

Chair's Review of Fall Board of Directors Agenda

Bylaws Change: A number of (mostly minor) bylaws changes, collected into one motion, will have its first reading at the Fall meetings. If passed by a two-thirds vote it will be published in the bulletin, voted on again, and then (if passed a second time, again by a two-thirds vote), it will come to the Advisory Council for final approval. Because changes will not be possible at that time, any feedback we want to give, other than approval/disapproval, must be delivered *now*.

The full text of the proposed change is attached separately. Notable provisions include:

- Numerous instances of non-substantive cleanup, including removing references to District Directors (we now have only Regional Directors) and First and Second Alternates;
- Clarification of the procedures governing vacancies on the Board, and simplification of the Bylaws to allow the Board flexibility in filling such vacancies;
- Relaxation of the restrictions on Advisory Council meetings (which would no longer need to be "in conjunction with" NABCs and of the rules governing removal of members from the AC, giving the body more flexibility to control its own membership;
- Relaxation of the restriction on AC-submitted bylaws amendments to allow amendments to be submitted at any AC meeting (provided a quorum is present).

Note that discussions will be ongoing about possible further changes, particularly further to streamline the Board of Directors.

234-AC02: Cleanup of the codification with respect to the term "member in good standing". Clarifies that members who have been expelled or who have resigned to avoid discipline are prohibited from doing various things (including serving on the AC) just as they would be if they remained members but were suspended or on probation. Adds a provision whereby those not in good standing may not represent their nations in world championships and the like; this is theoretically up to the NBOs (e.g., the USBF) but the League is in discussions about enforcing this restriction.

243-BD02: Certifies the election of four Board members: Rebecca Brown, Barbara Heller, Darlene Scott, and Tim White.

243-BR01: A proposed change to the Masterpoint rules whereby in one day (two session) Swiss and round robin formatted team events, any members of a team would receive the full masterpoint award provided (s)he played at least half the

team's matches. This was passed by the Masterpoint Committee after its introduction by management, and passed as a "minor" change. Minor changes go into effect without Board approval after thirty days, unless the Board objects; some members of the Board *did* object and the matter is now going before the full Board.

An arguably-related discussion item is planned regarding whether the League should change how it charges teams of five or six players for entry into team events.

243-GV01: Clarifies the codification with respect to online clubs including the ACBL Clubhouse, removes some outdated language, and raises the maximum for newcomer games to 50 Masterpoints.

243-GV02: Removes codification references to Life Member service fees, which no longer exist.

243-GV03: Rewrites some codification provisions regarding the Executive Committee to increase flexibility in selecting members. The Executive Committee is composed of the President, the Vice-President, and one other Board member from each of the three zones (east, central, and west). This composition would not change but the motion would clarify the selection process for the zonal representatives while shortening the terms from three years to two.

Discussion: The Board has scheduled a discussion of whether and when certain changes, such as those to procedures or to bridge operations, should be initiated by discussions rather than formal motions and how this process would work.