

**ACBL Board of Directors  
Providence, RI  
November 23 – 26, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Harlan on Sunday, November 23, at 9 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: Roger Smith, District 21 Director Elect, Richard Anderson, Chairman Board of Governors, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Robert Hartman, CEO, Joe Jones, Jeff Johnston, Sylvia Hardin, Alex Turner, Bruce Knoll, Sam Whitten, Ken Horwedel, Carol Robertson, Natasha Brown, Bryan Delfs, Tom Marsh, Bob Hetherington, Tony Lin and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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President Phyllis Harlan called for a moment of silence for past Board member James Reiman.

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**Approval of Las Vegas, NV Minutes**

The Summer 2014 Las Vegas, NV minutes are approved

Carried unanimously

**Item 143-160: Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held September 09, 2014 are received.

Carried. Nay: 9, 19

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held October 20, 2014 are received.

Carried unanimously

**MINUTES**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**September 9, 2014**

*The Executive Committee met September 9, 2014 at 9 a.m. CDT*

*All members of the Executive Committee were present as follows: Phyllis Harlan, President, Sharon Anderson, Chairman, Sharon Fairchild, Ken Monzingo, Beth Reid and Rand Pinsky, Treasurer (non-voting member). Also present were Robert Hartman, CEO and Joe Jones, CFO.*

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***Re: Termination of the Pension Plan***

*The Executive Committee approved the following:*

*Moved by Beth Reid and seconded by Sharon Anderson that the Executive Committee, having been informed of a significant increase of the cost of the Pension termination previously approved, hereby ratify and affirm the continuation of the termination on schedule.*

*Carried unanimously,*

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.*

**MINUTES**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**October 20, 2014**

*The Executive Committee met October 20, 2014 at 4 p.m. CST*

*All members of the Executive Committee were present as follows: Phyllis Harlan, President, Sharon Anderson, Chairman, Sharon Fairchild, Ken Monzingo, Beth Reid and Rand Pinsky, Treasurer (non-voting member). Also present were Peter Rank, League Counsel, Robert Hartman, CEO and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.*

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***Re: Appeals Baker Team***

*The Executive Committee approved the following:*

*Moved that the Final Resolution be conducted by the Appeals and Charges Committee at the Providence Board meeting, without review by the Board.*

*Carried unanimously.*

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.*

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**Reconsideration Items**

- Executive Committee October 20, 2014 Appeals Baker Team.  
Action of the Executive Committee on October 20, 2014 is rescinded.

Carried. Nay: 1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 16, 20, 24. Abstain: 2, 8, 11, 13, 23, 25.

**Item 143-161: Election of ACBL President**

Ken Monzingo and Suzi Subeck declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. Suzi Subeck was elected as ACBL President for a one-year term January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

**Item 143-162: Election WBF Representative Election**

Bruce Blakely, Georgia Heth, Robb Gordon, Howard Weinstein, Robert Katz, Rebecca Rogers, Nader Hanna, John Carruthers, Stu Goodgold and Nicolas Hammond declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed.

Georgia Heth, and Howard Weinstein were elected as ACBL representatives to the World Bridge Federation for a three-year term, January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017.

**Item 143-163-: Election 401K Trustee**

Dan Morse declared his candidacy. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. Dan Morse was elected as ACBL 401K Trustee for a four-year term, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

**Item 143-165: Certification of Elections**

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for three-year terms, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

Paul Janicki, District 2; Glenda Calkins, District 3; Craig Robinson, District 4; Georgia Heth, District 8; Sharon Anderson, District 14; Dan Morse, District 16; Roger Smith, District 21; Ken Monzingo, District 22.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as First Alternates to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for three-year terms, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

Steve Robinson, District 6; Jeff Overby, District 9; Oscar Johnson, District 10; A. J. Stephani, District 11; Subhash Gulati, District 12; Robb Gordon, District 17; John Ashton, District 20; Ryan Connors, District 24.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as Second Alternates to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for three-year terms, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

Shawn Stringer, District 6; Ned Irving, District 10; Cheryl Schneider, District 11; John Grossmann, District 17; Richard Carle, District 20.

Effective January 1, 2015

**Item 143-168: 2014 Nadine Wood Volunteer Member of the Year**

Mike Carmen, District 8 was appointed as the 2014 Nadine Wood Volunteer of the Year.

**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)

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The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Harlan on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Sunday, November 23, 2014  
Also Present: Same as Sunday, November 23, 2014

**Item 143-166: 2015 Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year**

James Flesher, District 18 was appointed as the 2015 Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year.

**Item 143-67: 2015 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year**

Eddie Kantar, District 23 was appointed as the 2015 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year.

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Lisa Lichterman of Littler Mendelson PC conducted a workshop on legal issues relevant to the Board and Staff.

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### Approval of Non Agenda items

Motion for consideration of non-agenda item, STaC Conditions of Contest, is assigned to Conditions of Contest.

<b>APPEALS AND CHARGES</b>	
Heth (C), Mamula (VC) Fairchild, Janicki, Pinsky, Reid Committee Report by Chairman	Staff: Whitten

### *Item 143-01: Code of Disciplinary Regulations*

The following sections are added to the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (Grounds for Discipline):

- 3.23 Unauthorized access to password-protected information or misrepresenting one's identity to access a website and/or electronic data of the ACBL and/or those of Clubs, Units and Districts.
- 3.24 Cyber-attacks or similar intentional electronic disruptions or attempts at electronic disruptions, of websites and/or electronic data systems of the ACBL and/or those of Clubs, Units and Districts.
- 3.25 Unauthorized use of ACBL-provided member data for (a) personal use, (b) financial gain and/or (c) harassment.
- 3.26 Unauthorized use of copyrighted ACBL materials or software.
- 3.27 Unauthorized use of Trademarks registered by the ACBL.

Amend Section 2.1.3 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations to add a Section (d) as follows:

2.1.3 The ACBL has jurisdiction over:

- Members of ACBL or others disciplined, for appellate purposes only, except where otherwise specified in the CDR.
- Persons participating in a sanctioned event or other activity sponsored by a Unit, District or ACBL held under its jurisdiction.
- ACBL members who have been disciplined or sanctioned by any other bridge organization.

- Violations of CDR Sections 3.24, 3.25, 3.26, 3.27 and 3.28.

Effective immediately  
Carried unanimously

**Item 143-02: Appendix A Code of Disciplinary Regulations**

Appendix A of the CDR are amended as following:

IV. PREHEARING PROCEDURES  
A. NOTIFICATION

The parties involved, including the complainant and charged member, must receive timely written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing, are furnished with written charges, and are advised of their right to be represented by counsel (who need not be an attorney), to produce evidence on their behalf and to be present during the entire hearing. Suggested forms are available at the ACBL web page at [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org). The chairperson of the committee hearing the matter must verify that appropriate notices have been sent. Notice sent by email shall include a request to confirm receipt of the notice by return email. If no confirmation is received within seven days of the notice, a written notice shall be sent via the U.S. Postal Service.

Effective January 1, 2015  
Carried unanimously

**Item 142-03: Report on Hearings**

As to the matter of the automatic review of the discipline of Thomas Urso, ACBL #P938144, the Committee confirms the findings and decision of the Unit 128 Disciplinary Committee as to guilt under Code of Disciplinary (CDR) sections 3.7 and 3.20 and amends the discipline imposed on Mr. Urso to read as follows:

- Expulsion
- Removal of 100% of Mr. Urso's masterpoints.

As to the matter of the automatic review of the decision regarding Vera Petty, ACBL #O205623, the Committee confirms the findings and decision of the District 2 Appellate Committee as to guilt under CDR section 3.7 and amends the discipline imposed by the District 2 Appellate Committee on Ms. Petty to read as follows:

- One-Year Suspension from August 21, 2014 until August 21, 2015.
- One-Year Probation from August 22, 2015 until August 21, 2016, including a prohibition during this time period from participating in any Unit 198-sponsored event

As to the matter of the request for hearing under section 9.2 of the CDR concerning the decision of the District 22 Disciplinary Committee by Sherry McHarg, ACBL #M440455, the ACBL Appeals & Charges Committee grants a hearing to be held at the New Orleans BOD meetings in March 2015.

As to the matter of the request for hearing under CDR section 9.2 concerning a complaint filed by Sherry McHarg, ACBL #M440455 against District 22, the ACBL Appeals & Charges Committee decides not to conduct a hearing.

As to the matter of the appeal by Unit 154 of the decision in the matter of Ellis & Bigler v. Unit 154, the Committee confirms the decision of the District 8 Disciplinary Committee and amends the decision by adding section 4 as follows:

“No. 4: Unit 154 shall submit its revised bylaws and standing rules to the ACBL League Counsel to determine compliance with ACBL rules and regulations.”

**GOVERNANCE/BOARD OPERATIONS/BYLAWS**

Heth (C), Bagley, (VC), Calkins, Carman, Goodgold,  
Mamula, Pinsky, Weniger, Whipple

Staff: McGuire

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 143-85: Vulnerability Inserts**

All ACBL duplicate boards used at NABCs shall have vulnerability inserts placed in the board pockets.

Motion failed. Aye: 18, 19 Abstain: 21

**Item 143-86: Conflict of Interest Policy**

Chapter IV, Section 8 of the Codification is amended to read as follows:

**Section 8 - Conflict of Interest Policy**

8.1 Purpose. The purpose of these standards is to provide safeguards to members of the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League (the “League”) from: (1) using their Board positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for private financial gain for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family, business or other ties; (2) using their Board positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire to support a non-financial interest for themselves or others such as those with whom they have family, business or other ties; (3) violating their duty to the League by inappropriately disclosing confidential information about the League, and (4) any other acts which may constitute, or may appear to constitute, a conflict of interest. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace the League’s bylaws and applicable state and federal laws governing conflicts of interest.

**8.2 Private Financial Gain**

**8.2.1 Financial Interests**

8.2.1.1 No member of the Board of Directors of the League may participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract in which he or his immediate family has a direct or indirect financial interest or with whom he is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment.

8.2.1.2 No member of the Board of Directors or spouse, child, parent, brother, or sister, by blood or marriage of an employee may vote on any matter which may directly or indirectly result in financial gain to that individual member, or which may conflict with that member's obligations to another organization or to his employer, it being understood that Board members may vote on matters which have a financial effect applying equally to all Board members. Provided that the member of the Board of Directors has first disclosed a conflict or potential conflict, and abstains from voting in that regard, he may make a presentation to the Board of Directors relating to that matter and may participate in the discussion.

## 8.2.2 Compensation to Members of the Board of Directors

8.2.2.1 The League may reimburse members of the Board of Directors for reasonable expenses actually incurred by reason of their participation in Board activities such as travel expenses, meals and incidentals.

8.2.2.2 The League will not compensate members of the Board of Directors for services rendered in the ordinary course of service as members of the Board of Directors. If a member of the Board of Directors, or an immediate family member, employer (or prospective employer), or business associate of such Board member, is qualified to perform services for the League, the League may consider contracting with that person (or entity) for such services, provided that: (1) the League's procurement policies will be adhered to; (2) the affected member of the Board of Directors will not participate in the discussion or vote on the selection; (3) the contract is in all respects "arms-length" and (4) the contract is determined to be in the best interests of the League.

8.2.3 Gifts/Gratuities. The members of the Board of Directors of the League may not solicit or accept gifts, gratuities, favors or anything of value from contractors or potential contractors of the League. A gift means anything offered directly by or on behalf of a contractor other than promotional materials of little or nominal value such as pens, calendars and other items intended for wide distribution. Any member of the Board of Directors will decline or return any gift and notify the Corporate Chief Executive Officer and the president or in the absence of the president the chairman of the Board of such gift.

8.3 Non-Financial Interest. A non-financial interest shall be defined as an interest, not involving financial gain, including but not limited to personal, both relatives and friends, bridge related and professional that might lead an independent observer reasonably to question whether a Board

member's actions or decisions in connection with the League are influenced by considerations of such outside interest.

#### 8.4 Confidential Information

8.4.1 Members of the Board of Directors may gain access to confidential (i.e. nonpublic) information by virtue of their position within the League. Confidential information includes (but is not limited to) information relating to the League's business practices.

8.4.2 Members of the Board may not communicate confidential information about the League to anyone who is not also a member of the Board, respectively, absent the explicit authorization of the president or Chief Executive Officer. If, as a result of negotiations in which the League is engaged, a member of the Board gains access to confidential information of another entity, the member of the Board may not communicate this information about the other entity to anyone who is not also a member of the Board, without the authorization of the president or Chief Executive Officer. If the League executes an agreement with another entity which agreement includes provisions governing confidentiality of information, all members of the Board are bound by those provisions and required to comply with them.

#### 8.5 Disclosures

8.5.1 The League requires that all members of the Board of Directors disclose in writing (and update at least annually) all business, family (or other ties) relationships which might potentially create a conflict of interest as set forth in Chapter IV, Sections 8.2 and 8.3 on a form developed by the League Counsel.

8.5.2 If a member of the Board of Directors believes that he, a member of his immediate family or partner has a direct or indirect financial interest in a contract of the League, he must immediately disclose this in writing to the Chief Executive Officer. Disclosures by members of the Board of Directors must also be made to the president (and if it is the president who has such a financial interest, he must make disclosure to the chairman).

8.5.3 Each year, commencing in 2015, the League Counsel shall publish to the Board of Directors prior to its Spring meeting a confidential list of conflicts disclosed by each Board member pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 8.5.1.

### **Section 5 - ACBL Board of Directors Behavioral Code**

5.5.8 Offenses for which Board members may be referred to the Board Oversight Committee include, but are not limited to:

5.8.1 Inappropriate communication with any ACBL employee by telephone, mail, email or in person. Inappropriate communication includes, but is not limited to, condescending, rude or insulting remarks, and requests for significant amounts of information without going through the appropriate committee chairman.

- 5.8.2 Sexually explicit remarks or behavior toward any employee.
- 5.8.3 Condescending, rude or insulting remarks made to another board member or Chairman of the Board of Governors in a board meeting or by phone, mail, or email.
- 5.8.4 Conduct that would embarrass or damage the credibility of the ACBL or the Board of Directors.
- 5.8.5 Discussing any personnel matter, other than in a private conversation, in any forum except an Executive Session of the Board of Directors.
- 5.8.6 Breaching the confidentiality of any ACBL business discussion designated as confidential.
- 5.8.7 Failing to comply with the requirements of Codification Chapter IV. Section 8, Conflict of Interest Policy.

Effective January 1, 2015  
Carried unanimously

**Item 143-87: Employment of Board of Directors**

Chapter IV. A, Section 6 of the ACBL Codification be deleted.

~~Section 6—Employment of Board of Directors~~

~~6.1 No member of the ACBL Board of Directors, or candidate for such position, if elected, or chairman of the ACBL Board of Governors, or the spouse, child, parent, brother, or sister, by blood or marriage, of a Board member or chairman of the Board of Governors, will be employed as a permanent or temporary employee of the ACBL in any capacity other than that of tournament director until at least one year after leaving said position.~~

~~6.2 The requirement that a past Board member or chairman of the Board of Governors be out of office for at least 12 months will not apply to employment as a tournament director or independent contractor situations where sole payment is on a sales commission formula for quantifiable benefits brought to the ACBL.~~

Deferred to the 2015 Spring in New Orleans, LA  
Deferral carried unanimously

**Item 143-89: Entry Fees for (Educational) Foundation Games at NABCs**

Management, in consultation with the ACBL Foundations, set rates for Foundation Games held the first Thursday evening at each NABC. The ACBL Board Finance Committee will be advised

of any entry changes for the following year – by Management – during their meetings at the Fall NABC.

Effective January 1, 2015

Motion failed: Aye: 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23. Abstain: 7

**Item 143-91: Election of WBF Representatives**

Chapter 7, Section B of the Codification is amended as follows:

Election of WBF Representatives (962-121) (082-24)

WBF Representatives will be elected by the ACBL Board of Directors. The available position(s) must be published to the Membership in advance of the election. Nominees will be accepted from the floor prior to the election.

When one or more positions for WBF representative exist, the election procedure is as follows:

Voters will be provided with a ballot listing all candidates. Voters will select as many of the candidates as they approve of to fill the position(s). The candidate(s) who receive(s) the most approvals will fill the available position(s) starting with the candidate with the most approvals, followed by the second most approvals, etc. In the event of a tie a run-off election will be held wherein only the tied candidates will appear on the ballot and each elector will receive only one vote; the candidate(s) receiving the most votes will fill the position(s).

If positions with varying term lengths exist, the positions will be voted on separately in order of term length starting with the longest or longer.

Motion failed

**CLUBS/EDUCATION/MEMBERSHIP**

Fairchild (C), Calkins, (VC),

Carman, Goodgold, Hennings, Janicki, R. Jones, Levy, Morse,

Pinsky, Robinson, Vilhauer, Weniger, Whipple

Staff: Delfs/Robertson/Turner

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 143-60: Club Regulations**

In the ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations Chapter 4 The Club Sanctioned Bridge Game is amended to include the following:

(A)

More than one open game may be run under the same sanction. The condition that this be allowed is that the players have free choice of which game to participate in. For games starting at the same time, neither game gets credit for the other game's table count so that overall awards in

each game are based on that game's table count only plus any restricted games played at the same time, as per Section Three II B. Newcomer Games Incentives

(B)

SECTION FOUR: CLUB MASTERPOINT AWARDS IV. OPERATION OF CLUB GAMES B. SEEDING is amended to read as follows:

Seeding means specifically seating strong pairs (or weak pairs) in a manner relative to the movement, so that every contestant plays against a group of opponents of approximately the same strength. It is recommended that in a one section event, both directions be balanced; and in a multi-section event, all fields be balanced; and in two-session events, the balance be maintained for both sessions.

If there is an active effort by a Club Director or Club Management to seat all strong pairs in one direction and the weak pairs in the other, the session must be classified as Restricted/Invitational. Further, if there is an active effort by a Club Director or Club Management to assure that all strong pairs are seated in one section and all weak pairs in another, the strong section qualifies as Open, and the other section becomes a restricted/invitational game.

Seeding is not mandatory for any regular masterpoint games. All seating may be random by luck of the draw or on a first-come, first-served basis, or by players' choice if space permits, at management's discretion.

The types of events for which this applies are the same as those where Conventions can be limited and Alerts and skip bid warning are option, namely club masterpoint games, club championships, club charity events, ACBL-wide events, Unit championships, Unit charity events, District charity events, and the first level of play in the North American Pairs event. While seeding is optional it is strongly encouraged in club games.

Motion failed:

Part A: Aye: 2, 19, 20, 24 Abstain: 12

Part B: Aye: 8, 16, 20, 23, 24

**Item 143-62: New Member Masterpoints**

CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP, A. MEMBERSHIP, Section 1 - Application for ACBL Membership is amended as follows:

Section 1.1.4 First time new members may provide club rating point receipts and/or references to points won at tournaments. Upon verification, the points won, to a maximum of twenty (20), at clubs and/or tournaments will be credited to the member's record upon joining ACBL.

Item #971-179 shown below is rescinded:

Masterpoint Services for First Time Members – 971-179

First time new members may provide, from the preceding 12 months, club rating point receipts and/or references to points won at tournaments. Upon verification, the points won, to a maximum of twenty (20), at clubs and/or tournaments will be credited to the member's record upon joining ACBL. No other masterpoints services will be provided to non-members. Effective January 1, 1997.

Effective immediately  
Carried. Nay: 18, 19, 21

**Item 143-63: 2016 Youth NABC**

Chapter 1. I. Juniors is amended as follows:

4.3 The Summer 2016 Youth NABC is to be held in Washington D.C. during the 2016 Summer NABC at a location within the NABC designated playing areas.

Effective immediately  
Carried unanimously

**Item 143-64: Junior Fund Money**

The USBF shall receive \$50,000 per year and the CBF shall receive \$25,000 per year to support international junior and youth participation. The USBF and CBF must provide for the Fall Board meeting a report on Junior/Youth activities from that year.

Effective January 1, 2015  
Carried unanimously

<b>TOURNAMENT</b>	
Subeck (C) DeMartino, Heller, Hennings, C. Jones, Vilhauer, Whipple Committee Report by Chairman	Staff: Whitten

**Item 143-45: 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 same site.

Chapter IX.A. Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning, Paragraph B.6. of the ACBL Codification is amended to read as follows:

6. In addition, the following special regionals are allocated:

- a. Alaska – D19
- b. Bermuda – D2
- c. Hawaii – D20
- d. Mexico(2) – D16
- e. Arizona Seniors – D17
- f. Cape Cod Seniors – D25
- g. New England Individual – D25

The following Regional is not allocated to any specific District:

- h. Canadian Bridge Federation (one per year)

Effective January 1, 2015.

Carried Nay: 8

**Item 143-46: Seven-day Regionals**

Chapter IX, Subsection A. of the Codification is amended as follows:

CHAPTER IX - REGIONALS  
A. GENERAL

9. The minimum/maximum number of days a Regional may be held is as follows:

Open or Senior Regional -- minimum of three days.

Youth Regional, Junior Regional and masterpoint limited Regionals – minimum of two days.

Individual Regional -- no more than two and one-half days. In addition one-session charity or fund game may be held the afternoon of the first day

A Regional may not be more than seven days in duration. A full seven-day Regional may not schedule any events before 1:00 p.m. on the first day of the tournament. All single-session events, except Side Series Pairs on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. A Regional may run two-session gold point events on the first day of the tournament. In addition, a Regional may schedule the first two sessions of a KO event on the first day of the tournament. The first session of all two-session, gold point events on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. The second session of all two-session, gold point events on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of one of the above-listed funds or a local charity. In addition, a one-session event that is run for the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund, or the Canadian equivalent of these may be held during any day of a Regional. The

minimum monetary contributions for the above-listed fund, foundation or charity games is \$7.00 per table, per session.

A Regional tournament may start on any day of the week and (with the exceptions of Regionals at Sea) must be scheduled on consecutive days until its conclusion.

Effective January 1, 2015  
Carried unanimously

**Item 143-47: Progressive Sectional**

Chapter X, Section A, #6 is added to the ACBL Codification, current #6 becomes #7:

1. Each Unit will be permitted to hold no more than one Progressive Sectional per calendar year.
2. All masterpoint awards for Progressive Sectionals will be based on sectional rating. All masterpoints awarded will be silver. During the qualifying rounds, there will be no overall masterpoint awards in either Pair events or Swiss Teams.  
During the Final, masterpoints will be calculated as though it were a two-session game (S=1.50). The table count for each stratum will be equal to 1.50 x actual tables in the Final. Credit will be given for tables in lower strata/flight in accordance with normal rules for Sectionals.
3. The Finals may be Open, with or without stratification, or flighted. The Finals may only be stratified or flighted if the qualifying rounds were also stratified or flighted.
4. Concurrent non-championship events shall not be considered in masterpoint calculation for the Progressive Finals.

Effective January 1, 2015  
Carried unanimously

**Item 143-48: ACBL Codification, Chapter IX Regionals Section A, General, Subsection B Regional Tournament Allocations**

The ACBL Codification, Chapter IX Regionals Section A, General, Subsection B Regional Tournament Allocations paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 is amended as follows:

3. Upon request and verification, a District with 9,000 to 12,000 ACBL members or 9,000 to 12,000 total regional tables in a year is allowed one additional regional each year; a District with 12,000 to 15,000 members or 12,000 to 15,000 total regional tables in a year is allowed two additional regionals each year; a District with 15,000 to 18,000 members or 15,000 to 18,000 total regional tables in a year will be awarded three additional regionals each year, and a District with 18,000 or more members or 18,000 or more regional tables is allowed four additional regionals. Membership qualifications for such additional regionals will be based on a calendar year's average of the four QUIP reports

of 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31. For example, a District earning a qualification based on 2009 QUIP reports may schedule the additional Regional beginning 2011. Table counts for such additional Regionals will be based on the previous calendar year and shall count only the number of Regionals otherwise allowed by the prior year's membership count. Regionals that are exempt from the District's base allocation shall not be counted.

4. Any annual Regional held at, or near, the same site that reaches 3,000 tables for the tournament three out of four consecutive years will be awarded to its District and this will not count against the District's base allocation. This tournament must remain in the same locality unless there are extraordinary circumstances verified by management. Any additional Regional earned by consecutive table counts in excess of 3,000 will entitle the qualifying District to conduct the additional Regional in the year immediately following the qualification. A District may choose to have such a Regional count as a base allocation or an exempt Regional but not both.
5. If a District fails to maintain the requirements for an additional regional (either by a drop in total membership, a drop in table count, or by the failure of a 3000 table-plus tournament to maintain such size), the District will be entitled to keep its additional Regional(s) for two years. If, within the two-year period, the District again meets the requirements, the additional Regional (s) may continue to be scheduled without interruption.

Motion failed. Aye: 12, 21, 24

**Item 143-49: Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning**

Item 102-141, Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning B. 6. is amended to read as follows:

**B. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS**

6. In addition, the following offshore and special regionals are allocated:

- a. Alaska – D19
- b. Bermuda – D2
- c. Hawaii – D20
- d. Mexico (2) – D16
- e. Arizona Seniors – D17
- f. Cape Cod Seniors – D25

Effective January 1, 2018

Deferred to the 2015 Spring meeting in New Orleans, LA

Deferral carried: Nay: 4

**Item 143-50: Limited Sectional**

Chapter X of the Codification is amended as follows:

**CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS  
A. GENERAL**

Sectional Tournament Scheduling and Allocations (102-40) (103-162)

**1. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS**

- a. Each Unit is required to hold a Sectional at least once every two years.
- b. Sectionals are allocated to Units. There are no restrictions as to the number of Sectionals a Unit may conduct. A District has the right of approval for Sectionals conducted by its Units. A Unit must abide by the decision of the District as to how many Sectionals it may run.
- c. Sectionals must be at least two days and no more than five days in duration, with the following exceptions: Limited/Junior Sectionals and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs). Limited/Junior Sectionals must be at least one day and no more than five days in duration. A Limited Sectional is defined as a sectional with a masterpoint limit of no more than 0-500. A Unit may not schedule more than three Limited Sectionals in any calendar year. STaCs must be at least two days and no more than seven days in duration. A unit may not attempt to circumvent this rule by scheduling back-to-back sanctions that run consecutively.

**CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS  
D. OPERATIONS**

With Management approval, a Sponsoring Organization may run a Limited Sectional with a maximum of 500 Masterpoints using directors who are not ACBL employees.

Effective January 1, 2015

Carried unanimously

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Subeck (C), Heller (VC), Bagley, Calkins, Carman,  
Fairchild, Goodgold, R. Jones, Mamula, Weniger

Staff: Robertson

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 143-141: GNT Finals Flights B and C**

Two entries in Flights B and C Grand National Teams NABC finals shall be allowed from a District. This second entry may only be extended to the District final runner up. The second entry

shall only be extended when a minimum of six teams complete the first full day of competition at the District finals.

Effective 2015 GNT finals, Chicago  
Motion failed: Aye: 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 20

<b>MASTERPOINT AND EVENTS STRUCTURE</b>	
Hartman (C)	
DeMartino, Goodgold, Heller, C. Jones, R. Jones, Plato, Robinson	Staff: Whitten
Committee Report by Chairman	

**Item 143-110: Masterpoint Awards – Second Reading**

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

Effective January 1, 2015  
Carried unanimously

**Item 143-111: Knockout Events Bye – Second Reading**

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 143-112: Stratiflighted Events – Second Reading**

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 – Second Reading**

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

In a regional-rated event, a Stratiflighted event may be run as a two or three flight event. If it is run as two flights, each flight may have up to three strata.

### **Two-Flight Stratiflighted Events – Second Reading**

A regional-rated two-flight Stratiflighted event may have up to three strata in each flight. The bottom stratum of the top flight 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 pairs event with an upper limit of the lower flight of not less than 750 and not more than 1000, 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.

In a two-flight, regional-rated Stratiflighted pairs event with an upper limit of the lower flight of greater than 1000, 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 2.0.

In a two-flight, regional-rated Stratiflighted Swiss or an Open Swiss with a Bracketed Swiss flight below with an upper limit of the lower flight of less than 2500, 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 2.25.

In a two-flight, regional-rated Stratiflighted Swiss or an Open Swiss with a Bracketed Swiss flight below with an upper limit of the lower flight of greater than or equal to 2500, 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 2.75.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Three-Flight Stratiflighted Events – Second Reading**

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 NABCs 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 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".

In a three-flight, regional-rated Stratiflighted Swiss or an Open Swiss with a Bracketed Swiss flight below, 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 2.25.

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

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

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

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

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

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 143-113: Unrestricted Events – Second Reading**

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 Stratiflighted 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 Stratiflighted 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 143-114: Depth of Awards – Second Reading**

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 unanimously

**Item 143-115: M Factor – Second Reading**

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  $100 \leq UL < 500$   
 $.5 + (UL-500)/10000$  if  $500 \leq UL < 3000$   
 $.75 + (UL-3000)/20000$  if  $3000 \leq UL < 8000$   
1.00 if  $UL \geq 8000$

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 143-116: T Factor – Second Reading**

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: 19

**Item 143-117: R Factor – Second Reading**

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  
Progressive Sectional Qualifying Game  
Unit and District Fund Game  
Unit Extended Team Game  
CNTC Master/Non Master Club Level  
Canada Rookie/Master  
CWTC  
CNTC (Club and Unit Level)  
COPC Club Level  
CBF Simultaneous Pairs  
\* 80% Masterpoint Award due to age-restriction

Effective January 1, 2015

Carried. Nay: 17, 19, 22.

**Item 143-118: Knockout Teams Formula – Second Reading**

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) =  $\Sigma$  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%		
6	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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 143-119: NABC MPs – Second Reading**

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

**Item 143-120: GNT District Finals**

The following statement is added to the existing rules for GNT District Finals. For all events which are played over at least three sessions, a minimum masterpoint award of 1/3 of the first place award will be given to any team that advances through 2 sessions to the second day of an event where there was a 50% or greater reduction in teams from the first day (e.g., from 4 to 2).

Effective January 1, 2015  
Carried unanimously

**BRIDGE REVIEW**

Robinson (C), Subeck (VC), Monzingo (VC)  
DeMartino, Goodgold, Heller, Janicki, C. Jones, R. Jones,  
Morse, Vilhauer, Whipple

Staff: Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 143-26: ACBL Lifetime Masterpoint Lists**

On all printed lifetime Masterpoint lists issued after December 31, 2014, online Masterpoints will be included next to the total.

Effective January 1, 2015  
Carried: Nay: 2, 3, 4, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 24, 25

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The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Harlan on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Tuesday, November 25  
Also Present: Same as Tuesday, November 25, with the addition of Chris van Leeuwen.  
Departing the meeting was Tom Marsh.

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The ACBL Board of Directors adjourned its meeting and reconvened as the ACBL Educational Foundation.

### **ACBL Educational Foundation Membership Meeting**

The membership meeting of the ACBL Educational Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Heller, President.

The Treasurer's report was received. (*See* ACBL Educational Foundation minutes)

Dennis Carman declared his candidacy for Trustee.

There being no other declarations or nominations. Dennis Carman was elected to serve a three-year term January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

Rod Bias, Jane Champion, Carol Krug, Donna Lyons and Carol Mahoney declared their candidacies for Trustee. By secret ballot Jane Champion and Carol Mahoney were elected to serve three-year terms, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

The ACBL Educational Foundation meeting was adjourned and the ACBL Board of Directors reconvened as the ACBL Charity Foundation.

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### **ACBL Charity Foundation Membership Meeting**

The membership meeting of the ACBL Charity Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth.

The Treasurer's report was received. (*See* ACBL Charity Foundation minutes)

Bonnie Bagley, Carol Krug and Jerry Thorpe declared their candidacies for Trustee. By secret ballot Bonnie Bagley was elected to serve a four-year term, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

The ACBL Charity Foundation meeting was adjourned and the ACBL Board of Directors reconvened.

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**STRATEGIC REVIEW**

S. Anderson (C), Vilhauer (VC)  
DeMartino, Goodgold, Heth, C. Jones, R. Jones, Levy Staff: Hartman  
Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given. (Attachment C)

**CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

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

**Item 143-35: STaC Conditions of Contest**

The General Conditions of Contest for STaCs is amended to read as follows:

6. All masterpoints awarded are silver and sectionally rated. Overall awards are based on the total entry in each event except that Swiss Team overall awards are based only on the entry at each individual site. Open Swiss Team overall awards do receive credit for limited event tables at the same site. Open Pair events do not receive credit for other limited event tables at the same site, unless they are not combined with other clubs in the main STaC.

Effective immediately.  
Carried unanimously

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***Executive Session***

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

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session at 1:45 p.m. the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

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<b>FINANCE</b>	
Reid (C), Morse (VC), Carman, DeMartino, Hennings, Levy, Monzingo, Pinsky, Robinson	Staff: Jones
Committee Report by Chairman	

**Item 143-70: 2015 Budgets**

The 2015 operating budget showing a projected excess of revenues over expense of \$56,939 and the 2015 capital budget of \$700,000 are received.

All tournament sanction fees will be increased by approximately 2% and TD session fees will be increased approximately 5% beginning April 1, 2015.

Also, club short game (12-17 boards) table fees will be increased from \$.46 to \$.52 per table beginning April 1, 2015.

Operating Budget Carried unanimously  
Capital Budget: Carried: Nay: 19

**Item 143-71: Free Play Coupons at NABC+**

All users of the Board of Directors, Board of Governors Chair, League Counsel and ACBL staff who use free-play coupons to enter NABC+ events shall pay the \$1.50/session surcharge to the International Fund.

Effective March 2015 (New Orleans NABC)  
Carried. Nay: 25 Abstain: 8, 13, 17, 20

**Item 143-72: Chapter IV B. Expenses**

Chapter IV B. Section1 – ACBL President Expenses is amended as follows:

**Section 1 - ACBL President Expenses**

- 1.7 Per diem will be paid to the President and traveling companion per 2.4 below.
- 1.8 Travel to and from the NABC will be paid for up to two individuals acting as hosts at the president's suite during an NABC. One-half of this expense will be charged to Board expenses and one-half to president's expenses.
- 1.9 Any additional expense shall be charged to the President's budget.

Effective January 1, 2015  
Carried unanimously

**NABC SITE SELECTION**

Johnston (C),  
Bagley, Heller, Hennings, Subeck

Staff: Sullivan

Committee Report by Chairman

The ACBL Board of Directors approves the Memphis Convention Center as the playing site for the Spring 2019 NABC. The Sheraton Memphis will be the host hotel.

Carried unanimously

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**Closing Remarks**

It was moved by Morse and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 25 and its Units, District Director and Tournament Chairs Joe Brouillard and Helen Pawlowski and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Omni Providence for its fine cooperation.

The Board adjourned *sine die* at 3:00 p.m.