

~~3.3 Advertisements of hotels for NABCs will be accepted from any reliable hotel, including classified ads as well as display ads.-~~

~~3.4 Charges to Units and Districts for Bulletin advertising shall be in accordance with the rates found on the ACBL website at [acbl.org/bbadvertising](http://acbl.org/bbadvertising).-~~

~~3.5 Units and Districts that advertise in the Bulletin shall have their ad placed on the website and linked to ACBL online at no cost to them.-~~

~~Section 4—Distribution-~~

~~4.1 Arrangements for the printing and distribution of the Bulletin are a responsibility of ACBL management.-~~

~~4.2 One Bulletin will be mailed to each member purchasing a full price membership, even if more than one member resides at the same address unless there is a request that only one Bulletin be mailed.-~~

- 4.3 ~~ACBL members residing outside of Zone 2 shall pay an additional amount per year for Bulletin postage if such member requests the publication to be sent to an address outside of Zone 2.~~

Effective immediately

Carried - was included on the Board's consent calendar based on unanimous approval by the Governance Committee.

### **Item 232-GV03: International Bridge**

The following revisions were made to the Codification Chapter VII - International Bridge A. Zone 2 National Bridge Organizations (NBOs), Chapter VII – International Bridge B. WBF Representatives and NABF Board Members, Chapter VII – International Bridge C. International Fund and to Chapter VII – International Funds D. World Junior Championships.

Chapter VII - International Bridge A. Zone 2 National Bridge Organizations (NBOs)

Section 1 – Zone 2 International Regulations

- 1.1 The authority for selecting and subsidizing bridge players who represent the United States, Canada and Mexico in international bridge competition rests with the North American Bridge Federation (NABF) and its NBOs: the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF), and the Federación Mexicana de Bridge (FMB), and respectively.
- 1.2 The Bermuda Bridge Federation (BBF), while maintaining ACBL affiliation as Unit 198 in District 2, competes internationally through WBF Zone 5 based on prior ~~ACBL~~ WBF approval to do so.
- 1.3 The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation while maintaining ACBL affiliation through District 9, competes internationally through WBF Zone 5 based on prior ~~ACBL~~ WBF approval to do so.

Section 2 – NBO Events

- 2.1 The BBF, CBF, FMB and the USBF may each hold an annual ACBL-sanctioned, National Championship to determine the national representatives in each of the following categories: Open team, Women's team, Senior team, Mixed team, Open pairs, Women's pairs and Junior teams.
- 2.2 The National finals shall be Regional-rated (Regional-rated red and gold points unless otherwise indicated in the ACBL Masterpoint Plan). Qualification events, if any, shall be Sectional-rated (black points).

- 2.3 Sanction fees shall be determined by the ACBL, except that such fees are waived for Junior Trials.
- 2.4 If the National finals of any of the championships listed above are not held concurrently with an ACBL Regional or Sectional tournament, each NBO may conduct ACBL-sanctioned Sectional-rated black point events concurrently with the National finals.
- 2.5 Each National Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting results to the ACBL.
- 2.6 The championship may be flighted by ACBL masterpoints.
- 2.7 Masterpoint awards are determined by the ACBL Board of Directors upon recommendation by the ACBL Masterpoint Committee. See Appendix 7-A Masterpoints for WBF Events.

## Chapter VII – International Bridge B. WBF Representatives and NABF Board Members

### Section 1 – Policy Regarding ACBL ~~Appointees~~ Nominees to the WBF Executive Council and Appointments to the NABF Board.

Current regulations of the NABF allow the ACBL to name two people to the NABF board of directors, and to nominate one or more people from whom the NABF will select one person to serve as one of its representatives on the World Bridge Federation Executive Council.

- 1.1 To facilitate communication between the organizations, the ACBL nominee(s) to serve as a representative of the NABF to the WBF Executive Council must be elected from among members of the ACBL Board of Directors. **If the nominee selected by the NABF resigns from the ACBL Board of Directors while serving on the WBF Executive Council, it is strongly recommended that the nominee also resign from serving as the representative.** The ACBL appointees to the board of directors of the NABF may be selected from among the members of the ACBL Board of Directors or from any ACBL member in good standing.
- 1.2 ~~A-R~~reports shall be periodically ~~presented~~ submitted to the ACBL Board of Directors from the ACBL Zone 2 Representative to the WBF Executive Council and from the ACBL appointees to the NABF Board. ~~This R~~reports shall include but not be limited to the following information:
  - a. Any actions taken by the WBF or the NABF regarding World or Zone 2 bridge **that are important to current ACBL policy** ~~that have transpired since the last meeting of the ACBL Board.~~
  - b. The agenda or any actions expected to come before the WBF or the NABF ~~prior to the~~ **at their** next meeting(s) ~~of the ACBL Board.~~

- c. Financial information such as budgets, operating statements, including explanation of unusual expenses.
- d. The assignments that ACBL representatives or appointees have in the WBF or the NABF, respectively.
- e. Any compensation, reimbursement (**excluding economy transportation and hotel rooms and per diem for the length of the Executive Council meetings and one or two days before and after said meetings**) or benefits from the WBF or the NABF to any **member of the** ACBL Board of Directors. ~~member.~~

**1.3 Reports/notifications are required in advance of scheduled WBF and NABF meetings in time for input from ACBL to be addressed as appropriate. Reports are required within 30 days of the conclusion of WBF and NABF meetings.**

**1.4 WBF and NABF Representatives from the ACBL are expected to maintain communications with the ACBL Board President or their designee regarding initiatives and best practices pertaining to topics of interest to the ACBL, NABF and WBF members.**

Section 2 – Election of the ACBL ~~Appointees~~ **Nominees** to the WBF Executive Council and **Appointments** to the NABF Board.

One or more persons shall be nominated by the ACBL Board of Directors for the one Zone 2 Representative to the WBF Executive Council position that has been allotted to the ACBL by the NABF. If **only** one person **applies to be nominated, then** that person shall be deemed ~~elected as the Zone 2 Representative~~ to be the nominee. If more than one person **applies to be is** nominated, the ACBL Board may choose to present multiple nominees to the NABF Board and the NABF Board will elect the representative. The ACBL Board may limit the nominee(s) to be presented to the NABF Board using the election procedures stipulated in Chapter IV - Board Procedures, A. Administration, Section 3 Elections.

Two NABF Board members, one of which may be a non-Board member, will be appointed by the ACBL Board of Directors using the election procedures stipulated in Chapter IV - Board Procedures A. Administration, Section 3 Elections.

Chapter VII – International Bridge C. International Fund

Section 1 – International Fund Games

- 1.1 The ACBL shall be solely responsible for establishing sanction fees for International Fund Games sanctioned by ACBL.
- 1.2 Three ACBL-wide International Fund Games will be held, one in each of January, July and December.

## Section 2 – International Fund Monies

- 2.1 All International Fund monies collected from ACBL-sanctioned events conducted by the ACBL in the United States for the specific purpose of subsidizing United States athletes in international bridge competition will be forwarded to and retained by the USBF to be distributed at its discretion.
- 2.2 International Fund monies collected in Canada and Mexico shall be sent to the respective NBOs to be disbursed at their discretion.
- 2.3 All NABC+ event entry fees will include a \$1.50 surcharge per player per session for the International Fund.
- 2.4 International Fund monies collected at NABCs shall be apportioned to the appropriate International Fund in proportion equal to that country's percentage of ACBL membership.
- 2.5 ~~The ACBL has agreed to make the following contributions to the NBOs to support international bridge:~~

~~A motion passed at the Spring 2023 meeting directs the payment be made to the North American Bridge Federation (NABC) and not to the NBO's, effective only for 2023.~~

<del>2018</del>	<del>USBF</del>	<del>CBF</del>	<del>FMB</del>
<del>2019</del>	<del>100,000</del>	<del>16,000</del>	<del>250</del>
<del>2020</del>	<del>80,000</del>	<del>14,000</del>	<del>200</del>
<del>2021 and thereafter</del>	<del>40,000</del>	<del>12,000</del>	<del>100</del>

**ACBL provides \$50,100.00 annually to the NABF for the sole purpose of contributing to the WBF dues paid by the USBF, CBF and MFB. This amount may be adjusted at the discretion of ACBL, and will be adjusted if the money is used for any purpose other than payment of the three NBOs' WBF dues.**

## Section 3 – Miscellaneous

- 3.1 Dues to or donations for the USBF, CBF, MFB, BBF and the Virgin Islands Bridge Federation may be placed on the ACBL membership and renewal form.

## Chapter VII – International Funds D. World Junior Championships

### Section 1 – Junior Fund Monies

- 1.1 Monies raised to benefit Junior members shall be as set forth in subsection 3.3 of Chapter I - Membership, I. Juniors, Section 3 - Junior Fund Games.

Section 2 – USBF and CBF

- 2.1 The USBF shall receive \$50,000 per year and the CBF shall receive \$25,000 per year to support international Junior and Youth participation.
- 2.2 **Junior funds must be used for the purpose of promoting Junior bridge.**
- 2.2.3 The USBF and CBF must provide ~~for the fall board meeting~~ a **detailed annual** report on Junior/ Youth activities from ~~that year~~ **the prior twelve months at the fall ACBL board meeting. The report must include how junior funds were utilized.**

Section 3 – Junior Player Requirements - USBF

- 3.1 In order for the USBF to receive funds from ACBL for subsidy to Juniors, any Junior receiving such subsidy must meet the criteria as set forth in Chapter I – Membership, J. ACBL Bridge Federations, Section 4 – Junior Fund Monies.

Effective date immediately

Carried Abstain: R1 Steinberg Absent: R7 Sealy, R11 Lodge

**Item 232-GV04: Vetting of All Candidates for ACBL Awards and/or Honors**

Moved that Chapter I - Membership Operating Guidelines F. Discipline and the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 3 - Disciplinary Administrative Policies

- 3.6 ~~Upon request from the chair or chairs of the Hall of Fame Committee, a list of previous ACBL disciplines, if any, issued by an ACBL disciplinary committee with an explanation of what each discipline involves for each prospective nominee shall be given to the Hall of Fame Committee.~~ **The disciplinary records and any current/ongoing investigations for all proposed candidates for all ACBL awards and/or honors shall be reviewed. These awards include but are not limited to the ACBL Hall of Fame (including the VonZedtwitz, Blackwood, and Sydney Lazard Jr Sportsmanship Awards); the ACBL Honorary Member of the Year; the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year; and the President's Nadine Wood Honorary Member of the Year Award.**

**The ACBL Executive Director and/or their designee shall be responsible for the review of candidate ethics and conduct to determine if a candidate should be rejected. The ACBL will notify the respective Committee Chairs, ACBL Board, or any other official as appropriate to recommend that the proposed names be removed from consideration.**

Effective Immediately

Carried Absent: R2 Aquino

### **Item 231-GV05: Hall of Fame Operating Procedures**

The amended Hall of Fame Committee Operating Procedures, described in the Codification Appendix 4-D2, were accepted. ([Attachment](#))

a) **The ACBL President shall appoint one member of the Board of Directors to act as a liaison between the HoFC and the ACBL Board.**

This clarifies the actual practice in place.

b) ~~Upon request, the HoFC will be provided with information~~ **If there is any question about the candidate's personal history, the HoFC Chair should request information from ACBL, per the Codification.**

This stronger wording authorizes the Chair of the HoFC to obtain information from ACBL about any possible ethical issues relating to a candidate.

c) The von Zedtwitz Award may now be given to any deceased candidate, without the previous 3 year wait period.

d) The Blackwood Award can now be given to up to 2 candidates each year instead of 1.

e) The von Zedtwitz and Blackwood awards were shown as being selected by the HOFC at the time of the Spring NABC. This is now corrected to the Fall NABC, where it actually has been occurring.

Effective immediately

Carried          Absent: R2 Aquino

#### **MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE**

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### **Item 232-ME01: CAP**

Appendix 1-E2 was amended as follows:

#### **Cooperative Advertising Program**

The Cooperative Advertising Program (CAP) reimburses ACBL teachers, clubs and Units ~~and Districts~~ for advertising expenses for programs and lessons designed for newcomers and/or to recruit ACBL members. Submission of a proposed CAP campaign and written results of the

CAP campaign are required for full payment. CAP will refund 50% of eligible advertising costs with a maximum reimbursement of \$500.

- Qualifying advertisements are date-specific ad campaigns for beginner bridge lessons, newcomer programs, social bridge recruitment events and ACBL member recruitment. A listing of all types of advertising media used for the campaign is required.
- Qualifying advertisements must use one of the approved ACBL CAP logos.
- If the event is one day, such as Learn Bridge in a Day, a list identifying where each attendee heard about the event must be submitted with the list of all types of advertising media used for the campaign to receive up to the \$500 maximum reimbursement.
- If the event is held over multiple weeks, the following requirements must be met:
  - A list of all types of advertising media used and where each attendee heard about the event must be submitted to receive the CAP reimbursement up to a maximum of \$500.
  - The attendees must be offered an ACBL guest membership by the last meeting date of the class or event. If the attendee declines the guest membership, a reason why should be stated.
- If the CAP campaign receives zero attendees, please provide information as to why the CAP campaign initiator thinks that the campaign was unsuccessful along with a request for reimbursement.
- ACBL reserves the right to refuse reimbursement for any reason for CAP submissions.
- Submissions by a person who has any ownership, management or conflict of interest in the media outlet in which they are advertising (e.g., personal websites, online publications and/or print publications) will not be approved for CAP reimbursement.

For more information on CAP guidelines and requirements visit the ACBL website:  
[acbl.org/marketing](http://acbl.org/marketing)

Effective January 1, 2024

Carried unanimously