

Purpose: Revise the bylaws to provide greater partnership between the Board of Directors (BOD) and Board of Governors (BOG).

Item 211BG-03: Revise Bylaws

Moved that the Bylaws Committee of the BOD should work with representatives of the BOG to develop a motion to be considered by the BOG on bylaws changes that would provide that when the Board of Governors passes a motion requiring action by the BOD, that motion would be carried by the BoD with the approval of 1/3 of the BOD voting members. The motion resulting from this collaboration between the representatives of the BOG and BOD Bylaws Committee shall be completed before the next scheduled regular BOG meeting.

History: Submitted by Peter Marcus, District 25, at the April 10th Board of Governors' Meeting

Notes:

This motion would require modification of ACBL Bylaws, Article V – ACBL Board of Directors to recognize motions made by the BOG to the BOD as enacted with a 1/3, not majority, vote of the BOD.

Discussion: With the restructuring of the BOD, much has been discussed about the BOG becoming more of a partner with the BOD, with the BOD focusing on larger, ACBL-corporate issues and the BOG being a larger body representing the membership. To make such a partnership effective and to ensure that the needs of the membership are adequately represented, the BOG should have a greater influence on ACBL policies and rules considered by the BOD.

The Bylaws changes that would arise out of this motion would give the BOG legitimate authority to influence ACBL decisions through motions passed by the BOG for consideration by the BOD without usurping the ultimate authority of the BOD.

This motion will increase the influence of the BOG without removing the final authority of the BOD to determine ACBL policy. It will recognize the changing roles of the BOD and BOG after the Bylaws changes covering the BOD membership and selection.

If the motion is not approved, the BOG will continue to be a largely ineffective group, with potential ability to influence BOD actions only to the extent the BOD wants to listen, and with no way to effectuate changes within the ACBL.

Effective Date: Immediate

Estimated Costs/Savings: None