

# ACBL AC Preliminary Meeting Notes

3 July 2022

Participants (39)

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	D11 Steve Mo... (Co-host, me)		D25 Brenda Montague (Guest)		Greg Frank (Guest)
	Zoom Webinar (Host)		D4 and past chair Richar... (Guest)		Hugh McSheffrey (D19) (Guest)
	Doug Couchman (AC Ch... (Guest)		D4 John Dickenson (Guest)		James Calhoun (Guest)
	Anne Atwood (Guest)		David (D22 REP) Sizemore (Guest)		Jeff Overby D9D
	Barbara Region 6 ACBL B... (Guest)		David Lodge Region11director		Joanne Wicker D21 (Guest)
	Brett Kunin, D3 (Guest)		Deana Liddy (Guest)		Joseph Jones
	D1_Kathie Macnab (Guest)		Dennis Carman Region 5 (Guest)		Laurie Rowe D 20 (Guest)
	D11 - Jean La Traverse - ... (Guest)		eldon clayman (Guest)		len fettig D-15 (Guest)
	D11 Thomas Bishel (Guest)		Greg Frank (Guest)		Monica Quinlan (Guest)
	D12 Susan Bailey-Carman (Guest)		Hugh McSheffrey (D19) (Guest)		Nance Lodge District 22 (Guest)
	D14 Steven Gaynor (Guest)		James Calhoun (Guest)		Roger Smith (Guest)
	D16 Nancy Strohmer (Guest)		Jeff Overby D9D		Ron Lien (Guest)
	D20 - Rich Carle (Guest)		Joanne Wicker D21 (Guest)		Sabrina Miles D25 (Guest)
	D23 Gene White (Guest)		Joseph Jones		Sharon Fairchild (Guest)
	D25 Brenda Montague (Guest)		Laurie Rowe D 20 (Guest)		Tim White R13D (Guest)
	D4 and past chair Richar... (Guest)		len fettig D-15 (Guest)		xpex-Bob Heller (Guest)

Barbara Doran  
Betty Starzec

Ron Sholes  
Jonathan Steinberg  
45 Participants registered (Not all late comers are listed).

Doug called the meeting to order at 7 PM sharp. He welcomed new members.  
Doug confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting.

Doug discussed the election of Barbara Heller to the BoD and recent appointment of Richar Popper to the OEOC.

Board Motions:

Item 222-BD01: Certification of Election

Item 222-BD02: Online Ethical Oversight Committee Appointments

**Item 222-AC02: Remove GLM status and Hall of Fame membership**

Doug discussed Jonathan Steinberg's proposal to strip all Class One Ethical violators

Jonathan Steinberg – Discussed the details of the proposal. Discussion about whether the motion can be made retroactive. Richard Popper – we cannot apply additional punishment post hoc after he original case was decided.

Greg Frank asked if this change would be retroactive.

Hugh McSheffrey suggested removal of GLM and HoF recognitions should apply to all including those convicted in the past (prior to this motion). Motion should include acquisition and transmission of information in an unethical manner.

DC – the definition of a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree EV would have to be amended to include transmission of information.

**Item 222-BR01: Update NABC location guidelines**

Discussion centered about Reno (smoke, travel), Orlando, Washington DC.

Steve Moese discussed matching NABC locations to the population of bridge players nearby.

Barbara Doran – questioned the meaning of "Advisory Committee".

Brett Kunin – Deeply concerned about the buy out provisions negotiated by the ACBL with the hotels.

Steve Gaynor – Surprised Chicago is on the list. Large bridge population and easy to access. Mgmt. participation in running the NABCs – can we take the burden off the local people? Did we receive a payment from the Cosmo in LV?

Jonathan Steinberg – Bridge Committee did not list specific cities but allow leeway for Management.

Dennis Carman – noted Canada is included.

David Lodge – discussed good management of the codification.

**Item 222-BY01: Change in governance structure of the Board of Directors**

DC – BoD changes chair to an elected Vice President. If not a member of the Board, one cannot be a Board Officer. DC discussed the notion that we can pass this motion at the next special meeting so that it becomes part of the bylaws by Phoenix.

Steve Moese questioned whether a poorly attended special meeting ought be used for a bylaws change vote.

Brett Kunin spoke to the need for definitions in Paragraph 6.2.2.1.

Item 222-GV01: Communications removal from Codification

Communications behaviors already governed in the MIM for the BoD.

Item 222-GV02: Regulations regarding Board-elected/appointed positions

Clarifies how runoff elections should be held.

Item 222-GV03: Change in Board Governance Structure

Improves communication about upcoming appointments and elections.

Is it OK if voting is required to be electronic?

What happens when people do not vote?

Brett Kunin – concern about electronic voting. When it's within one body, things work fine. When including a penalty for non-participation. As long as the Board meets a quorum there should be no penalty.

DC – discussed US Chess Federation approach of publishing people who do not vote.  
Brett Kunin – Every vote is not weighted. Vote allocated by Unit proportion of District.  
Len Fettig – Unit Board Members electing Regional BoD Representatives. No idea of the job requirements, no idea of the candidate qualifications. We need a better way of selecting our leaders.  
Bob Heller – Agree 100% with Len. No too difficult to figure out a way that District Boards can cast votes. Also saves effort and expense on the part of the candidates.  
Barbara Doran – D6 Board are Unit Presidents. They bring Unit opinions back to the D6 Board.  
Richard Popper D4 – Attendees are appointed on a meeting-by-meeting basis. Won't work for us.  
Steve Gaynor – Each unit can appoint 3 members any one of which can attend at any one time. Votes apportioned by the fraction of voters.  
Ron Lien – Favors one vote per unit. Re: campaigning – candidates would go to Unit Boards and present their case. Regions make such visits difficult.  
Brett Kunin – D3 different than D4 – current practice is that each unit votes individually. Always invited the candidates to speak to the Board.  
Steve Moese – proposed Town Hall meetings for campaigning for Regional Directors.  
DC – sensed that we do not favor penalizing not voting.

### **New Work**

Roger Smith, Chair of the Goodwill Committee – Chair be permitted to appoint two new members per year. At the moment each District Presidents in concert with their Regional Director gets to appoint 2 members each year. This allows the Chair two at-large members per year.  
There are qualified people who are not yet on the GWC (e.g., Recent Honorary Member of the Year). Est. 70-80 (Reno Reception).  
Betty Starzec – Eileen Osofsky had the ability to appoint member. Roger should have it as well.  
Vote 21-3 in favor of the proposal.

Steve Moese shared 9 points from the Clubs and Teachers Committee

Brett Kunin – Supported several points.

Len Fettig – Because there are some clubs that haven't reopened, some artificial goal of 90% is not supportable. Objective is to support face to face play. More people are playing online. A lot of players are not going to return to face-to-face play. Club managers are going to have to rebuild their clientele. Not in favor of making any changes. Things need to settle down and work their way through the system. Largest club in the District says online play is not affecting their attendance any way. We need to continue on the path we are on with no tweaks.

DC – discussed certain measures already under consideration by the Masterpoint Committee.

DC – Discussed Special Meetings Scheduling.

Little flexibility once Board schedule is published for us to meet to provide input to the BoD and Mgmt.

Doug mentioned that the Summer AC meeting includes the Membership Meeting.

**Submitted Respectfully,**  
**Steve Moese D11**  
**AC Vice Chair**

## Appendix – Chat Dialog

19:04:13 From D20 - Rich Carle to Everyone:

Congratulations Barbara!

19:05:28 From Brett Kunin, D3 to Everyone:

Well deserved,

. Congrats Barbara.

19:05:37 From D25 Brenda Montague to Everyone:

Congratulations Barbara!

19:05:58 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

Great going Barbara

19:07:00 From Barbara Region 6 ACBL Board to Everyone:

Thank you. everyone, I look forward to representing all of us well.

19:07:19 From D16 Nancy Strohmer to Everyone:

Congrats, Barbara--well deserved!

19:11:22 From Brett Kunin, D3 to Everyone:

I am in favor of the Resolution, although I don,t think it can grandfather previous convictions.

19:11:55 From Brett Kunin, D3 to D11 Steve Moese(Direct Message):

Glad to hear it. U look a great deal better, as well.

19:13:24 From District 6 - Barbara Doran to Everyone:

I agree.

19:17:28 From Brett Kunin, D3 to Everyone:

I disagree with Hugh. It would basically be an export facto punishment.

19:17:44 From Brett Kunin, D3 to Everyone:

Sorry ex post facto

19:18:03 From District 6 - Barbara Doran to Everyone:

That's what I think.

19:20:53 From D11 - Jean La Traverse - 1st Alternate to Everyone:

Jonathan is R1 Director

19:23:13 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

The way hearings work would allow at a minimum for severe conditions to be applied to restoring titles taken away temporarily and the BOD would need to ratify any such result. Transmission is likely applied under Section A(3) other collusion. Most importantly the A&C Committee would automatically review the original hearing and has powers to change the initial result.

19:34:41 From len fettig to Everyone:

experiencing short freezes.

19:35:36 From Zoom Webinar to Everyone:

I apologize for the freezes, folks; if it stays bad I am going to hand the meeting over.

19:49:34 From D11 Steve Moese to len fettig(Direct Message):

Doug is in Stockholm!

20:04:30 From Brett Kunin, D3 to Everyone:

Although Bob is correct that there is a proportional representation on District Boards, in D3, our Unit invited all candidates to speak.

20:05:39 From Betty Starzec to Everyone:

D16 has specific reps from each unit.

20:08:36 From len fettig to Everyone:

ACBL has Election rules that do not vary by District.

20:15:37 From Brett Kunin, D3 to Everyone:

I would agree with Roger that it makes sense that the Goodwill Chair be given two at large appointments

20:16:01 From Betty Starzec to Everyone:

Absolutely agree with Roger!

20:16:29 From District 6 - Barbara Doran to Everyone:

Me too.

20:20:27 From Susan Bailey-Carman to Everyone:

repeat proposal

20:29:04 From D11 - Jean La Traverse - 1st Alternate to Everyone:

These ideas are very interesting, may it be possible to share them in writing in this chat?

20:29:57 From D11 Steve Moese to Everyone:

Cant cut and paste sorry.

20:30:27 From D11 - Jean La Traverse - 1st Alternate to Everyone:

Thanks Steve, great ideas

20:31:17 From D11 - Jean La Traverse - 1st Alternate to Everyone:

Please do Kathie

20:31:47 From Barbara Region 6 ACBL Board to D11 Steve Moese(Direct Message):

Please share this with Robert Todd who has a presentation before the ACBL Board on Monday maybe he can incorporate some of your ideas into what he is doing'

20:37:10 From D11 Steve Moese to Everyone:

Doug and I had discussed the impossibility of 2000 black points for GLM. That's why I proposed some number larger than 200 that the Masterpoint Committee would support.

20:38:11 From D1\_Kathie Macnab to Everyone:

Silver points were created to improve attendance at Sectionals. Gold for regionals. And Black should be mandatory to have players go to and promote their local club. Maybe some of the big players have all gold, platinum and silver -- but how many points do they have from online?

20:40:34 From District 6 - Barbara Doran to Everyone:

I'm sorry, but I have to go. I agree with Doug about Special Meetings. Unlucky that we hit a holiday weekend.

20:40:49 From Brett Kunin, D3 to Everyone:

I don't see any other methodology, as we need to see the BoD proposals

20:41:07 From len fettig to Everyone:

Happy 4th

20:41:08 From D11 Steve Moese to Everyone:

I support the schedule you have chosen!

20:41:35 From D11 Steve Moese to Everyone:

Thanks Everyone!

20:42:10 From D11 - Jean La Traverse - 1st Alternate to Everyone:

Thanks everyone, thank you Doug

20:43:53 From Susan Bailey-Carman to Everyone:

Will there be a recording of the Providence mtg?

20:44:04 From D4 John Dickenson to Everyone:

thanks Doug, good meeting