

**Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
Zoom Special Meeting
July 19, 2020**

Richard Popper, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday July 19, 2020 12 p.m. EST.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Popper asked for a moment of silence for those members and their families that have passed away from the corona virus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The San Francisco, CA meeting minutes held December 1, 2020 are approved.

CARRIED

PRESIDENT REPORT

Georgia Heth presented the President's report. (See www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Joe Jones presented the Management's report. (See www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/)

LITIGATION REPORT

Linda Dunn presented the Litigation report. (See www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/)

FINANCE REPORT

Peyton Dodson presented the Financial report. (See www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/)

NOMINATIONS

Nominations were opened for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors for the term of 2021-2022.

Barbara Heller, District 7, Doug Couchman, District 17 and Stuart Goodgold, District 21 were nominated for the office of Chairman of the Board of Governors. There were no other declarations of candidacy.

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Barbara Doran, District 6, Steve Moeses, District 11, Jerry Thorpe, District 19, and Gary Hann, District 22 were nominated for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors. There were no other declarations of candidacy.

Nominates were closed after no further nominations were made from the floor. The election for Chairman and Vice Chairman positions will be held at the Fall 2020 Board of Governors Zoom meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Popper presented his report on the meeting of the Board of Directors. (See www.acbl.org/bog-meeting-docs/)

RECONSIDERATION

Board of Governors approved motions Item 202-24: Unit and Club Teacher Recommendations and Item 202-25 Teaching Clubs Centers for reconsideration assuming that the rules allow such.

MOTIONS

201-02BG – STaC Tournaments

All clubs registering to participate in a single STaC must all be located within one ACBL district. While multiple STaCs can combine, for directing and administrative purposes, the results cannot include combining games from clubs in different districts.

Motion failed.

201-03BG – Teaching Clubs / Centers Incentives (1)

Guest membership program, offer a new player year one membership discount available exclusively through teachers, teaching clubs and centers. (We recommend a year one price between \$9.99 and \$19.99).

CARRIED

201-04BG – Teaching Clubs . Centers Incentives (2)

Offer 1-2 additional Club Championship games for free based on objective recruiting performance - number of prospects engaged (guest members), number playing rubber bridge, and number of new members created (Year one or full membership price), Lessons, rubber bridge sessions, I/N games. Supervised play, Teaching Games are all evidence of best practice. The ACBL defines and publishes objective performance criteria. Teaching Clubs and Teaching Bridge Centers are defined separately.

CARRIED

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201-05BG – Teaching Clubs / Centers Incentives (3)

Feature Teaching Clubs and Centers in advertising that targets known guest members and new prospects. Make access to these programs timely and accurate.

CARRIED

201-06BG – Teaching Clubs / Centers Incentives (4)

Award extra matching Cooperative Advertising Program funds to the proven top recruiting teaching clubs and centers.

CARRIED

201-07BG – Amended ACBL Bylaws

The ACBL Bylaws are changed in Article IX – Board of Governors as indicated below:

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- 9.7.3 The Chair shall ~~attend all regular and special meetings of the ACBL Board of Directors with voice but without vote and~~ be a member of the Board of Directors serving as the a Director-at-Large, with the same compensation and reimbursement of expenses as a Director. ~~The~~ A Director-at-Large may be a member of any unit within the ACBL. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall act on the Chair's behalf in representing the Board of Governors and shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as the Chair.

MOTION FAILED (required a 2/3 vote)

202-01BG – Greater Overall Participation in BoG Meetings

That the Board of Governors permit and encourage virtual participation by any of its Members, including during face to face meetings.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF NEW LIFE MASTERS

Moved by Sandy DeMartino, District 25 and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status will be designated as Life Masters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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THANKS FOR HOSPITALITY

Moved by Sandra DeMartino and seconded by all that the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Board of Governors is extended to the Chairs and numerous volunteers of the Columbus, Montreal and Tampa NABCs. We are only sorry that we will not get to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned sine die at 3:01 p.m. EST.

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