

**ACBL Board of Directors
Las Vegas, NV
July 14 - 17, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Harlan on Monday, July 14, at 8 a.m.

Present: Leo Weniger #1, Paul Janicki #2, Glenda Calkins #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Margot Hennings #6, Bob Heller #7, Georgia Heth #8, Jay Whipple #9, Russ Jones #10, Beth Reid #11, Dennis Carman #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, Bonnie Bagley #17, Claire Jones #18, Donald Mamula #19, Merlin Vilhauer #20, Stu Goodgold #21, Ken Monzingo #22, Rand Pinsky #23, Al Levy #24 and Richard DeMartino #25.

Also Present: Peter Rank, League Counsel, Robert Hartman, CEO.

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Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session to hear and discuss the report of the Board Oversight Committee.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

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The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Harlan on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, July 14 with the addition of Richard Anderson, Chairman Board of Governors

Also Present: Same as Monday, July 14 with Joe Jones, Jeff Johnston, Sylvia Hardin, Pat Rogoski, Alex Turner, Bruce Knoll, Sam Whitten, Ken Horwedel, Carol Robertson, Natasha Brown, Bryan Delfs, Steve Bates, Christine Van Leeuwen, and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

Approval of Dallas, TX Minutes

The Spring 2014 Dallas, TX minutes are approved with the following correction; The vote of District 12 on Item 141-101: Youth and Junior Entry Fees was changed from nay to aye.

Item 142-160: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held March 23 are received. The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held April 12, May 5, and May 13, 2014 are ratified.

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**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 23, 2014**

The Executive Committee met March 23, 2014 at 11:45 a.m. CDT.

All members of the Executive Committee were present as follows: Phyllis Harlan, President, Sharon Anderson, Chairman of the Board, Bruce Blakely, Sharon Fairchild, Beth Reid and Rand Pinsky, Treasurer (Non-voting member).

Also present was Peter Rank, League Counsel.

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The President called the meeting to order in executive session in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order 11th Edition, pages 95 and 96 ("Executive Session"). Discussion was held and action was taken at the request of the Board Oversight Committee regarding possible discipline by the Oversight Committee regarding ACBL Board members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

[Note: Detailed minutes of these and other Board and committee disciplinary executive sessions are maintained in confidence by the Corporate Secretary in a sealed envelope consistent with Board policy and as required by Robert's, pages 643 through 669 ("DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES").]

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**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Executive Committee met April 21, 2014 at 11 a.m. CDT, by conference call, to approve the following:

RE: Approve the termination of the defined benefit pension plan.

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Phyllis Harlan, President, Bruce Blakely, Sharon Fairchild, Rand Pinsky and Beth Reid.

Absent: Sharon Anderson, Chairman

Also present were Robert Hartman, CEO, Joe Jones, CFO, Sylvia Hardin, Kathy Byford and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the American Contract Bridge League Pension Plan be terminated effective June 30, 2014, and that the appropriate officers are directed to take such steps as necessary to implement this resolution.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

SECRETARY: Signature on file
Kelley B. McGuire

PRESIDENT: Signature on file
Phyllis J. Harlan

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**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 5, 2014**

The Executive Committee met May 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. CDT.

All members of the Executive Committee were present as follows: Phyllis Harlan, President, Sharon Anderson, Chairman of the Board, Bruce Blakely, Sharon Fairchild, Beth Reid and Rand Pinsky, Treasurer (Non-voting member).

Also present were Richard DeMartino, District 25, Robert Hartman, CEO, Sam Whitten, Chris van Leeuwen, and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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RE: District 25 ability to run a “Flight B and C” Regional

The Executive Committee approved the following:

Moved by Beth Reid and seconded by Bruce Blakely that District 25 request to convert their open regional sanctioned October 8-12, 2014 to a regional that is restricted to those with fewer than 2500 masterpoint is denied.

Carried unanimously,

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 13, 2014**

The Executive Committee met May 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. CDT.

All members of the Executive Committee were present as follows: Phyllis Harlan, President, Sharon Anderson, Chairman of the Board, Bruce Blakely, Sharon Fairchild, and Beth Reid

Absent: Rand Pinsky, Treasurer (Non-voting member).

Also present was Robert Hartman, CEO and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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RE: District 25 request for an exception to their Open Regional

The Executive Committee approved the following:

Moved by Beth Reid and seconded by Sharon Anderson, based on the overwhelming feedback from the entire Board, District 25’s request for an exception to the masterpoint regulations to be applied to its regional held on October 8-12, 2014 is considered an issue requiring the input of the Full Board and is therefore denied.

Carried. Yea: Harlan, Anderson, Blakely, Reid Nay: Fairchild

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

ACBL CEO Report

The report of CEO Robert Hartman is received. (Attachment A)

League Counsel Report

The report of League Counsel Peter Rank on the status of litigation is received. (Attachment B)

Executive Committee Western Zone

The Western Zone reported the election of Claire Jones as its alternate representative on the Executive committee to fulfill the remainder of the term until December 31, 2014.

Conditions of Contest

Monzingo (C)
Janicki, R. Jones, Levy, Morse, Robinson
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 142-35: Conditions of Contest

The 2014 - 2015 Conditions of Contest are approved and ratified.

Management may, at its discretion, adjust dates as appropriate.

Effective date: Immediately
Carried unanimously.

Item 142-36: NABC Seeding

Unless otherwise specified in the CoC for an NABC+ event, all seeded entries must be purchased not later than 15 minutes prior to the advertised or stated starting time for the event. Players who are deemed by the seeding panel to be Number One or Number Two seeds and who fail to purchase their entry in this timely manner will not be permitted to play in the event unless the seeding panel determines that they are needed to balance the seeding in a section.

Motion failed. Aye: 19

Item 142-37: Screens for Flight B GNTs

During the NABC stages of the GNT, screens will be used in Flight B if space is available at the same point as they are used in the Championship and A Flights.

Effective date: January 1, 2015
Carried. Nay: 16 Abstain: 4, 7, 15

Governance/Board Operations/Bylaws

Heth (C), Bagley, (VC)

Calkins, Carman, Goodgold, Mamula, Pinsky, Weniger, Whipple

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 142-85: Goodwill Committee

The Codification Chapter one, D, Section 1, 1.2.3 shall be amended as follows:

Spouses/civil union partners of current members of the Board of Directors, the current Chairman of the Board of Governors, and current and former Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Members of the Year will be allowed to accompany their spouses/civil union partners to the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Receptions.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 142-86: Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee Membership

A District with 8,000 or more members (12-month average as of March 1) shall be entitled to one additional Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill committee member for the following year.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 142-87: Duties, Responsibilities and Authority of ACBL President

Chapter IV, Appendix 1, Section II, B of the Codification is amended to include the following:

II Social

B. Other Social Duties

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If the ACBL President makes an official visit to a District, the President shall provide timely notification of such visit to the District Director of that District.

Effective immediately (to apply to all tournaments starting August 17, 2014 or later)

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22

Item 142-88: Unit 110

The petition of ACBL Members residing in the Counties of Accomack and Northampton on the Eastern Shore of Virginia to change their Unit affiliation from Unit 110 to Unit 146 is granted.

The Unit affiliation of ACBL Members in these two counties will be changed to Unit 146 from Unit 110. Both Units are affiliated with District 6.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously.

Item 142-89: Unit 428

The petition of ACBL Members residing in the zip codes of 98640, 98641, 98631, 98644, 98624, and 98614 residing on the Long Beach Peninsula on the west side of Pacific County, Washington to change their Unit/District affiliation from Unit 428, District 19 to Unit 491, District 20 is granted. The Unit/District affiliation of ACBL Members in these zip codes will be changed to Unit 491, District 20.

Effective August 1, 2014
Carried unanimously.

Finance

Reid (C), Morse (VC)
Carman, DeMartino, Hennings, Levy, Monzingo, Pinsky, Robinson
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 142-70: Free Plays / International Fund Surcharge

No free-play coupons be accepted for the Thursday afternoon International Fund games at NABCs.

Effective November 2014, or Fall NABC in Providence
Motion failed. Aye: 7, 19. Abstain: 12

Item 142-71: Entry Fees NABC+ Team Events / Screens

Entry fees for NABC+ events that use screens shall incur a surcharge of \$40 per team or \$20 per pair for each session that screens are in use.

Effective March 2015, or New Orleans Spring NABC
Carried unanimously.

Tournaments

Subeck (C)
DeMartino, Heller, Hennings, C. Jones, Vilhauer, Whipple
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 142-46: Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning

Chapter IX. A. Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning, Paragraph B. 1 of the ACBL Codification is amended to read as follows:

B. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

1. Regionals are allocated to ACBL Districts. A district may conduct its regionals or allocate them to units within the district. Additionally, the Canadian Bridge Federation is offered one regional per year for fund-raising purposes, and it is to negotiate details with the District in which it wishes to hold this tournament. Also, the District in which a WBF championship is held may run an ex-quota regional for the duration of the WBF event, provided it is at that site.

Chapter IX. A. Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning, Paragraph B. 6 and 7 of the ACBL Codification are eliminated in their entirety.

Effective: January 1, 2016
Deferred to the 2014 Fall meeting in Providence, RI.
Deferral carried. Nay: 4, 7, 17, 22.

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Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session to hear and discuss the report of the Board Oversight Committee.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session at 3:50 p.m. the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

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Clubs/Education/Membership

Fairchild (C), Calkins, (VC)
Carman, Goodgold, Hennings, Janicki, R. Jones, Levy, Morse, Pinsky, Robinson, Vilhauer,
Weniger, Whipple

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 142-60: Collegiate Conditions of Contest

The Collegiate Qualifier and Championship Conditions of Contest are approved. (See Conditions of Contest)

Effective August 1, 2014
Carried unanimously.

Item 142-61: Junior Fund Request - 2015

The United States Bridge Federation (USBF) shall receive \$825 per player, up to 30 junior and/or youth players, a total of up to \$24,750, in 2015 from the Junior Fund to assist with recruitment and training to prepare for the 2016 World Youth Championships.

The Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) shall receive \$1,000 per player, up to 12 junior and/or youth players, a total of up to \$12,000, in 2015 from the Junior Fund to assist with recruitment and training to prepare for the 2016 World Youth Championships.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 142-62: Series Games for Clubs

Chapter 4, Section 4 of the ACBL Handbook is amended as follows:

G. SERIES GAMES FOR CLUBS

For Series games in clubs, four or more game sessions are required. The masterpoint bonus to the winning player shall equal .02 times the number of tables in play for all games in which he or she participated. This bonus cannot exceed 1.5 masterpoints for an open game or 1.2 masterpoints for an invitational game. Second place earns 75% of the award for first and third place earns 75% of the second-place award. Clubs may use their own methodology for determining winners.

Examples are:

- a. The number of masterpoints earned at the series games
- b. The best percentage score for all series games
- c. Award 4,3,2,1 for 1st through 4th place scores for each game and total such awards for the series to determine the winning individuals

A club may run a series game over any reasonable period, except each club game may only be a part of one series. The club manager may specify a minimum number of game sessions played to be eligible. Clubs may wish to consider a proviso that eligibility requires participation with a minimum of two or more different partners.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 142-63: ACBL Club Masterpoint Game Sanction Eligibility

Chapter 6 Section 1 of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

Section 1 – ACBL Club Masterpoint Game Sanction Eligibility

- 1.1 An ACBL club sanction grants the right to an entity to conduct bridge games at regularly scheduled times and locations and award masterpoints at those games in accordance with specific ACBL rules and regulations.

- 1.2 A club may run up to two ad hoc regular sanctioned masterpoint games per calendar year at a date and time not currently sanctioned. These games are subject to the same rules and fees as a normal club masterpoint game.
- 1.3 Every club running ACBL-sanctioned games must have a designated club manager who is the official representative to ACBL.
- 1.4 It is the responsibility of the club to comply with all local, state and federal laws. Clubs are not authorized to use the ACBL name or logo or other ACBL identification except in connection with the issuance of masterpoints.
- 1.5. Games must be conducted in accordance with both the letter and the spirit of ACBL regulations as well as the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge. The success or failure of games conducted by a club is the responsibility of the club manager. The club manager is free to operate the club as he or she sees fit, as long as the operation of ACBL sanctioned games falls within the limits prescribed by ACBL.

Effective immediately.
Carried unanimously.

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The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Harlan on Thursday, July 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, July 16
Also Present: Same as Wednesday, July 16 with the addition of Darbi Padbury

<p>Special Events</p> <p>Subeck (C), Heller (VC) Bagley, Calkins, Carman, Fairchild, Goodgold, R. Jones, Mamula, Weniger Committee Report by Chairman</p>
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Item 142-140: Special Games at Clubs

The Special Games at Clubs are amended as follows:

- A. Eliminate the ACBL-Wide Charity Games
- B. Eliminate the ACBL-Wide International Fund Games
- C. Eliminate the GNT Fund Raiser Games
- D. Eliminate the Unit Fund Games
- E. Eliminate the District Fund Games
- F. Eliminate the Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund
- G. Eliminate the Unit-Wide Championship
- H. Eliminate Progressive Sectionals – 2014-2016 Progressive Sectionals currently sanctioned would be honored.

Motion failed. Aye: 3, 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 25 Abstain: 1

Item 142-141: ACBL-wide Game

Chapter XI, C of the ACBL Codifications is amended as follows:

ACBL-wide games (111-120)

ACBL-wide special games may not be conducted during any month that is designated as a special fund month, except the ACBL-wide International Fund Game #1 will be played on Super Bowl Saturday.

Management will select appropriate dates for the ACBL-wide events.

Effective January 1, 2015

Carried: Nay: 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 16, 17, 22.

Item 142-142: District and Continent-Wide Games

Chapter XI, C of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

District and Continent-Wide Games (021-131) (022-149)

- A. Overall masterpoints will be awarded in Continent-wide Charity Games and in Continent-Wide International Fund games that use hand records and for which Continent-Wide and District winners are determined and published in the ACBL Bulletin. Overall masterpoints for Continent-Wide and District winners will be red. Club-level masterpoints for Continent-Wide games will be half-red and half-black.
- B. Overall masterpoints will be awarded in District-Wide Charity Games. Overall masterpoints for District-Wide winners will be black. Club-level masterpoints will be black.

Effective January 1, 2015

Carried unanimously.

Item 142-143: Special Games at Clubs

Chapter V, B, Section 2 of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

Section 2 – Special Games at Clubs

2.1 The month of January is reserved for Junior Fund games, the month of April is reserved for charity games, the month of May is reserved for Grass Roots Fund games, and the month of September is reserved for International Fund games; in those months any and all ACBL sanctioned club sessions may be special games for the named funds. In the remaining eight months of the year, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for any one of the Junior Fund, International Fund, Educational Foundation (this fund does not have a designated month), Grass Roots Fund, or Charity.

- 2.1.3 The month of May is designated as “Grass Roots Fund Month.” Clubs may hold special games under the same rules and regulations applicable to the other special fund months (currently benefitting the Junior and International Funds and the ACBL Charity Foundation.) Funds raised shall be returned annually no later than March 31 to the individual District in which those funds were raised, and shall be used by the District to help fund Grass Roots Events. Grass Roots Events are defined as the Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs. The ACBL shall not charge the Districts any fee for the cost of collecting and disbursing these funds.
- 2.1.1 The month of January is designated as Junior Fund month. Monies raised from Junior Fund games will be available for all Junior activities (see Chapter I. A.)
- 2.1.2 The month of April is designated as Charity Fund month. Monies raised from Charity games will go to either the ACBL Charity Foundation or a local charity (see Chapter V. A.). Any club that, in any calendar year, runs one or more allowed special local charity games that are sanctioned for extra masterpoints must make available for public inspection an accounting of all funds raised in such games no later than February 28th of the following calendar year.
- 2.1.4 The month of September is designated as International Fund month. Monies raised will go to the International Fund (see Chapter VII. A.).

Effective January 1, 2015
 Carried. Nay: 5, 9, 17.

Item 142-144: NAP Flight B and C

Flight B and C North American Pairs competition at the Spring NABC shall include the fourth-place pair from each District.

Effective March 2015 at the NABC in New Orleans
 Carried. Nay: 1, 2, 3, 8, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25 Abstain: 15

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USBF President Howard Weinstein addressed the Board of Directors.

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Appeals and Charges

Heth (C), Mamula (VC)
Fairchild, Janicki, Pinsky, Reid

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 142-03: Report on Hearings

1. As to the matter of the application for readmission of Massimo Lanzarotti, the request was denied by the Committee.
2. As to the matter of the review of the action taken by management in regard to the violation of CDR Section 5.1.12 (Sexual harassment of a District employee), the Committee approved the action of management and amended the Notice to read as follows:

The Committee approved the following discipline:

- The Member will sign the ACBL *Youth Protection Policy* and agrees to abide by its terms.
 - 2 Year Probation Beginning 1 April 2014 and Ending 1 April 2016
 - Member will participate in a course of treatment of at least three sessions with a licensed and/or certified therapist.
 - Member will sign a release of information before the onset of treatment permitting their therapist to speak to the ACBL National Recorder, Sam Whitten.
 - The ACBL will receive a satisfactory progress report from the Member's therapist within one year of the beginning date of this probation.
 - If the ACBL does not receive the satisfactory progress report listed above, the second year of their term of probation will be converted to suspension.
 - The Member may not speak to caddies at ACBL tournaments except for conversations relating directly to bridge.
3. As to the matter of the automatic review of the discipline of Phyllis Shores, the Committee confirms the findings and decision as to guilt of the Unit Disciplinary Committee and amends the discipline imposed on Ms. Shores to read as follows:
 - Suspension Beginning May 10, 2014 and Ending May 9, 2024
 - Lifetime Probation Beginning May 10, 2024, the terms of which include: Ms. Shores shall not handle duplicate boards except to remove and replace her cards; and Ms. Shores may not keep score at the table.
 - Deduction of 50% of Ms. Shores' masterpoints.
 4. As to the matter of the review of the decision of the District 7 Appellate Committee regarding Chris Nicholson, the Committee voids the decision of the Unit Disciplinary Committee and remands the matter to the Unit Disciplinary Committee for a new hearing before a newly constituted committee. Further, should the decision of the newly

constituted committee be appealed to the District 7 Appellate Committee, such Appellate Committee shall be similarly reconstituted. Neither new reconstituted committee shall have any members belonging to either of the two prior committees.

NABC Structure & Events

Monzingo (C), Subeck (VC)
Bagley, Heller, Robinson

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 142-125: NABC Play Schedule

The 2013 NABC Strategic Committee's proposed play schedules for the three annual NABCs shall be implemented in year 2015 on a trial basis with an additional amendment that the two-day Swiss event held on the last Saturday/Sunday of the Fall NABC is changed to a three-day event beginning on the second Friday. (Attachment C)

Carried unanimously.

Item 142-126: NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams

An NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams event is added to the Fall schedule. This event shall be held on the second Saturday and Sunday of the Fall NABC. This will be a 4-session event with 2 qualifying and 2 final rounds. Qualification and Conditions of Contest will be determined by Management along the same guidelines as the NABC+ 4-session Swiss Teams. The first place award for the NABC+ Mixed Swiss Teams event will be 100 masterpoints, the other place awards will be determined by the General Masterpoint Formula.

Effective January 1, 2015

Carried. Nay: 7, 19 Abstain: 2, 14

Item 142-127: 0-10,000 NABC Events

The following 0–10,000 National events shall be added to the schedule:

1. A 0-10,000 IMP Pairs, to be held Monday and Tuesday of the Fall NABC. This will be a 4-session event with 2 qualifying and 2 final rounds. Qualification determined by the same guidelines as the NABC+ four-session IMP Pairs.
2. A 0–10,000 Fast Pairs, to be held on the second Thursday and Friday of the Fall NABC. This will be a 4-session event with 2 qualifying, and 2 final rounds. Qualification determined by the same guidelines as the NABC+ 4-session Fast Pairs.
3. The 0-10,000 Swiss Teams, previously approved for the second Saturday and Sunday of the Fall NABC be moved to the first Saturday and Sunday of the Fall NABC.

For these events, the following conditions will apply:

- The events will award 10% platinum points, subject to a 10 point maximum for overall awards only.
- The first place award for the 0-10,000 IMP Pairs and Fast Pairs will be 70 masterpoints, the other place awards will be determined by the General Masterpoint Formula
- The winners of this event will not qualify for Grand Life Master status.
- These three events will be reviewed following a two-year trial period.

Effective January 1, 2015

Carried. Nay: 19

<p>Masterpoint and Events Structure</p> <p>Hartman (C)</p> <p>DeMartino, Goodgold, Heller, C. Jones, R. Jones, Plato, Weinstein</p> <p>Committee Report by Chairman</p>
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Item 142-111: Masterpoint Awards

Second Reading Required

Masterpoint awards for match win in the Spingold and the Vanderbilt will be increased to 10 masterpoints. The Senior and Wagar knock out masterpoint awards for a match win will be increased to 8 masterpoints.

Effective January 1, 2015

Carried unanimously.

Item 142-112: Knockout Events Bye

Second Reading Required

In the Spingold, the Vanderbilt, Senior KO, the Wagar and any future knockout events on the NABC calendar, if a team is awarded a bye, it will not count as a win toward its two win requirement to place in the overalls. In all flights of the GNT, the Swiss qualifying round plus a win in the knockout phase will count as two wins toward qualifying for the overalls.

Effective January 1, 2015

Carried unanimously.

Item 142-113: Stratiflighted Events

Second Reading Required

The ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

Stratiflighted Events – Sectional-rated events

This section applies only to sectional-rated events at tournaments.

A stratiflighted event is a combination of flighted and stratified, where the A Flight is a separate event. Flight A may be stratified into two strata (A & X) provided that the limit of the X stratum is at least 500 points higher than the limit of B stratum.

Masterpoint awards for Stratum A are calculated using the General Formula based on the number of tables in play in each stratum plus all tables in lower strata. Masterpoint awards for Stratum X are calculated as follows:

If the event meets a threshold of either: 20 or more actual tables entered in X; or 40% or more of the A + X field is entered in X; then the first place X award is the greater of 105% of the Flight B awards, or the awards based on X only.

If the event does not meet this threshold, then X receives the greater of:

- a. $((X / 0.4) / (A + X)) 2 \times 105\%$ of Flight B award, OR
- b. $(X / 20) 2 \times 105\%$ of Flight B award, OR
- c. Award based on X tables only.

Stratiflighted Events – Regional-rated events

This section applies only to regional-rated events at Regional and higher-rated tournaments.

In regionally-rated events, a stratiflighted event may be run as a two or three flight event. If it run as two flights, each flight may have up to three strata.

Two-Flight Stratiflighted Events

A regional-rated two-flight Stratiflighted event may have up to three strata in each flight. The bottom stratum must have an upper limit of at least 500 masterpoints higher than the upper limit of the bottom flight.

In a two-flight, regional-rated Stratiflighted event, masterpoint awards for first overall in the top flight are calculated using the General Formula based on the number of tables in play in the top Flight times a variable multiplier as follows: Three times the first 15 tables plus two times the next 10 tables plus the remaining tables, up to a maximum of 100 tables.

Masterpoint awards for the second stratum in the top flight are the higher of alternatives a and b as follows:

- a. $1^{st} \text{ OA (Top Strat)} \times 2^{nd} \text{ Strat M Factor} \times (2^{nd} \text{ Strat Tbls} + 3^{rd} \text{ Strat Tbls}) / \text{Top Flt Tbls}$, OR
- b. Award based on $2^{nd} \text{ Strat Tbls} + 3^{rd} \text{ Strat Tbls}$

BUT must be equal to or less than 60% of $1^{st} \text{ OA (Top Strat)}$

Masterpoint awards for the third stratum in the top flight are the higher of alternatives a and b as follows:

- a. 1^{st} OA (Top Strat) x 3rd Strat M Factor x (3^{rd} Strat Tbls / Top Flt Tbls), OR
- b. Award based on 3^{rd} Strat Tbls

BUT must be equal to or less than 40% of 1^{st} OA (Top Strat)

Masterpoint awards for this event will be reviewed by the Masterpoint Committee at the 2015 Summer NABC Board of Directors meeting.

Three-Flight Stratiflighted Events

In addition, a three-flight Stratiflighted game may be run with up to two strata in each flight. In a three-flight game, the bottom stratum of the top and middle flights must be at least 500 masterpoints higher than the upper limit of the flight immediately below. In this event type, the bottom flight must have an upper limit of not less than 750 masterpoints and not more than 1000 masterpoints. Tournament organizers wishing to utilize this event structure must apply to the ACBL Tournament Department for approval. Each District is limited to one Regional utilizing this event structure in 2015. This event structure may be utilized in all three NABCs in 2015.

In a three-flight game, the bottom stratum of the middle flight must have an upper limit that is at least 500 masterpoints higher and not more than double the upper limit of the bottom flight. The upper limit of the second flight must be at least three times and not more than four times the upper limit of the bottom flight. The upper limit of the second stratum of the top flight must be at least 2000 masterpoints higher but not more than double the upper limit of the second flight.

Masterpoint awards for the first overall award in the top flight are calculated as follows: Masterpoint awards for first overall in the top flight are calculated using the General Formula based on the number of tables in play in the top and middle Flight times a variable multiplier as follows: Three times the first 15 tables plus two times the next 10 tables plus the remaining tables, up to a maximum of 100 tables. The result of this calculation is the "EVENT TABLES".

Masterpoint awards for the second stratum in the top flight are the higher of alternatives a and b as follows:

- a. 1^{st} OA (Top Strat) x 2nd Strat M Factor x (2^{nd} Strat Tbls / Top Flt Tbls), OR
- b. Award based on 2^{nd} Strat Tbls

BUT must be equal to or less than 60% of 1^{st} OA (Top Strat)

Masterpoint awards for the first overall award in the second flight are calculated as follows. Masterpoint awards for first overall in the second flight are calculated using the General Formula based on the "EVENT TABLES" (defined above) reduced by the number of tables in the top flight.

Masterpoint awards for the second stratum in the second flight are the higher of alternatives a and b as follows:

a. 1^{st} OA (Top Strat) x (2nd Strat M Factor / 1^{st} Strat M Factor) x (2nd Strat Tbls / 2nd Flt Tbls),
OR

b. Award based on 2nd Strat Tbls only

BUT must be equal to or less than 60% of 1^{st} OA (Top Strat)

Masterpoint awards for this event will be reviewed by the Masterpoint Committee at the 2015 Summer NABC Board of Directors meeting.

B. Pair Events

E. Point Pigmentations

4. All masterpoint awards at Regional Tournaments are RED. Additionally, overall and section top awards of all two (or more) session championship events, where the upper strata limit is not less than 750 points, are GOLD. When there is a tie for a section top, gold and red points will be shared.

Effective January 1, 2015 (May be approved by Management in 2014 upon request)
Carried unanimously.

Item 142-114: Unrestricted Events
Second Reading Required

Chapter 13, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

Unrestricted Events

At Regional tournaments, no concurrent tables are counted, except as provided in the masterpoint formula for a three-flight Stratflighted game.

At Sectional tournaments, two session events which are unrestricted in any way (completely open) shall be credited with all tables in play in totally concurrent events (pairs, teams or individual but not knockouts or continuous pairs) for the purpose of computing overall awards, up to a maximum total of 3 times the number of tables in play in the unrestricted event.

At Sectional tournaments, Flighted, Stratified and Stratflighted events count all tables in all flights/strata to determine the number of tables in the unrestricted event (the A Flight or Stratum). Two or more concurrent unrestricted events share equally the available restricted tables as above but not each other's tables. An unrestricted event with a lower limit and no upper limit is treated as an open event when there is no concurrent open event.

For the purpose of awarding masterpoints, a restricted event that is two sessions morning and

afternoon, is deemed to be totally concurrent with a two session event that is afternoon and evening. However, if a restricted event is scheduled horizontally, it is not deemed to be totally concurrent with a two session vertical event.

At Sectional tournaments, one session events which are unrestricted in any way and are not concurrent with either session of a two-session event shall be credited with all tables in play in concurrent events (as above) for the purpose of computing overall awards, up to a maximum total of 3 times the number of tables in play in the unrestricted event. Any two-session unrestricted event at a Sectional receives table credit from all restricted events held either totally concurrent or concurrent with the first session, as above.

Stratiflighted Events

A stand-alone top or middle flight of a Stratiflighted event is allowed as long as the corresponding other flights of the event are held at times that would preclude any player from playing in both flights (e.g. top flight at 10&3 and Gold Rush at 1 & 7 is allowed). A stand-alone lower flight is treated like a separate stratified event for the purposes of masterpoint calculations.

Each full-day of an Open Regional must provide at least one championship-rated event that is open to all players.

Effective January 1, 2015
Carried unanimously.

Item 142-115: Depth of Awards **Second Reading Required**

Chapter 13, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

Depth of Overall Awards – Pair Games

For more than 10 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than 1.0. The depth of the award is at least 10% of the number of pairs up to a maximum of 25% of the number of pairs, subject to the absolute limit on overall awards (see below).

Depth of Overall Awards – Swiss & BAM Teams

For more than 19 tables, additional awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than 1.0. The depth of the award is at least 10% of the number of teams up to a maximum of 25% of the number of teams, subject to the absolute limit on overall awards (see below).

Effective January 1, 2015
Carried. Abstain: 1

Item 142-116: M Factor
Second Reading Required

Chapter 13, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

M A factor based on the masterpoint limitations in the event.

M = .3 + UL/1000 if UL < 100
.4 + (UL-100)/4000 if 100 ≤ UL < 500
.5 + (UL-500)/10000 if 500 ≤ UL < 3000
.75 + (UL-3000)/20000 if 3000 ≤ UL < 8000
1.00 if UL ≥ 8000

where UL is the upper masterpoint limit for the game or stratum in question.

Sample M Factor values are displayed in Appendix B. The maximum value of M of 1.0000 is reached at 8,000 masterpoints.

Effective January 1, 2015
Carried unanimously.

Item 142-117: T Factor
Second Reading Required

Chapter 13, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

T A factor based on the type of event.

TYPE OF EVENT	T FACTOR
BAM Teams	1.10
Pairs	1.25
Swiss Teams	1.00
Individual	0.75

Effective January 1, 2015
Carried. Nay: 1

Item 142-118: R Factor
Second Reading Required

Chapter One, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

R A factor based on the classification of the tournament or event.

CLASSIFICATION	R FACTOR
Club Special Games – Class One	7.00

Unit Championship	7.00
STaC	9.00
Club Special Games – Class Two	9.00
Sectional	11.00
Regional	14.00
National	22.50

Club Special Games – Class One:

- Club Championship Game
- Inter-Club Championship Game
- Grass Roots FUNd Game
- Special Fund Games:
 - Junior Fund
 - Charity Fund
 - International Fund
 - Educational Foundation
 - Grass Roots Fund

Club Special Games – Class Two:

- Club Appreciation Team Game
- Club Appreciation Pairs Game
- Club Membership Game
- Upgraded Club Championship
- ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game
- North American Pairs
- Grand National Teams
- ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs*
- ACBL-Wide Charity Game
- World Wide Bridge Contest
- ACBL-Wide International Fund Game
- ACBL-Wide International Fund Game –
Canada
- GNT Fund Raiser Games
- NABC Promotional Games

* 80% Masterpoint Award due to age-restriction

Effective January 1, 2015
Carried. Nay: 17, 22

Item 142-119: Knockout Teams Formula
Second Reading Required

The ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

II. KNOCKOUT TEAMS FORMULA

Avg MP Per Team = 4 x Team Masterpoints / # of Players on Team (Maximum per team = 45,000 & Maximum per player = 12,000) AVG MP (Bracket) = Σ Avg MP Per Team / Number of Teams in Bracket

Bracket Size Adjustment

# of Teams In Bracket	Bracket Size Adjustment
41+	2.000
40	1.96
39	1.92

38	1.88
37	1.84
36	1.80
35	1.76
34	1.72
33	1.68
32	1.64
31	1.60
30	1.56
29	1.52
28	1.48
27	1.44
26	1.40
25	1.36
24	1.32
23	1.28
22	1.24
21	1.20
20	1.16
19	1.12
18	1.08
17	1.04
16	1.000
15	0.960
14	0.920
13	0.880
12	0.840
11	0.800
10	0.760
9	0.720
8	0.600
7	0.525
6	0.450
5	0.375

Any event with 8 or fewer teams will be played as a three-session event. This is reflected in the Bracket Size Adjustment chart above.

Note: After application of the Bracket Size Adjustment, the resulting award must be at least 105% of the award for the next lower bracket.

B. Overall Awards Below First Place

Overall Position	5 + Rounds	4 Rounds	3 Rounds
2	75%	70%	70%

3	55%	45%	35%*
4	45%	35%	
5	30%	30%	
6	25%	25%	
7	20%		
8	15%		
9 -16	10%		

Note: To qualify for overall awards, a team must advance through at least two rounds.

Whenever a KO event's overall ranks are not based on a power-of-two elimination (1, 2, 3/4, 5/8, etc.), such as in a double-elimination event, a broken bracket, etc. as determined by conditions of contest or by the DIC, the awards to the actual ranks will be based on the percentages specified in the table of overall awards for KO events. Percentages for overall positions below the top 8 positions will be 1/rank, except ties for ranks including 9th in the tie (e.g. 9/13) will be at least 10%.

* Playoffs for additional overall awards are permitted only in the special case of a three-session KO event with exactly seven or eight teams in the bracket. The winner of that playoff for a clear third overall ranking will receive 35 % of the first place award.

C. Match Awards

Match Award = 10% x First Overall (Minimum = 1.00 x K x L, Maximum = 4.5 x K x L)

Effective January 1, 2015

Carried unanimously.

Item 142-120: NABC MPs **Second Reading Required**

Chapter 13, Appendix One of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

First Overall Masterpoints for the following NABC events are modified as follows:

Women's BAM Teams	70
Women's Swiss Teams	70
Wagar KO Teams	100
0-5000 Spingold	80
GNT – Championship Flight	120
GNT – Flight A	85
GNT – Flight B	70
GNT – Flight C	45
NAP – Flight A	100
NAP – Flight B	60
NAP – Flight C	40
0-10,000 NABC Pairs	80

0-10,000 Mixed Swiss

60

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously.

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Morse and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 17 and its Units, District Director and Tournament Chair Bonnie Bagley and Co-Chair Ken Monzingo and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Westgate Las Vegas Casino and Resort for its fine cooperation.

The Board adjourned *sine die* at 4:30 p.m.