

# **ACBL BOARD OF GOVERNORS/ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes: FALL GENERAL MEETING**

**November 28, 2021**

Doug Couchman, Chair of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CST on Sunday, November 28, 2021. A quorum was present.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Chairman Couchman opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. He thanked tournament chairs BJ Sanders and Sally Sasson and the many other volunteers and ACBL staff who have worked hard to make the Fall NABC happen.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Board of Governors special meeting held on November 7, 2021 were approved.

**NAME CHANGE:** Pursuant to previous motion the name of the body was changed from Board of Governors to Advisory Council.

**ACBL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** ACBL President Georgia Heth thanked ACBL management and staff and our many volunteers for getting us through the past two difficult years and making the ACBL a success; consistently throughout the crisis, members have been involved and working together.

Chair Couchman reminded the Council that President Heth was the first two-term president in the League's history; he thanked her for her work in general and specifically for her help and support in supporting the Board of Governors.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Executive Director Joe Jones presented management's written report (see website) and delivered an orally summary thereof. He then answered several questions from Council members.

**LITIGATION REPORT:** League Counsel Linda Dunn delivered the litigation report (see website). In the only matter now pending, Marcus et al, the League prevailed on summary judgment as to most but not all matters but will be subject to paying plaintiff's attorney's fees, which are uncertain but are expected to be approximately \$300,000. No questions were asked.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Director of Finance Peyton Dodson delivered the financial report (see website). No questions were asked.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** AC Chair Doug Couchman reported on the actions taken by the Board of Directors at the latter's meetings earlier in the week; see elsewhere on the ACBL website for a full list.

**MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION:** Peter Marcus (D25) moved that the Board should reconsider 213-FN02 (relating to distribution of hospitality funds at NABCs). The motion was seconded but failed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 213-BY02, a bylaws amendment, was read and voted on for the second time (per the bylaws); the motion was carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was discussion about the new convention card and the rule that players must have identical convention cards available; it was suggested that the rule is not being enforced. Management says the new card will be available when old stock has been used, and will take concerns about enforcement of the rule under advisement.

Concern was expressed about holding the current NABC notwithstanding CoViD rules.

Concern was expressed regarding future timing of AC meetings; Chair Couchman will work with tournament schedulers to the extent possible.

Management was requested to put names of AC committee members on the ACBL website.

Discontent was expressed with event schedules at NABCs.

**RECOGNITION OF LIFE MASTERS:** Goodwill Chair Roger Smith thanked outgoing Chair Sandy DeMartino, thanked the many volunteers who have worked to make the NABC possible, and moved that all members who have achieved life master status be recognized as life masters; the motion was carried by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m CST.