

**ACBL Board of Directors  
Online Meeting via Zoom  
May 8, 2024  
Special Meeting**

The Board of Directors Special Meeting was called to order by President Margot Hennings at 1:32 p.m. ET on May 8, 2024.

Present: Jonathan Steinberg R1, Mark Aquino R2, Joann Glasson R3, Margot Hennings R4, Dennis Carman R5, Barbara Heller R6, Larry Sealy R7, Jeff Overby R8 (arrived at 2:30 p.m.), Paul Cuneo R9, Cindy Shoemaker R10, David Lodge R11, Jackie Zayac R12, Tim White R13

Also present: Executive Director Bronia Jenkins, Advisory Council Chair Doug Couchman, National Recorder Jeff Edelstein, and Administrative Coordinator Sabrina Goley

**Consideration of Non-Agenda Item**

NAI24S2-01: CDR Revision – Limits on Participation was approved as a non-agenda item.

Carried            Nay: R12 Zayac            Absent: R8 Overby

**Item 24S2-01: CDR and Codification Update**

The current version of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) is replaced with Attachment A as amended during the meeting through minor edits and acceptance of friendly amendments.

Codification, Chapter I – Membership, A. Membership, Section 2.3 “Definition of Member in Good Standing” was amended as follows:

**Section 2:**

**2.3 Definition of Member in Good Standing**

2.3.1 An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member's dues, if dues are required, are current and such member is not currently:

- ~~a.~~ ~~expelled;~~
- a.~~b.~~ serving a term of suspension;
- ~~b.~~~~e.~~ serving an indefinite probation;
- ~~c.~~~~d.~~ serving a probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or
- d.~~e.~~ serving a term of probation following a suspension, the initial term of which probation was in excess of 90 days.

2.3.2 **Players who (a) have been expelled, (b) have resigned to avoid possible disciplinary action, or (c) are ACBL members** ~~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;
- 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.

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Carried Abstain: R3 Glasson\*

\*Glasson noted that her abstention was due to the late posting of the materials which did not provide her enough time to properly review the materials.

### **Item NAI24S2-01: Limits on Participation**

Item 24S2-01 carried prior to the following CDR § 403(C) amendment; however, the language of this amendment is included in final May 24 CDR (Attachment A):

While serving a Suspension or while expelled, a Disciplined Person may not participate in any online, national, District, Unit, club or other ACBL sanctioned event or activity, including, but not limited to (i) acting as non-playing captain, (ii) kibitzing any game or event, (iii) being physically present in the playing area of a tournament, or (iv) participating personally or through a corporation or other entity, agent, “doing business as” or other device in bridge-related affairs of the ACBL or of any ACBL affiliated organization.

**However, the Disciplined Person may engage in volunteer activities as requested by their Unit or District Board while serving a suspension. Those Disciplined Persons must be “active” in that their dues are paid while volunteering.**

**Disciplined Persons may not be appointed to serve on either Unit or District Boards or engage in fiduciary activities while serving their suspension and all prohibitions for a Member Not in Good Standing remain in place.**

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Carried Nay: R12 Zayac

Abstain: R1 Steinberg, R5 Carman

### **Item NAI24S2-01: Limits on Participation**

The Board instructed Management to use the May 8, 2024 version of the CDR to retroactively apply the appropriate level of FTD discipline **to individuals who originally qualified for FTD discipline** but received a higher level based on their partner's MP level.

For those Disciplined Persons who are currently serving suspensions and their discipline would be reduced to a warning under this Action Item, their sentences will be commuted to the time served on the day they are notified of this change. In no case will the penalty or prohibitions be increased because of this Action Item.

This action item does not apply to any party that executed a Negotiated Resolution or whose case is pending before the IBA.

Management will coordinate the notification process with A&C.

Effective as soon as the notifications can be processed by Management  
Carried            Nay: R2 Aquino, R11 Lodge            Abstain: Heller

The Board of Directors adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m. ET.