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Zoom meeting URL pending. Audio file:

**Executive Summary - Board of Governor's Meeting** - Video Conference. Here are the highlights:

Item 21SBG1-01 – Modification of Bylaws (**Amended**)

Item 21SBG1-02 - Change the name of the Board of Governors

Today's meeting was a straw poll of the Board of Governors to establish the degree of agreement with the proposed motions. Only these motions were considered at this meeting.

The Board of Governor's approved the Motion 21SBG1-01 66% to 34%.

The Board of Governor's narrowly approved 21SBG1-02 by 27 to 19 (57% to 43%).

Submitted Respectfully,  
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## Discussion Notes:

Bob Heller – TF Chair – Sandra McPherson D1, John Dickerson, Jeff Ford D19, David Lodge (BoD) D22. TF worked by consensus. Needed 4 of 5 in agreement to make changes. Virtually unanimous agreement. To make the BoG a significantly more effective and productive board of volunteers that can be trusted by management and the BoD and by membership.

AJ Stephani – Chair, BoD Bylaws Committee – Acknowledged questions about how this change is being managed. Bylaws can be initiated by Board of Governors at regular meetings only. Some question whether BoG can have special meetings. Desire to stop elections that will happen this year for the Board of Governors. We don't want the elections to happen then eliminate the position for those elected. The plan is to introduce the bylaws on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> BoD meeting. (The rest follows Article IX-10.1).

Sandra McPherson – Bylaws structured to emphasize benefit to the membership. Hard to point to anything that was coming to the membership from this body. Focus to create a body where we could work on areas that benefit the membership, clearly stating where we will focus.

Gary Hahn – expressed concern about the speed with which this change is introduced. Do we need 2/3 of the BoG to ratify this motion to make the change possible? Don't need a bylaw to establish any committees. Name of the group is a rushed change. Wasn't made available to the membership for commentary until 4 days prior to the decision.

Doug C – we are getting the sense of the Board of Governors toward these motions.

Gordon Bower – Robert's Rules suggest 2/3 majority for acceptance of the motion. No Proxy puts a burden on representatives for face-to-face meetings. Less concerned about the impact of the election.

Barbara Doran – Need to hold to 2/3 majority for bylaw changes/proposals. 2/3 for face to face and not special meetings. With zoom available, no proxies should be necessary.

Joanne Sprung D17 – Agree to BD change to attendance requirements. Notification about proposed changes months ago. Opposes proposal. Moved BoD from 25 to 13. Changing to 3/District or 75 on BoG is ridiculous. We should look at 3 members per region (39) plus past presidents and other members.

Jeff Ford D19 – On TF. Would agree to change attendance requirement to 2/3 F2F meeting. Electronic meetings make a real difference. No burden to call into a zoom call several times a year.

Len Fettig D15 – These are procedural things that need to be taken care of given the changes to the Board of Directors implemented. More to come.

Sharon Anderson – Structure drives behavior. Puts BoG in a more proactive position (not be reactive as in the past). Strengthen the impact as a side by side partner with the Board of Directors (said Governors).

Barbara Nudleman – Past President of the ACBL. Not clear what we are to do here. ACBL was set up like the government – congress and senate – This group was set up to have a lot of people. Don't shrink the size of this body.

Henry Robin D15 – What’s the purpose for the 2/3 meeting attendance. Asked for further consider.

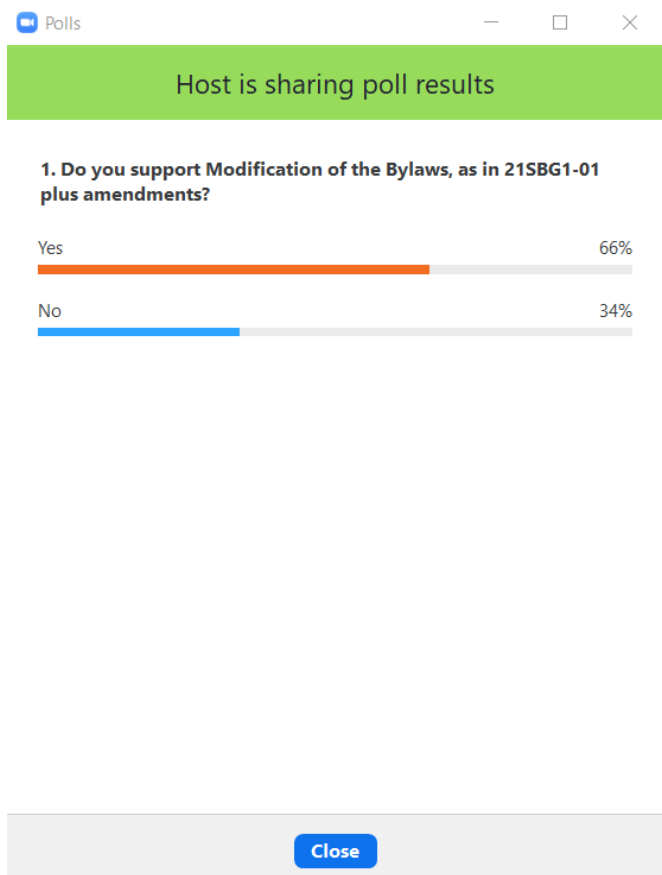
Linda Trent – like the ideas, but concerned about bylaw change. Do as much as we can without changing bylaws. We have a lot of work to do. Why not keep the bylaws changes as narrow as possible. We need people to do the work.

Peter Clark D1 – Time to broaden the horizon for the Board of Governors. We need to change the focus. Don’t want people to go stale.

Kathy Macnab D1 – Some small districts are small some cover large geographies. D1 & D2 need lots of people to ensure representation.

Defer to TF for further comment:

Bob Heller - Attendance requirements are necessary. Ensure we have hard working volunteers who will consistently contribute to making this organization as strong as possible.



27 in favor of name change to Board of Representatives.  
19 against the motion.

Adjourned at 1:07 PM EST by Doug Couchman, Chair.