

ACBL Board of Directors
New Orleans, LA
July 19 - 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Richard DeMartino on Monday, July 19, 2010, at 9 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Paul Janicki #2, Joan Gerard #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Nadine Wood #6, Bob Heller #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Bill Cook #10, Beth Reid #11, William Arlinghaus #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, Jerry Fleming #17, Claire Jones #18, Donald Mamula #19, Jeffrey Taylor #20, Bruce Blakely #21, Ken Monzingo #22, Rand Pinsky #23, Al Levy #24, and Richard DeMartino #25.

Also Present: Michael Kovacich, Chairman Board of Governors, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Jay Baum, CEO, Dee Wallace, Jeff Johnston, Butch Campbell, Vicki Campbell, Patricia Glover, Millard Natchwey, Dana Norton, Carol Robertson, and Kelley McGuire.

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A moment of silence was observed in memory of Aileen Osofsky, Goodwill Committee Chairman.

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Non Agenda Item

Item 102-69 was accepted as a non-agenda item and assigned to the Governance Committee.

Redistricting

The Board of Directors has reviewed the issue of redistricting. There will be no changes at this time.

Carried. Nay: 2, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 18, 21, 24. Abstain: 20.

Item 102-145: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting (s) are received.

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 27, 2010

The Executive Committee met April 27, 2010 at 4:15 p.m. CST, by conference call to approve the following:

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Richard DeMartino, President; Jerry Fleming, Chairman, Craig Robinson, Treasurer; Georgia Heth, Al Levy and Don Mamula.

Also present: Jay Baum, CEO, Jeff Johnston, Wendy Sullivan and Kelley McGuire.

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Re: Recommendations of proposed sites for Spring, 2015, Spring, 2016 and Fall, 2016.

Moved and seconded that the Spring 2016, will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV, on March 10 – 20, 2016 is approved.

Carried unanimously

Jeff Johnston presented to the Committee additional information the Swan & Dolphin offer.

- *Start dates for both Fall NABC 2016 and Fall NABC 2022 would begin on Thanksgiving day.*
- *Fall NABC 2016 rate would be \$119 (plus add ons)*
- *Fall NABC 2022 rate would be \$169*

Moved and seconded that the Fall 2016 and 2022, will be held at the Swan & Dolphin, Orlando, FL on November 24 – December 4, 2016 and November 24 – December 4, 2022 is approved.

Carried. Aye: Heth, Levy, Mamula

DeMartino and Fleming voted to defer (noting that they considered the \$169 rate was too high for 2022 and that they did not like doing business this way - where they felt they did not have sufficient information and felt the hotels were exerting undue time pressure on the ACBL).

After an initial vote in favor of the Swan and Dolphin package for 2016 and 2022, the committee, as a whole, agreed to survey all Board members so that the entire Board would be aware of changes to the proposal and re-vote on Wednesday.

The Spring 2015 Chicago was pulled by Management.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:54 p.m. CST.

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The Executive Committee reconvened on April 28, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. CST, by conference call:

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Richard DeMartino, President; Jerry Fleming, Chairman, Craig Robinson, Treasurer; Georgia Heth, Al Levy and Don Mamula.

Also present: Jay Baum, CEO, Jeff Johnston, Wendy Sullivan and Kelley McGuire.

RE: Recommendations of proposed site for Fall 2016 and Fall 2022 at the Swan & Dolphin, in Orlando, FL.

Moved and seconded that the Fall 2016 and 2022, will be held at the Swan & Dolphin, Orlando, FL on November 24 – December 4, 2016 and November 24 – December 4, 2022 is approved.

Carried. Aye: Heth, Fleming, Mamula. Nay: DeMartino, Levy.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9.43 a.m. CST.

Item 102-146: Hall of Fame Committee

David Berkowitz is appointed to fill the unexpired term of Betty Ann Kennedy ending Spring 2011.

Carried unanimously.

ACBL CEO Report

The report of CEO Jay Baum 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 Board went into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. No actions were reported.

Upon conclusion of the Executive session, the Board of Directors recessed and reconvened in open session on Wednesday July 21, 2010 at 9 a.m.

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The meeting was called to order by President Richard DeMartino on Wednesday, July 21, at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, July 19
Also Present: Same as Monday, July 19

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Marketing

Anderson (C), Harlan (VC)
Cook, Fairchild, Heth, Mamula, Morse, Reid, Subeck Staff: Campbell, V.
Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto.
(Attachment C)

Governance

Cook (C), Seals (VC)
Fairchild, Harlan, Heller, Monzingo, Reid, Retek Staff: Blaiss
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 102-66: Hall of Fame Committee Operating Procedures

Appendix I and Appendix II of the Hall of Fame Operating Procedures shall be modified as shown below.

The changes proposed are summarized here:

Under the old Appendix I, there was a list of NABC events that were considered important. Under the new Appendix I, all NABC events that qualify one to become a Grand Life Master will be on the performance chart.

Under the old Appendix II, there was a list of NABC events which were considered important and counted towards the five events needed to be an elector. Under the new Appendix II, all NABC events that qualify one to become a Grand Life Master will count towards the five events needed to be an elector.

The following was added to the end of Appendix II:

Any member who has been suspended for six months or more for ethical violations will not be an elector, effective on the date of suspension.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 102-67: Summaries of Oral Reports

Summaries of oral reports prepared by Committee Chairs will be included in Board Meeting minutes.

Effective immediately, starting with the New Orleans minutes.

Carried. Nay: 8

Item 102-68: Board Expense Reimbursement

Board Procedures (081-22 (082-24) is hereby amended as follows:
Chapter IV, A.

1.3 Responsibilities

1.3.1.7 Board members present at an NABC on the first Sunday are required to attend the Board of Governors meeting.

Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy (081-20) (093-20) is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter IV, B.

2.3.1 Board members will be reimbursed at the ACBL host hotel negotiated room rate incurred beginning with the night before their first officially scheduled meeting and continuing through the night before a board member's departure or through the first Saturday night of the NABC, whichever is earlier.

2.4 Per Diem-Meals

2.4.1 Reimbursement for meals will be paid on the basis of the applicable IRS meals-only per diem rate for travel within the 48 continental United States (including the District of Columbia) ("CONUS"). For travel outside CONUS meals-only per diem will be paid at the applicable IRS per diem meals-only rate for the highest cost CONUS city.

2.4.2 Per diem will be paid beginning with the day before the first officially scheduled meeting through either the day of departure or the Sunday of the Board of Governors meeting, whichever is earlier.

Section 3 - WBF Representatives

Reimbursement of Expenses for WBF elected representatives will be from the ACBL General Fund. Following are the regulations governing this reimbursement.

3.1. Airfare - Actual ticket price reflecting the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates. In addition, reasonable actual expenses for transportation to and from airports at home and at the tournament location. There is no expense reimbursement for spouse/companion.

3.2. Per diem - Reimbursement for meals will be paid on the basis of the applicable IRS meals-only per diem rate for travel within the 48 continental United States (including the District of Columbia) ("CONUS"). For travel outside CONUS meals-only per diem will be paid at the applicable IRS per diem meals-only rate for the highest cost

Item 102-111: Senior Mixed Pairs

The ACBL establishes a Senior Mixed Pairs event at the Fall NABC.

- a) Conditions: Two qualifying and two final sessions. The award for first place will be 80 platinum points. Other awards will follow the four-session pair event formula. The event will be held Wednesday and Thursday.

Carried. Nay: 5, 11.

- b) This event would not qualify for the Grand Life Master.

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 5, 8, 12, 16, 25.

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ACBL Board of Directors approved the suspension of their rules on withdrawal of the motion Item 102-112: Oil Leakage Disaster Charity Day

WHEREAS immediately after the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the ACBL Board of Directors discussed via e-mail that it would be appropriate to make a donation to a qualified charity dealing with the oil spill as the next NABC would be in New Orleans, and;

WHEREAS there was substantial discussion between the Board as to whether or not this donation should come from the ACBL or the ACBL Charity Foundation, or not at all, and

WHEREAS as a result of such discussion, a motion was drafted and presented to the ACBL Board entitled, "Oil Leakage Disaster Charity Day" (attached as Attachment D) which was to be considered by the Board at their Summer 2010 Board Meeting (New Orleans), and

WHEREAS, prior to the motion being considered by the Board, the Board was informed by the ACBL Charity Foundation that the Foundation voted to make two donations to qualified charities, the Louisiana SPCA in the amount of \$5,000 ;and the New Orleans Mission in the amount of \$5,000, at the Summer 2010 NABC (New Orleans) and

WHEREAS the Board when informed of said charity donations decided that the action of the Charity Foundation satisfied the intent of the motion before the Board.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the "Oil Leakage Disaster Charity Day" motion be withdrawn.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the withdrawal of this motion will not prevent any District, Unit, or Club from holding a charity game for this purpose.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 102-113: USBF Regional Termination

That the USBF regional is terminated, rescinding regulation 001-52.

Motion failed. Aye: 7, 8, 17, 19, 20.

Item 102-114: Regionals at Sea - Sponsorship

Only the ACBL itself may sponsor or conduct a Regional at Sea.

Deferred with a moratorium on review of future sanction requests for Regionals at Sea received after July 19, 2010.

Deferred to the Fall 2010 NABC meeting in Orlando, FL.

Deferral carried. Nay: 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 19, 22, 24, 25.

Bridge

Arlinghaus (C), Wood (VC)

Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Janicki, Jones, Levy, Monzingo, Pinsky

Retek, Robinson, Seals, Taylor

Staff: Campbell, B.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 102-30: Preempt Pre-Alert Elimination

The requirement to pre-alert short (5-card weak 2's and 6-card 3-level major suit) pre-empts and/or undisciplined (less than Q high) pre-empts is eliminated. These pre-alerts are replaced by an alert upon occurrence. 6-card 3-level minor suit pre-empts are not alterable.

Note: Referred to the Competitions and Conventions Committee to be included as part of upcoming modifications to the alert procedure.

Effective when the Alert chart is updated.

Carried. Nay: 17, 19, 24.

Item 102-31: New Life Master Designation

The designation Flight A (Flt A) be added to all Life Masters that win a two-session (or longer) unrestricted Open Pair or Team event at a Regional or NABC tournament. The Side Game Series and handicapped events would not count.

Motion failed. Aye: 6. Abstain: 7.

Tournaments

Arlinghaus (C)

Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Janicki, Jones, Levy, Monzingo

Pinsky, Retek, Robinson, Seals, Taylor, Wood

Staff: Campbell, B.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 102-130: Enforcement of Regulation 083-86 Territorial Restrictions of Upgraded Club Games

Clubs not complying with this regulation will not receive sanctions to hold Upgraded Fund Games as follows:

- For a period of two weeks, in case of first offense;
- For a period of three months, in case of second offense;
- Permanently, in case of third offense

Motion failed. Aye: 1. Abstain: 7, 18.

Item 102-132: Videotaping

Item 042-04 be amended as follows:

B. Recorder Regulations are amended as follows:

ADDITIONAL ACBL RECORDER DUTIES

- a. Advise Unit and District recorders as necessary.
- b. Conduct seminars for recorders at NABCs as appropriate.
- c. Supervise the National Office of Recorder as necessary concerning files.
- d. Determine whether to videotape in conjunction with an investigation.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 1.

Item 102-133: Special Games at Clubs Adjustments Amendment

Item 101-33 is amended as follows:

The month of February is reserved for Junior Fund Games, the month of April is reserved for charity 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 nine months of the year, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for any of the Junior Fund, International Fund, Educational Foundation or charity. A regularly scheduled club game held at a frequency other than weekly may hold one special "fund" game every fourth game.

The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of Sectional Rating maintaining the current cap of 6.00 masterpoints.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 102-134: Slow Play Appendices for NABC⁺ KO Events

Appendix E (VS) and Appendix E (S&W) be replaced with the following:

The tournament director is charged with the responsibility to ensure that each KO match segment finishes within the allotted time. While a time monitor may be employed, the lack of a monitor in no way limits the TD's authority to apply one or more of the remedies listed below. Discretion is expected, in that the TD may choose to ignore an occasional minor late finish.

The TD may remove one or more boards from a segment. According to Laws 12 and 86 the TD may award either no score (when neither team is more at fault than the other), an assigned score (when a result already exists at one table which the TD wishes to preserve), or, an artificial score in IMPs. Every effort should be made to remove boards before they can be played at either table but not having done so does not preclude removing one or more later.

In consultation with the Director in Charge of the tournament, the TD may require that a particular pair not play in a specified segment, not play against a specified pair, or, not play together as a pair. The foregoing is expected to be applied only due to egregious circumstances or to unduly repetitious offenders.

Players are expected to be aware, in a general sense, of time used and remaining in a segment in which they are playing regardless of whether a clock is in use or

a time announcement has been made. An excuse of “no announcement” or “no clock immediately visible” will not be considered persuasive.

The foregoing is intended to make clear the intent that the TD is expected and empowered to take action as deemed necessary to ensure the timely finish of KO segments (and matches).

An appeal of an action taken by a TD with regard to time may be made to the Director in Charge of the tournament, and no further.

Effective immediately.

Deferred to the Fall 2010 NABC meeting in Orlando, FL. In deferring this motion it is agreed that approval of this motion in the Fall will permit its inclusion in the Conditions of Contest for 2011.

Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 102-135: Mixed BAM Teams Trophy

The Mixed BAM Teams, currently played at the Summer NABC, shall be named the Richard Freeman Mixed Board-A-Match Teams. The Chicago Trophy, which is now awarded to the winners of the Mixed Teams, will be retired and replaced by a new trophy.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 102-136: 2012 NABC Start Times for Philadelphia

10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.* are approved as starting times for the Summer NABC to be held in Philadelphia in 2012.

*Plus or minus 30 minutes. 2nd session NABC+ events may begin 30 minutes after regional events.

Carried. Nay: 5, 6, 15, 19, 21. Abstain: 12.

Item 102-137: 0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs Conditions

The conditions of contest for the 0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs are amended to make it a Mid-Chart event.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 102-139: Masterpoint Structure Committee

The ACBL President shall appoint a committee to discuss the entire structure by which ACBL Masterpoints are awarded.

Effective July 20, 2010

Carried. Nay: 1, 5, 8, 19.

Item 102-140: Sectional Tournament Scheduling And Allocations

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING AND ALLOCATIONS

A. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

1. 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.
2. Sectionals must be at least two days and no more than five days in duration, with the exception of Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs). 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.
3. The Las Vegas Unit 373 is grandfathered permission to run:
 - a. Two, and only two, Sectionals per year which may be up to six and one-half days in length; or
 - b. One six and a half day Sectional and up to two Sectionals not to exceed five days; or
 - c. An unlimited number of standard Sectionals.

4. Sectionals may be Open, Senior, Limited by masterpoints (specifically, 0-100; 0-200; 0-300 or Non-LM), Junior, Youth, Progressive Style or STaC. Sectional senior, youth or junior tournaments may be combined with limited-by-masterpoint tournaments. In these instances the higher sanction fee will apply.
5. A Unit may join with another Unit(s) to run a Sectional or a STaC. A Unit may, with permission of the Unit and District(s), hold a Sectional in a contiguous Unit.
6. A Sectional may schedule up to four (4) sessions of championship rated events per day with no decrease in masterpoint awards. Management may, with cause, disallow more than two (2) championship sessions per day.
7. Sectionals at Sea are allocated only by the ACBL.
8. An open Sectional may be run concurrently with a Regional restricted by age or masterpoints, with the permission of the Unit in which the Regional is being held.

B. SCHEDULING OF SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. A Sectional may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listings in the Bridge Bulletin at least one month prior to the tournament and all rules and regulations regarding conflicts are met.
2. If a sanction application is submitted less one year in advance, the Unit loses its claim to the dates.
3. All Sectionals have the same status and the same rules and regulations apply.
4. A sanction application to hold a Sectional will be acknowledged immediately upon receipt by the ACBL Tournament Department. The process is as follows: the Unit Tournament Coordinator will submit an online sanction application to ACBL headquarters, which shall automatically be forwarded, without review, to the District Tournament Coordinator for approval. Upon District Tournament Coordinator approval, the application will be reviewed for sanctioning by the ACBL Tournament Department.
5. Approval of Sectional sanction applications will be made one year out, or immediately upon approval if received less than one year out.

6. Questions concerning scheduling and other conflicts for Sectionals will be resolved by the Unit(s) and the District Organization involved.
7. Districts and Units perceiving a conflict with other Units or Districts must notify Management or the Arbitration Board within 30 days of the tournament posting on the website.
8. When a Unit perceives a conflict between its Sectional and a tournament in another District, the Unit Tournament Coordinator shall work through his District Tournament Coordinator to initiate the processes of conflict resolution in the same manner that Regional conflicts are resolved.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 102-141: Regional Tournament Scheduling and Sanctioning

Items 831-62, 881-105, 922-118, 923-125, 931-82, 953-105, 981-195, 983-192, 001-52, 033-68, and 053-50 are rescinded.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING AND SANCTIONING

A. GENERAL

1. Every District must appoint a Tournament Coordinator.
2. ACBL Regional tournaments will not be sanctioned to run concurrently with any portion of a North American Bridge Championship.
3. A Regional restricted by age or masterpoints, may run an open Sectional tournament concurrently with the Regional with the permission of the Unit in which the Regional is being held. An open or individual Regional may not run a Sectional in conjunction with the Regional.
4. A North American Pairs District Final, a Grand National Teams District Final or the CNTC may be run concurrently with a Regional or Sectional. If they are run concurrently with a Sectional, the District must have permission from the sponsoring Unit. Such events must also conform to the scheduling restrictions of their respective conditions of contest.

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

WBF, the CBF and the USBF may be awarded a Regional according to regulations occurring later in this document.

2. Each District is allocated four annual Regionals which may be open or senior. Each District is allowed to split one Regional. In addition, a District is allocated the following tournaments annually:
 - a. One Junior Regional
 - b. One Youth Regional.
 - c. One 0-199er Regional, or one 0-299er Regional, or one Non-Life Master Regional or one Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 500 MPs.
3. Upon request and verification, a District with 9,000 to 12,000 ACBL members is allowed one additional Regional each year; a District with 12,000 to 15,000 members is allowed two additional Regionals each year; a District with 15,000 to 18,000 members will be awarded three additional Regionals each year, and a District with 18,000 or more 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.
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.
5. If a District fails to maintain the requirements for an additional Regional (either by a drop in total membership 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.
6. In addition, the following Off Shore 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
 - g. New England Individual – D25

The following Regionals are not allocated to any specific District:

- h. Canadian Bridge Federation (one per year)
 - i. United States Bridge Federation (one per year)
 - j. World Bridge Federation, when a WBF championship is held in Zone 2, such regionals to be held at the site where the championship is being held.
7. An annual Regional is awarded each year to the USBF for the purpose of supporting teams representing the United States in international competition, and to the CBF for the purpose of supporting teams representing Canada in international competition. Depending on the location (land or sea) the affected District and the USBF or the CBF must agree on the specifics (e.g. date, schedule and fund-sharing). The normal conflict rules shall apply to the scheduling of the tournament.
8. No District may be awarded more than nine Regionals in a calendar year under this allocation formula.
9. The minimum/maximum number of days a Regional may be held is as follows:
- a. Open or Senior Regional -- minimum of three days.
 - b. Youth Regional, Junior Regional and masterpoint limited Regionals – minimum of two days.
 - c. 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
 - d. Regional may not be more than six and a half days in duration. 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, or the Canadian equivalent of these may be held the afternoon of the first day of a six and one-half day Regional. The current formulas will be used to determine the minimum monetary contributions for these games.
 - e. A Regional running concurrent with a World Bridge Championship as per 6(j) above, may be of a length equal to the WBF Championship.
10. Only events scheduled for two or more sessions at Regionals may award gold points.
11. A District may join with other Districts to co-sponsor a Regional or to hold a split Regional. If co-sponsored, but held at one site, the tournament will count against one District's allocation. If co-sponsored but held at two different sites the tournament will count against both Districts' allocations. A District may, with permission, hold a Regional in a contiguous District.

12. Exclusive of Knockout Teams and Side Game Series events, a Regional may schedule up to four gold point sessions per day. For purposes of this regulation overlapping schedules are deemed to be the same two sessions since participation in one of the events preclude entry into the other. For example 10:00 a.m./3:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m./7:30 p.m. Management may, with cause, disallow more than two gold point sessions per day.
13. A District may move a Regional from the calendar year in which it hosts an NABC to any of the three prior years or any of the three succeeding years providing the Regional meets with all requirements under "Scheduling of Regional Tournaments." This regulation extends to include Acts of God or hotels canceling contracts. Other unforeseen circumstances may be included as determined by the Arbitration Panel.
14. Whenever the ACBL Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, is considering holding a special event at a Regional, or any other District function, that District's president and District Director must be notified, and such event(s) must not be scheduled without permission of the District through such notice from the District Director.
15. The Regional Tournament Allocation Plan will be reviewed at least every five years.

C. SCHEDULING OF REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. A sanction application to hold a Regional must be submitted to the ACBL Tournament Department three years in advance in order to protect the dates. If a sanction is not submitted at least three years in advance, the District may lose its claim to the dates.
2. A District that holds a Regional on the same dates and at the same sites/areas two out of three years will be placed on the traditional date list for Regionals. The list is available on the Coordinator's Bulletin Board. Easter week and other fluctuating holidays are noted as exceptions.
3. If a District has a traditional annual date but the site/area does not remain constant, it is no longer a traditional date.
4. Regionals in the schedule for a specific date and location that move their location more than 50 miles within one year from this date will be subject to the "New Tournament Rules" (in other words this move will be treated as a new tournament).
5. Tentative tournament schedules for the current year and following years will be posted on the ACBL website, and updated daily. An updated list noting

additions and deletions will be posted every two weeks on the Coordinator's Bulletin Board.

6. A Regional appearing on the traditional date list which is not held for two years within a three year period will be removed from the list.
7. A Regional may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listing in the *ACBL BULLETIN* at least two months prior to the tournament and all rules and regulations regarding conflicts are met.
8. A Regional scheduled and sanctioned more than a year in advance takes precedence over a Sectional regardless of when the Sectional was sanctioned.
9. All tournament sanction applications must be submitted electronically.
10. A sanction application to hold a Regional will be acknowledged immediately upon receipt by the ACBL Tournament Department. All applications received must be approved by the District Tournament Coordinator.
11. Approval for Regional sanction applications will be sent three years out or immediately upon approval if received less than three years out.

D. SPLIT SITE REGIONALS

A District may split one of its Regionals and hold it at two sites on the same dates.

1. The same events will be played simultaneously at both sites and will be played throughout. Upon request, management may approve different starting times for the same session at the two sites for the same events.
2. Knockout Teams will be the only championship event to have first and second overall positions at both sites. There must be at least three teams for there to be an event, and if there are fewer than eight teams, there will be at least a three session round robin. If entry consists of five, six or seven teams, only the team finishing in first place will earn Blue Ribbon qualification. If fewer than five teams enter the event, none will earn Blue Ribbon qualification.
3. Masterpoints shall be awarded as follows: All awards shall be multiplied by .80. For all events other than KO, overall masterpoints for first and second (and ties for second) will be awarded based on the total attendance at both sites. Overall awards for other than first and second (and ties) will be made at both sites based on attendance at the respective sites (the depth of the

awards shall be similarly based).

4. Identical hand records must be used at both sites, for all events with one overall winner unless Management authorizes the use of different hand records due to significant differences in starting times or other special circumstances.
5. At Split Regionals, Swiss Teams events will be separate and overall winners will be declared at both sites. Only first place overall winners at each site shall earn Ribbon qualification.

E. TOURNAMENT CONFLICTS

1. If the ACBL Tournament Department anticipates a possible conflict with a tournament already sanctioned or a Traditional Date tournament the Department should immediately notify the person applying for the sanction, the District Tournament Coordinator and the District Director.
2. If a District Tournament Coordinator believes that a tournament request is in conflict with one of its tournaments, he must first notify ACBL Tournament Division and endeavor to resolve the conflict with the District in question. The District Director(s) from the Districts involved in a possible conflict will be notified by Management of the possible conflict as soon as Management is aware of it.
3. An Arbitration Panel is established. All panel members will be District Directors or their designees.
 - a. The Panel will consist of five people, two from each zone without the conflict and one from the zone with the conflict. No one from the Districts involved may sit on the Panel.
 - b. If there is a conflict between two Districts or more in different zones, three people from the third zone and one from each of the two zones with a conflict will be on the Panel. Again, no one from the Districts involved may be on the Panel.
 - c. For the selection process, the zonal representatives will pick the members of the Panel from their zones as long as their zone is not involved. The ACBL President or Chairman of the Board will appoint the person from the "conflict" zone. Since the list of District Directors is updated each year, the list will be automatically current.
4. Timeliness.
 - a. For timely sanction applications, if the parties involved cannot resolve the conflict, both applications will be sanctioned with the following proviso: the timely application of a traditional

tournament date will take precedence over the timely application of a non-traditional tournament date.

- b. In cases where there are a timely and an untimely application: If the District with the timely application claims there is a conflict, the Arbitration Panel agrees there is a conflict and the conflict cannot be resolved, the untimely application will not be sanctioned.
- c. For equally untimely sanction applications, both applications will be sanctioned. For the purpose of defining “equally untimely,” applications received that would be listed on consecutive bi-weekly updates will be so deemed.
- d. The cases where there are non-equal untimely applications will be treated the same as timely/untimely with the earlier application being timely and the other untimely.

5. Determination.

The Arbitration Panel will make a determination that a conflict exists after a request from Management or a District holding, or applying for, a sanction. Decisions will be reached after consulting internal resources, demographics of tournament attendance (if available), usual tournament size, data from involved parties, etc. The decision of the Arbitration Panel will be FINAL.

Effective January 1, 2011.

Carried. Nay: 17.

Item 102-142: Tournament Entry Conditions

- 1) The purchase of entries at any ACBL sanctioned tournament shall not be contingent upon the purchase of any other good or service; with the exception of ACBL, CBF and/or USBF membership when such membership is a part of the conditions of contest for the event.
- 2) This regulation shall apply to all events sectionally rated or higher.

Motion failed: Aye: 1, 5, 7, 19.

Item 102-143: Tournament Entry Sales

- 1) At all ACBL sanctioned tournaments, entries must be made available for purchase on a per event basis for pair, Swiss, BAM and individual events. For KO events, entries must be made available on a per-match basis.

2) This regulations shall apply to all events sectionally rated or higher.

Motion failed. Aye: 19.

Conditions of Contest	
Wood (C)	
Arlinghaus, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Janicki, Jones, Levy, Monzingo	
Pinsky, Retek, Robinson, Seals, Taylor	Staff: Campbell, B.
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 102-45: 2011 Conditions of Contest

The 2011 Conditions of Contest are approved.

Effective January 1m 2011.

Carried. Nay: 22.

Item 102-46: Amendment to the General Convention Chart

The General Convention Chart is amended as follows:

COMPETITIVE

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7. DEFENSE TO:

a)

b) natural notrump opening bids and overcalls, except that direct calls other than double, two clubs and two diamonds must have at least one known suit.

c).....

Motion failed. Aye: 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 16, 21, 24, 25.

Item 102-47: General Conditions of Contest

The ACBL General Conditions of Contest for all events be amended as follows:

PLAY

1.

10. Unless instructed otherwise by a tournament director, a member of each side must be present and seated before cards are removed from a board.

Effective as soon as can be implemented.

Carried unanimously.

Item 102-48: Voting Members of Competitions & Conventions Committee

The three appointees made by the Chairman of the Board of Governors to serve on the Competitions and Conventions Committee have voting rights on said committee.

Motion failed. Abstain: 11, 19.

Item 102-49: Platinum Pairs

The Platinum Pairs may be scored across the field from the beginning of the event.

Carried unanimously.

Item 102-50: Amendment to Club Conditions of Contest

In order to be eligible for overall awards in a STaC, or any event that is scored across more than one club, the minimum number of boards played is set at 20.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 102-51: General Conditions of Contest Change

The following changes be made to the Mini-Spingold Knockout Team-of-Four Special Conditions of Contest:

- A. Conditions of Entry, paragraph 2. line 3, delete --
The Flight II (0-1500) event will last no longer than five days.

Carried. Nay: 8, 9, 21, 22, 23, 24.

- B. Conventions -- Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted, or not permitted in these events are per the ACBL Mid-Chart, add -- for Flight I (0-5000) and per the ACBL General Chart for Flight II (0-1500).

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 102-52: NAP Flight B & C Finals

The North American Pairs Conditions of Contest, National Level Participation is amended as follows:

Flight B & C final will be a four-session event, with between 52 and 78 pairs competing in a two-session play through qualifying approximately 50% of the original entry to a two-session play-through final with carryover as per ACBL formula.

Effective January 1, 2011.

Carried. Nay: 8.

Item 102-53: Two Session Swiss Team

ACBL recommends the following conditions of contest for all two-session Swiss Team events with four to nine tables in any particular flight or groupings of strata:

Each team entering shall play every other team in their group. The following chart is recommended:

Four Teams	Three Matches of 18 to 20 Boards
Five Teams	Four Matches of 13 to 15 Boards
Six Teams	Five Matches of 10 to 12 Boards
Seven Teams	Six Matches of 9 Boards
Eight Teams	Seven Matches of 7 to 8 Boards
Nine Teams	Eight Matches of 6 to 7 Boards

Effective as soon as can be implemented by Management.

Carried unanimously.

Item 102-54: GNT Conditions of Contest

The following rules apply for all District Finals of the GNTs.

# of Teams entered / flight in District finals	% of Max Award /flight available for games of unlimited size	# of Overall Places
1	as awarded	None
2	50%	1
3 – 4	67%	1
5+	100% if 3+ sessions played in District final 67%; if 2 sessions.	As specified for the type of event, if any phase is a KO, the depth of awards is as specified for a KO event of the same size as the original number of district final entries.

Effective January 1, 2011.

Carried. Nay: 1, 9, 14, 15, 16.

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The meeting was called to order by President Richard DeMartino on Thursday, July 22, 2010. at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday July 21

Also Present: Same as Wednesday July 21

Technology Committee	
Arlinghaus, S. (C) Arlinghaus, B. (VC)	
Janicki, Jones, Monzingo, Taylor	Staff: Campbell, V.
Committee Report by Chairman	

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto.
(Attachment E)

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The Board went into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. No actions were reported.

Upon conclusion of the Executive session, the Board of Directors reconvened in open session on Thursday July 22, 2010 at 10:33 a.m.

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Item 102-147: Education Status Report

The Education status report is received. (Attachment F)

Item 102-148: Intermediate Novice Status Report

The Intermediate Novice Status Report is received. (Attachment G)

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Appeals & Charges

Gerard (C), Pinsky (VC)

Blakely, Fairchild, Heller, Heth, Mamula, Morse, Subeck, Wood Staff: Blaiss

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 102-01: Report on Hearings

There were no hearings.

Item 102-02: Amendments to Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR)

The CDR is amended as follows:

- 5.3.1 Disciplinary procedures at tournaments are intended to be expeditious. Matters heard by a TDC involving tournament discipline shall be heard and the hearing conducted at or immediately after the tournament in which the event(s) involving the discipline took place. Refer to Sections 5.3.2 through 5.3.14 for procedures specific to tournament disciplinary proceedings.

- 5.3.6 A person charged with a violation under CDR 3 shall be entitled to (See CDR 6.1 and 6.2 following):

- (a) Receive written notice of date, time and place of hearing. Should a person admit to a charge, a hearing shall be held in order to determine and impose discipline.

5.3.11 A suspension or probation imposed by a TDC shall not exceed ninety (90) days nor may a probation additional to a suspension exceed ninety (90) days.

Appendix A

VI. POST-HEARING PROCEDURES

A. NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINE

When the disciplinary body imposes sanctions to be effective immediately, it is mandatory that such disciplinary body shall immediately notify the disciplined party in writing of the sanction, stating its effective date. The disciplined party or parties and the complainant should also be told of the right to appeal and their right to request a stay of discipline pending the outcome of an appeal. The official Notice of Discipline and the official Notice of Appeal and Stay Rights will be sent by the ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator when hearing documents are received from the hearing committee chairman. The 30-day period during which an appeal may be filed will start from the date on which the ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator's official notices are mailed.

B. REPORT TO ACBL

It is mandatory that the disciplinary body send to ACBL Headquarters at the same time: 1) a full typed report of the hearing; and 2) a copy of the written decision, if any, sent to the disciplined party or parties. The report must be sent within thirty (30) days from the conclusion of the presentation of evidence.

Note: The Hearing Report form can be found at www.acbl.org

Effective ASAP.

Carried unanimously.

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WBF President José Damiani spoke to the ACBL Board of Directors.

The ACBL Board of Directors thanked Mr. Damiani for his years of service to the WBF.

Juniors		
Janicki (C)		
Gerard, Heller, Heth, Wood		Staff: Campbell, V.
Committee Report by Chairman		

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto. (Attachment H)

Internet Bridge		
Levy (C), Blakely (VC)		
Arlinghaus, Janicki, Jones, Robinson, Taylor		Staff: Campbell, B.
Committee Report by Chairman		

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto. (Attachment I)

Finance		
Robinson (C), Reid (VC)		
Anderson, Cook, Harlan, Levy, Retek, Seals		Staff: Glover
Committee Report by Chairman		

Item 102-55: Tournament Director Per Diem in Canada

Item 033-120 is rescinded.

The per diem rate for ACBL Tournament Directors working in Canada will be determined by using the schedule below for the nearest city. The rate will be changed annually by multiplying by the change in maximum CONUS rate. Currently the rate is \$67.20 per day.

Canadian TD Per Diem

	State Dept.		USA
	USA	%	Per Diem
Banff	105	76	54
Calgary	120	86	61

Dartmouth	117	84	60
Edmonton	91	65	46
Ft. St. Murry	92	66	47
Fredericton	118	85	60
Halifax	117	84	60
Montreal	112	81	58
Ottawa	94	68	48
Prince Edward Isl	109	78	55
Quebec City	139	100	71
Regina	91	65	46
Richmond	112	81	58
Saskatoon	90	65	46
Sydney	133	96	68
Toronto	115	83	59
Vancouver	120	86	61
Victoria	122	88	62
Winnipeg	111	80	57

Deferred to the Fall 2010 NABC meeting in Orlando, FL.

Deferral carried. Nay: 22.

Item 102-56: Sanction Fees for Tournaments at Seas

- a. Regionals at Sea shall be charged a sanction fee of \$20/table.
- b. Sectionals at Sea shall be charged a sanction fee of \$10/table.

Effective March 30, 2011

Carried. Nay: 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 21, 25.

Item 102-57 Chapter IV – Board Procedures

Item (081-20) (093-20) is amended as follows:

CHAPTER IV - BOARD PROCEDURES

B. EXPENSES

Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy (081-20) (093-20)

Expenses Policy for ACBL Board of Directors and Chairman of the Board of Governors

Section 1 - ACBL President Expenses

The image of the ACBL is paramount in all of the activities of the president. In keeping with such premise, the following statement of policy sets forth the duties, responsibilities and restrictions by which the president will be guided.

- 1.1 The president will be granted a president's expense allowance which for the year 2007 will be \$51,800 and each year thereafter said fund will be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index fluctuation.
- 1.2 The following guidelines are provided for the president to use in budgeting his expenses during the year.
 - 1.2.1 Attending tournaments (sectionals, regionals, WBF) 50%
 - 1.2.2 Functions at NABCs (receptions, etc.) 22%
 - 1.2.3 Administrative items (faxes, postage, telephone) 12%
 - 1.2.4 President's dinner 12%
 - 1.2.5 Miscellaneous 4%
- 1.3 In addition to the usual administrative functions which the president of most organizations performs, there are additional special responsibilities attached to the office of ACBL President. These include, but are not limited to:
 - 1.3.1 Attending regional and sectional tournaments of his choosing to bring the ACBL to its members. In addition, at those tournaments the president is expected to host local volunteers in his suite or at a meal function.
 - 1.3.2 Hosting certain social functions at NABCs involving the members of the Board of Directors and special groups in his suite, holding special committee meetings in his suite and one president's dinner at the NABC of his choice. At the other two NABCs, the president will host a welcoming buffet/reception for Board members and special guests in his suite.
- 1.4 The president may be accompanied by a person assisting the president in performing his duties. The expenses of such person(s) will be charged to the president's budget.
- 1.5 The president is expected to travel the most economical way to any tournaments, meetings or for other ACBL business. Airfare, using advance non-refundable ticketing, will reflect the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates whenever possible. The president will be reimbursed for travel to only one bridge event outside Zone 2 per year.
- 1.6 Travel and other expenses related to a specific activity (especially special committee meetings) will be charged to Board expenses not to the president's expenses.
- 1.7 In addition to serving as ACBL President, the president also continues to serve as his district's representative on the Board of Directors and, therefore, will receive the trimester expense reimbursement identical to that provided all other Board members.
- 1.8 For accounting purposes, the president's travel expenses and expenses for the president's suite for the number of days the president is at the NABC through the first Sunday will be charged to Board expenses.

Expenses for the remaining days the president is at the NABC will be charged to president's expenses.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Abstain: 3.

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It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 10 and its units, District Director Bill Cook and Tournament Chair John Federico, all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the New Orleans Marriott for its fine cooperation.

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 3:05 p.m.