

Full text of Motions

Board of Directors meeting in conjunction with the Fall 2024 NABC

Non-Agenda Item 243-06

The following communication policy for the Competition and Conventions (C&C) and Masterpoint Committees (MP):

Motions submitted by the C&C or MP Committees may be challenged by at least four Board Members within the specified 30-day period. Challenged motion(s) will then be reviewed and addressed at a future meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors.

Effective immediately

CarriedNay: R1 Steinberg, R2, Aquino, R3 Glasson, R7 Sealy, R12 Zayac

Item 243-BR01 Masterpoint Awards for One-Day Swiss

The MP Committee, by a vote of 7-0-0, passed a motion which would pay the full overall award to all members of five and six player teams who play at least half of the matches. Accordingly, pursuant to Codification, Chapter IV – Board Procedures, D. Committees, Section 5.9.1, the following “minor change” motion was submitted by MP Committee Chair Rob Maier to the Board of Directors on September 13, 2024. The following motion failed:

Chapter XIII: General Tournament Information, D. Swiss Teams

Section 2 - Masterpoint Awards

- 2.1 ~~Members of five or six man teams in two session Swiss Team events shall receive overall masterpoint awards in direct proportion to the number of boards or matches played. **For 2-session Swiss or RR team events, each player gets full credit for the overall award if they play in half of the matches.**~~

Failed Aye: R5 Carman, R6 Heller, R8 Overby, R9 Cuneo, R13 White

Non Agenda Item 243-03: USBF Junior Fund Report

The USBF 2024 Junior Fund Report was received. Management is authorized to disburse the funds as scheduled for March 2025, contingent on Board review and approval of an updated report, based on the following:

Chapter I - Membership Operating Guidelines, I. Juniors

Section 4 - Junior Fund Monies

- 4.1 The named federations shall provide current information to the Board about their junior activities and related financial assets and expenditures. Distributions to the federations are subject to the receipt of the above information, review and approval of such by the ACBL Board. These distributions are earmarked to send teams to international competition and are to be held in restricted funds for junior team travel, entries, and uniform expense.
- 4.2 The USBF shall receive up to \$65,000 per year.
- 4.3 The CBF shall receive up to \$25,000 per year.
- 4.4 Any person under the age of 19 receiving a subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate, or be a student attending school and making orderly progress towards graduation.
- 4.5 All Juniors receiving a subsidy shall be held to the ACBL Youth Protection and Abuse Prevention Policy and Code of Conduct developed by ACBL management.
- 4.6 NBOs receiving subsidies from the Junior Fund must ensure that all members of their respective teams play sufficient boards to be eligible for medals won by the team unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Carried unanimously

Non Agenda Item 243-04: CBF Junior Fund Report

The CBF 2024 Junior Fund Report was received. Management is authorized to disburse the funds as scheduled for March 2025, contingent on Board review and approval of an updated report, based on the same Codification reference as listed under Non Agenda Item 243-03.

Carried unanimously

Non Agenda Item 243-05: Codification Junior Fund Clean-Up

The Codification was amended to align with changes made in November 2023 through the approval of motion 233-FN01:

Chapter VII – International Funds, D. World Junior Championships

Section 2 – USBF and CBF

- 2.1 The USBF shall receive \$50,000 per year and the CBF shall receive \$25,000 per year to support international Junior and Youth participation. **Funding for Junior Programs is currently detailed in Chapter I – Membership, Operating Guidelines, I. Juniors, Section 4. Junior Fund Monies.**
- 2.2 Junior funds must be used for the purpose of promoting Junior bridge.
- 2.3 The USBF and CBF must provide a detailed annual report on Junior/ Youth activities from the prior twelve months at the fall ACBL board meeting. The report must include how junior funds were utilized.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 243-GV01: Codification Club Information Update

The Codification was amended as follows:

Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games, A. ACBL Sanctions for Club Masterpoint Games

Section 2 - Obtaining and Maintaining a Sanction

2.5 Cancellation of a Sanction

2.5.1 ACBL management has the right to cancel or suspend a club game sanction for cause upon 30 days' notice to the club manager. Any one of the following shall constitute "cause" for cancellation or suspension: operation of a club out of compliance with ACBL regulations; unsuitable club venue; and/or ~~the~~ discriminatory practices ~~in the ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations.~~

Section 4 - Sanctioned Game Provisions

4.3 Cancelling Sessions

4.3.1 ACBL regulations permit the cancellation of a specific session without penalty. The club manager or club director must **contact the ACBL Clubs department to inform them of the cancellation** ~~note the canceled game session on the Monthly Report Form for Club Games ("Monthly Report")~~. No fees are refunded for canceled game sessions.

Section 5 - Sanctioned Club Game Requirements

5.1 Club Manager

5.1.1 Every ACBL-sanctioned masterpoint club game must designate an ACBL member in good standing with ~~all service fees and~~ dues paid as its manager. The club manager is accountable to the ACBL for the enforcement of ACBL rules and regulations in all sanctioned games that the club conducts. The club manager must supervise the following activities:

- a. **Payment of monthly table fees is through the Live for Clubs Portal.** ~~following activities: a. Preparation and filing of the Monthly Report and the Club Masterpoint Report. The signature of the club manager must be on the form when it is filed.~~

Section 6 – Online Bridge

6.1 Management is authorized to award sanctions for online clubs for in-person games and robot games.

6.1.1 ACBL Virtual Clubs and ACBL Clubhouse online games will award black points.

6.1.2 ACBL Virtual Clubs and ACBL Clubhouse games may have special events awarding pigmented points at management's discretion.

6.1.3 ACBL management may sanction online tournaments and special events which award pigmented masterpoints.

6.1.4 All other online club games including robot games will award colorless masterpoints.

6.2 Daylong Robot Tournaments

6.2.1 ~~Up to four (4)~~ **Management will determine the number of** sanctioned daylong online robot games may be held daily ~~per~~ for each approved online club. Up to 24 hours are allowed for play. Each daylong game will play either 12 or 18 boards.

6.2.2 Masterpoint awards for one-session daylong robot games will be as follows:

6.2.2.1 Section awards capped at current 15 table level. **6.2.2** Overall awards for 100+ participants shall be:

- a. 2.50 for 1st place with 18 boards in play or 1.50 for 1st place with 12 boards in play (40% reduction) with depth and subsequent award per formula.
- b. Duplicate awards will be awarded for each additional 100 participants.
- c. ~~Sanction~~ **Table** fees will be determined by ACBL management.

Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games, B. Types of Club Masterpoint Games

Section 1 – Open Games

1.7 For clubs that meet the criteria for open games in section 1 above, despite the general limitations in Section 2, d, e, and f, Mentor/Mentee pair games and 8 is enough team games will be scored as open games.

Section 3 – Newcomer

3.1 A newcomer game is limited to players who hold fewer than ~~20~~**50** masterpoints, although, if it so desires, a club can set a lower maximum, such as one masterpoint.

3.5 Any club with a sanctioned game may conduct a newcomer game session. The game session may be run any time. The club must list the newcomer game session on the sanction application ~~and the Monthly Report~~. When the newcomer game is run concurrently with another sanctioned game, only the table fees are due ACBL.

Section 5 – Other Club Games

5.5 College

5.5.8 A **sanction** fee for each game **must be paid according to the fee schedule set by management.** ~~plus a fee for each table must be sent with the Monthly Report~~ **table fees must be paid through the Live for Clubs Portal.**

5.8 Pupil Games

5.8.4 ~~A Monthly Report is not required for pupil games, and T~~ there are no session or table fees.

5.9 Bridge Plus+

5.9.2 A sanction is required to conduct an ACBL Bridge Plus+ game. Bridge Plus+ sanctions are issued free of session fees if all of the following conditions are met:

- c. ~~Monthly Reports~~ **Table fees** must be **paid through the Live for Clubs Portal.**

Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games, C. General Club Game Regulations

Section 3 - Operation of Clubs

3.4 ~~Non-ACBLscore Club Fees Revised September 1 2024 152 3.4.1 Clubs not using ACBLscore to submit their Monthly Report and Club Masterpoint Report must pay an additional per game sanction fee.~~ **All clubs must submit results and table fees through the Live for Clubs Portal.**

Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games, D. Club Championships and Special Events

Section 1 - Allocation of Club Championship Game Sessions

1.4 Weekly Clubs. ~~Each regularly scheduled weekly game is entitled to eight~~ **Management will determine the number of** Club Championship sessions per year **allocated to weekly clubs. Weekly clubs are encouraged to schedule full weeks of Club Championships. However,** ~~These may be scheduled as eight one-session Club Championships, four one-session championships and two~~ two-session championships **are permitted.**

Section 5 - Fees and Charges

5.1 Clubs are expected to submit game reports, including applicable fees, to ~~the~~ **through the Live for Clubs Portal.** ~~ACBL along with their Monthly Report for special event games held in that month.~~ If Special Event Games are sanctioned and then cancelled, failure to report the cancellation is subject to late charges and revocation of the sanction to run

games.

Effective January 1, 2025
Carried unanimously

Item 243-GV02 Codification Removal of Life Members (on Consent)

The Codification was amended as follows:

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Chapter I – Membership

C. Dues ~~and Life Master Service Fees~~

Capitalized Terms Used in Codification (and common words not capitalized)

~~Life Master Service Fees~~

Chapter I - Membership Operating Guidelines

C. Dues and Life Master Service Fees

Section 1 – Dues

~~1.4 Those joining or rejoining ACBL after January 1, 1996 will pay dues at the established rate. When these players attain Life Master status, they will continue to pay the established rate with no service fee differential.~~

1.4⁵ Once a month, ACBL management will notify each affected Unit and District of 1. all Life Masters who have moved out of a Unit to an unknown location and 2. unpaid Life Masters who have had no contact with the ACBL for the previous two years. Unless informed to the contrary, each such Life Master will be transferred into a special holding Unit not associated with any of the 25 Districts. A list of the Life Masters who have been so transferred will be sent each year to the appropriate Units and Districts.

1.5⁶ Rates for dues ~~and Life Master Service Fees~~ as determined by ACBL management and reviewed by the ACBL Board of Directors shall be published on the ACBL website.

Renumber remaining sections.

Chapter III - Administration of Operations, A. Units

Section 3 – Unit Responsibilities, Privileges and Suggestive Actions

3.4 A Unit will receive 5% of full dues ~~payments and Life Master Service Fees~~ paid by their members. The intended purpose is to:

3.5 ACBL management will develop a program to enable Units to earn up an additional 10 percent of full dues ~~payments and Life Master Service Fees~~ paid by its members based on the following criteria:

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Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games, A. ACBL Sanctions for Club Masterpoint Games

Section 5 - Sanctioned Club Game Requirements

5.1 Club Manager

5.1.1 Every ACBL-sanctioned masterpoint club game must designate an ACBL member in good standing with all ~~service fees and~~ dues paid as its manager. The club manager is accountable to the ACBL for the enforcement of ACBL rules and regulations in all sanctioned games that the club conducts. The club manager must supervise the following activities:

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Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games, C. General Club Game Regulations

Section 2 - Game Director

2.1 ACBL management is and shall be the sole arbiter of the right of any club level, or higher, director to conduct any ACBL sanctioned tournament or game. Any club, or higher-rated, Director must be ACBL member in good standing with all ~~service fees and~~ dues paid to be eligible to direct an ACBL-sanctioned game.

Chapter VIII North American - Bridge Championships, D. Events/Schedules

Section 1 - National-rated Events

1.6 In order to participate in a National-rated event at an NABC, a person must be an ACBL member whose ~~service fees or~~ dues are current.

Chapter XI - Special Events, C. North American Pairs (NAP)

Section 4 - Miscellaneous NAP Regulations

4.5 All participants at the Unit or District level must be ACBL members in good standing and be current in payment of their dues ~~or their Life Master service fees~~. Non-members may join ACBL at the time they register to play. To accommodate non-members and others who do not wish to play in the NAP event, a club may conduct a regular game at the same time as the qualifying event.

Effective January 1, 2025

Carried unanimously

Item 243-GV03 Codification Executive Committee Selection and Terms

The Codification was amended as follows:

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** These minutes are not final. They will be approved by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting. **

Chapter IV – Board Procedures, D. Committees

Section 1 – Committees of the Board

1.1.2 Composition

1.1.2.1 The committee comprises the President of the ACBL, the Vice-President, and three ~~elected~~ **additional at-large** members of the Board of Directors. Both the President and Vice-President are ex-officio members with full voting rights.

1.1.3 Term of Office

1.1.3.1 ~~Elected~~ **Appointed at-large** members serve a ~~three~~ **two**-year term beginning January 1.

1.1.3.2 An ~~elected representative~~ **appointed at-large member** is not eligible for **nomination by their respective Zone** to an immediate successive term.

1.1.4 ~~Election~~ **Nomination of At-large Members**

1.1.4.1~~5~~ ~~Election~~ **Nomination and approval of the three at-large members of the Executive Committee** zonal representatives will ~~be~~ **occur** at ~~the Fall~~ **a** meeting of the Board of Directors.

1.1.4.2 Candidates will submit written declarations to the President ten (10) business days in advance of the start of the meeting. The President will ensure that the Zonal members receive the declarations.

1.1.4.3~~1~~ One ~~Candidates~~ **for Executive Committee Zonal Representative** will be nominated by each of the three zones: Eastern (Regions 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8); Central (Regions 1, 5, 7, and 9) and Western (Regions 10, 11, 12, and 13), and the Board will **approve** ~~elect from~~ these nominees.

1.1.4.4~~2~~ Each zone will nominate an alternate representative to serve on the committee when the primary committee member is unavailable. Alternates will be nominated and **approved** ~~elected~~ in the same manner and at the same time as the primary committee member.

1.1.4.5~~3~~ In case an **approved** ~~elected~~ zonal member of the Executive Committee resigns, **is** removed from his position due to disciplinary action, or his term as a member of the Board of Directors expires during his term as a member of the Executive Committee and he is not reelected to another term as Regional Director, the vacancy will be filled by the alternate zonal representative.

1.1.4.6~~4~~ Directors from the affected zone will nominate a new alternate.

Effective November 26, 2024, immediately upon Board approval
Carried Abstain: R6 Heller

Item 243-BY01 Bylaws Changes (FIRST READING)

**ARTICLE V
ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 5.2 **Composition.** The Board of Directors shall be composed of one (1) member from each Region of the ACBL (a “Regional Director”) ~~or “Director” and such other members as provided by these Bylaws.~~ The “entire board” consists of the total number of members entitled to vote ~~if there are no vacancies,~~ regardless of the number of members actually present at a meeting or vote. No proxy delegate voting is permitted. A member of the Board of Directors shall be a member of a Unit located within the Region ~~(or District, prior to 2021)~~ from which he was elected and must remain a member of a Unit located within the Region ~~(or District, prior to 2021)~~ during his term. If the person’s membership is transferred to a Unit not located within the Region (or District, prior to 2021) from which he was elected, he will be deemed to have resigned and his position will be filled according to the provisions of these Bylaws.
- 5.3 **Election.** A Regional Director ~~(or District Director, prior to 2021)~~ shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, until a successor is elected, or if elected as replacement Regional Director as set out below, for as long as provided by Board of Directors resolution.
- 5.3.3 Members of the Board of Directors are limited to four consecutive terms ~~(three-year terms, in most cases, but including the four-year initial terms for some Regional Directors due to the Board restructuring in 2020).~~ Terms on the Board of Directors in any capacity served or started prior to January 1, 2019, shall not be counted towards the four consecutive term limit.
- ~~5.3.4—The office of District Director shall be replaced with the office of Regional Director when an election for that office occurs during that member’s term. If the former District Director is not elected as Regional Director, that member may choose to remain a member of the Board for the remainder of his original term in a non-representative office or capacity and will have full voting and other privileges held by other Board members.~~
- 5.4 **Vacancy.** A member of the Board of Directors who does not complete his term shall be subject to the following provisions: **A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be handled according to the following provisions:**
- 5.4.1. If a Regional Director does not complete his term of office, **or a Regional Director position becomes vacant for any other reason, the Board of Directors shall proceed as per their established procedures for addressing vacancies, which may include the option to leave the position temporarily unfilled.** ~~the position will remain vacant until a replacement can be elected. The Board of Directors shall establish special election conditions to elect a new permanent Regional Director using a shortened 2.5-month election cycle to begin no later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs. The term of the replacement Regional Director~~

~~begins when that person is declared elected and certified by the Board of Directors and shall last as long as the Board of Directors indicates in the special election conditions.~~

~~5.4.2 If a District Director does not complete his term of office prior to December 31, 2021, that position shall be filled with the person elected as First or Second Alternate Director according to the July 2018 version of these Bylaws.~~

5.6 **Removal.** A member of the Board of Directors may be recalled at any time. The call for removal can be made by: (i) a majority vote of a majority of the Unit boards that elected the member; or (ii) twenty percent (20%) of the Region's ~~(or District, prior to 2021)~~ members by petition. Removal of a Regional ~~(or District, prior to 2021)~~ Director shall be voted on by the members of the Unit boards who elected that Director. Removal requires a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Unit board members voting as specified in Article VIII.

5.7 **Board of Director Meetings.**

5.7.1 The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings each year ~~in accordance with~~ **as per** rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors. Notice of regular meetings shall be given by ~~the~~ ACBL ~~management~~ **President** to members of the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS OF THE ACBL

6.1 **ACBL Officers.**

6.1.5 **Vacancy.** A vacancy in the office of President, **Vice-President**, or Treasurer, because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of such officer's term from among the members of the Board of Directors ~~in accordance with~~ **as per** regulations of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII ELECTION PROCEDURES

8.1 **Electors.**

8.1.1 Regional Directors ~~and Representatives to the Advisory Council~~ shall be elected by the Unit boards located within each Region under the authority of the Director of Elections of the ACBL.

8.1.2 **Representatives to the Advisory Council shall be elected by Unit boards located within each District under the authority of the Director of Elections of the ACBL.**

8.2 **Elections.** Candidates for Regional Director and Representatives to the Advisory Council shall submit a written declaration of candidacy to the Director of Elections and shall be elected in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors consistent with the following procedures:

8.2.1 Each Unit Board of Directors ~~in a Region or District shall be allocated votes as follows:~~ **member who has been determined to be a valid elector shall have Unit Board Member Voting Power based on the following formula:**

8.2.1.1 The membership of each Unit in the Region or District shall be divided by one hundred (100) to determine the number of votes allocated to each Unit board ("Unit Voting Power"). The Unit membership shall be the number of Unit members recorded by the ACBL as enrolled in each Unit on a date to be determined ~~in accordance with~~ **as per** election regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX ADVISORY COUNCIL

9.3 **Membership.** The following shall make up the membership of the Advisory Council.

9.3.1 There shall be three Representatives from each District who shall be elected for terms of three (3) years. If a Representative's position becomes vacant (including as a result of the application of subsection 9.7.3), the District ~~shall~~ **may** appoint a replacement for the duration of the Representative's term. **Each Representative must remain a member of a Unit located within the District that he or she represents during the Representative's term.**

~~9.3.2 All persons who were members of the Advisory Council as of January 1, 2021 by virtue of their former status as First or Second Alternate Director to the Board of Directors shall remain members of the Advisory Council until one year following the date on which their terms would otherwise expire or until they resign or are deemed to have resigned or the position otherwise becomes vacant. If a member referred to in this provision resigns or is deemed to have resigned before January 1, 2024, he or she will not be replaced on the Advisory Council. No further elections shall take place for these positions.~~

9.3.3~~2~~ All persons who were members of the Advisory Council as of January 1, 2021, by virtue of their former position of President of the Board of Directors shall maintain their membership (subject to subsections **9.3.4 and** 9.7.3). ~~If, by virtue of subsection 9.7.3 such member is deemed to have resigned or the position otherwise becomes vacant, he or she will not be replaced on the Advisory Council.~~

9.3.4.3 **The current and** all past chairs of the Advisory Council shall also be members (subject to subsections **9.3.4 and** 9.7.3). ~~If by virtue of subsection 9.7.3, such~~

~~member is deemed to have resigned, or the position otherwise becomes vacant, he or she will not be replaced on the Advisory Council.~~

9.3.54 Each ~~Representative~~ **member of the Advisory Council** must be **and remain** a member in good standing of the ACBL, ~~and be and~~ **Each Representative must be and** remain a member of a Unit located within the District ~~which~~ **that** he or she represents during the term.

9.3.65 No member of the Board of Directors shall have a voice or vote on the Advisory Council.

9.4 **Officers.** The following shall be the officers to be selected from the membership of the Advisory Council:

9.4.1 Chair, who shall be responsible to chair all meetings, make appointments to committees, attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors with voice but without vote and with the same compensation and reimbursement of expenses as a member of the Board of Directors, and perform such other duties as the position requires.

9.4.2 Vice-Chair, who shall be responsible to assist the Chair of the Advisory Council in the execution of duties, to perform the duties of Chair should the Chair of the Advisory Council be unable for any reason, **to succeed the Chair if the Chair position becomes vacant,** and to perform such other duties as the Chair requires.

~~9.4.3 Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Chair of the Advisory Council and approved by the Advisory Council. The Secretary shall be responsible to give timely notice of all meetings, take minutes of all meetings, monitor attendance at all meetings, distribute all correspondence to the membership of the Advisory Council and to perform such other duties as the Chair of the Advisory Council requires. **Any additional officers that the Chair chooses to appoint with such responsibilities as the Chair chooses to specify, subject to approval by the Advisory Council.**~~

9.5 **Officer Elections and Term of Office.** At its ~~Fall meeting~~ **final regular meeting** in even numbered years, the Advisory Council shall elect one of its members as its Chair and one as its Vice-Chair. The terms of office shall be two years commencing on January 1 of the year following the election. The Chair of the Advisory Council may be elected to no more than two consecutive terms.

A vacancy in the office of Chair shall be filled by the Vice-Chair. All other officer vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the procedures established by the Advisory Council.

9.7 **Meetings.**

9.7.1 The Advisory Council shall hold ~~three a~~ regular meetings ~~annually in conjunction with~~ during or within two weeks of each ~~the~~ North American Bridge Championships. Regular meetings may be held in person, ~~as well as~~ or electronically. A member will also be deemed to have attended a meeting if that person participates in the meeting in a manner that allows for contemporaneous communication. Notice of each regular meeting shall be given ~~by the Secretary~~ at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

~~Special meetings may be called by the Chair of the Advisory Council.~~ The Chair of the Advisory Council may call special meetings. Notice of the date, time, method, and agenda of special meetings shall be given to each member of the Advisory Council at least ~~thirty (30)~~ seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Business transacted at special meetings shall be noted on the agenda furnished with the meeting notice. Special meetings may be held in person or electronically. ~~but meetings held in person may also be attended electronically.~~

9.7.2 A quorum at a meeting of the Advisory Council shall consist of thirty (30) members of the Advisory Council representing a majority of ACBL Districts

9.7.3 Any member of the Advisory Council may be removed by a two thirds vote of the Advisory Council. ~~who fails to attend two thirds of all meetings available electronically in a calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned, and shall not be eligible to serve as a member of the Advisory Council until the next regularly scheduled election. Absence due to membership on the Board of Directors shall be excepted from this provision and the Chair of the Advisory Council may grant other exceptions in the event of extenuating circumstances.~~

ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

10.2 If Initiated by a Member of the Advisory Council. Any member of the Advisory Council may initiate a proposed Bylaw amendment.

10.2.1 The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing at any ~~regular~~ meeting of the Advisory Council.

Effective upon ratification by the Advisory Council after the second reading and approval of the Board.

Carried unanimously

Item 243-AC02: NBO Compliance with ACBL Regulations

The following regulations (CDR and Codification) were amended as follows:

ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations

Definitions: Member in Good Standing

An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member’s dues, ~~if dues are required,~~ are current and such member is not currently:

1. serving a term of Suspension;
2. serving an indefinite Probation;
3. serving a Probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or
4. serving a term of Probation following a Suspension, the initial term of which was ~~more than~~ 90 days or more.

Players who (a) have been expelled, (b) have resigned to avoid possible disciplinary action, or (c) are ACBL members not in “good standing” (as defined above herein) shall not be entitled to:

1. serve in any elected or appointed position in ACBL;
2. receive any subsidy or remuneration from ACBL;
3. participate in Masterpoint races;
4. receive recognition for Masterpoint rank promotion;
5. publish an article in any ACBL publication;
6. vote in any election in which general membership is electorate;
7. serve as a club manager or director;
8. participate in events where such participation is prohibited by Conditions of Contest;
- 9. participate in NBO, Zonal, and/or World competitions;**
- 10.** ~~9.~~ vote in a Hall of Fame election; and/or
- 11.** ~~10.~~ membership on the Goodwill Committee.

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(D) **Member in Good Standing.** An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member’s dues, if dues are required, are current and such member is not currently:

1. serving a term of Suspension;
2. serving an indefinite Probation;
3. serving a Probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or serving a term of Probation following a Suspension, the initial term of which was ~~more than~~ 90 days or more.

Codification Chapter I – Membership A. Membership, Section 2 – Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership

2.3 Definition of Member in Good Standing

- 2.3.1 An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member's dues; ~~if dues are required~~, are current and such member is not currently:
- a. serving a term of suspension;
 - b. serving an indefinite probation;
 - c. serving a probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or
 - d. serving a term of probation following a suspension, the initial term of which probation was ~~in excess of~~ 90 days **or more**.
- 2.3.2 Players who (a) have been expelled, (b) have resigned to avoid possible disciplinary action, or (c) are ACBL members not in “good standing” (as defined **above herein**) shall not be entitled to:
- a. serve in any elected or appointed position in the ACBL;
 - b. receive any subsidy or remuneration from the ACBL;
 - c. participate in and receive recognition for achievement in masterpoint races;
 - d. receive recognition for achievement in masterpoint rank promotion;
 - e. have an article published on the ACBL website or in any ACBL publication;
 - f. vote in any election in which the general membership is the electorate;
 - g. serve as a club manager or Director;
 - h. participate in events where such participation is prohibited by the conditions of contest;
 - i. **participate in NBO, Zonal, and/or World competitions**;
 - ~~j. †~~ vote in a Hall of Fame election; and/or
 - ~~k. †~~ membership on the Goodwill Committee.

Effective November 26, 2024
Carried unanimously

Non Agenda Item 243-07 Affiliated Organization Compliance with ACBL Regulations

Codification, Chapter IV – Board Procedures, A. Administration, Section 1 – ACBL Board of Directors was amended as follows:

1.1 Duties

- 1.2.1 Establish an ACBL Mission Statement, in cooperation with ACBL management, which defines the purpose for existence of the association known as the American Contract Bridge League and which further defines the general goals that the ACBL will strive to achieve.
- 1.2.2 Establish specific goals and objectives, in cooperation with ACBL management, and ensure that plans and policies are in place to enable their achievement.
- 1.2.3 Monitor the organization’s progress against its goals.
- 1.2.4 Provide for required operating and capital resources to be available and ensure that appropriate controls are in place.

1.2.5 Conduct an annual review of all funds allocated to all ACBL affiliated organizations, including but not limited to NABF and NBOs, prior to disbursement. An affiliated ACBL organization is any organization that receives funds, funding or grants from the ACBL. The Board has the right to reduce or withhold funding from any affiliated organization that does not adhere to ACBL rules and regulations, with particular emphasis on compliance with disciplinary standards. Noncompliance may impact both current and future funding allocations.

~~1.2.5~~—1.2.6 Hire and review the Executive Director.

Effective November 26, 2025

Carried unanimously