



# Governance: Future Strength

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

## SENATE

# OF MEMBERS

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CONSISTING OF:

- Business Structure and Legal Issues
- Strategic Plan and Business Results
- Organization Capability & Resources to deliver Strategic Plan (Annual Budget, headcount & org design)
- Membership management including Discipline
- Managing process to change Constitution and Bylaws
- Health and operation of the bridge ecosystem

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CONSISTING OF:

- Bridge matters pertaining to tournament schedule and allocations
- Standard Operating Procedures for Volunteers (Tournaments & Key Services)
- Inter District Disputes and District Reorganization
- Tournament & Game sanctions disputes
- Zonal Regulations on laws, alerts, and convention charts
- Masterpoint® change management
- Innovation necessary to meet business goals and improve quality of membership experience
- Management counsel regarding Club and Teacher issues/opportunities
- Health and operation of the bridge ecosystem



### MAJOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### SETS & MONITORS

- Strategic Plan
- Financial Results
- Audits
- The Bridge Ecosystem

#### PROVIDES

- Resources for the Business
- Growth Plans for Membership

#### SETS POLICIES

- For the Business Enterprise
- For Discipline
- For Public Relations

#### APPROVES

- Changes to By Laws
- Disposition of Assets
- Changes in Corporate Structure

#### ADVOCATES

- Public Relations Supporting Bridge
- Links to External Collaborations/Partners
- Transparency in Communication
- The ACBL Mission

#### IDENTIFIES

- Needs of Key Stakeholders and Members
- Changes External to the Organization Impacting Bridge
- Innovations and the ways to test them.

#### DELIBERATES

- Proposals for Change dealing with the operation and administration of bridge.
- Issues from members and key Stakeholders.

#### APPROVES

- Committee Proposals pertinent to Bridge
- Changes to Rules, Masterpoints, Conventions, Tournament Allocation, District and Unit Territory, and all Senate Mandate
- Bridge Committees

#### OVERSEES

- By-Laws Changes made by the Executive Board materially affecting Senate responsibility, jurisdiction, and function

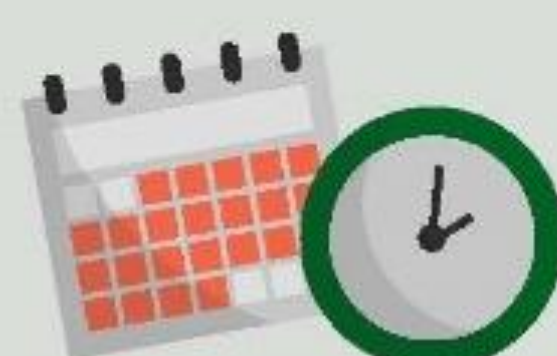
#### ESTABLISHES

- Laws of Bridge for the North American Zone
- Zonal bridge regulations
- Data Standards and Technologies for Bridge
- An environment that grows members and strengthens the ecosystem.
- Transparency with members & Stakeholders



MEETS

**3-4x PER YEAR**  
FACE TO FACE & VIRTUAL



**1-2x PER YEAR**  
FACE TO FACE & VIRTUAL

## WHY?

- Increase BOD effectiveness (more efficient communication and more focus on the key priorities)
- Change the selection method of Executive Board members based on Skill or Experience, rather than geographic diversity
- Retain critical geographical diversity through a leaner Senate with full responsibility over Bridge Administration and Function
- The Executive Board manages Strategy, Business Oversight, By-Laws, Discipline, and External Relations. The Senate manages all things Bridge not chosen by the Executive Board or required by NY Law.
- Distributed decision authority and work-load
- Lower overhead cost through a streamlined governance that is attuned to current and future business, stakeholder, and membership needs

