

**Date:** January 12, 2021

**Submitted by:** Doug Couchman, District 17, January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 Special Meeting of the BoG

**Purpose:** To change the name of the Board of Governors to reflect its purpose and function

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

Moved that that the name of the body now known as the Board of Governors shall be changed to Board of Representatives to reflect the purpose and function of the body more accurately, and that the Board of Directors shall be requested to modify the Bylaws to reflect this change.

**Discussion:** The primary purpose of the Board of Governors is to assist management and the Board of Directors in understanding the needs and desires of the membership and to ensure to the extent possible that ACBL decisions reflect those needs. This purpose will become even more important as the membership of the Board of Directors drops from 25 to 12 and as district representation on that body ceases in favor of a more broadly-based model.

The name of this body should reflect its critical purpose to emphasize both to the membership that the body does represent them, and to Board members that representation is a primary duty. The current name, Board of Governors, fails to capture the body's representation function; rather, it suggests a different function, one that the body does not perform.

**Notes:** The proposed name change takes the form of a request to the Board of Directors to implement it in conjunction with the other proposed Bylaws changes, in order that the changes be made as efficiently and rapidly as possible.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Estimated Costs/Savings:** None