

Subject Matter of Motion	Create ACBL Advisory Council Standing Rules
Audience & Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors Action <input type="checkbox"/> Business Proposal to Management <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advisory Council Work Process
Statement of Issue	The Advisory Council governs its own work process and membership subject to the guidelines established in the bylaws and the ACBL Codification. Both these documents require Board of Director approval for making changes. A statement of Standing Rules for the Advisory Council will be under Advisory Council control, will not violate any bylaw or codification guideline, and will allow us to operate smoothly through leadership transitions.
The motion:	Create the Advisory Council Standing Rules published to the ACBL website under the Advisory Council section of the Administration page. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New standing rules are proposed by eligible advisory council members • New standing rules are approved by a majority of voting members in a quorum by formal vote in general meetings. • The Chair may require review and editing for all proposed rules to conform to good policy/procedure practice and conformity with ACBL bylaws and codification prior to a vote by the Advisory Council. • Once approved, existing standing rules may be modified as per Roberts Rules of Order. • The Chair should ask the ACBL to post the current Advisory Council Standing Rules on the website.
Discussion	The use of the ACBL Bylaws for Advisory Council policy and procedure means the Advisory Council does not control of its own affairs. Establishing standing rules allows the Advisory Council to govern itself and promote stability as members and leadership change. “Standing Rules” avoids misperceptions from the use of terms like policy, procedure, standards, and (by)laws. These have other meanings in organizational governance. This motion asks only to establish the use of Standing Rules. Separate motions address what standing rules to adopt. <p>67. Constitutions, By-laws, Rules of Order, and Standing Rules.</p> <p><i>Standing Rules should contain only such rules as may be adopted without previous notice by a majority vote at any business meeting. The vote on their adoption, or their amendment, before or after adoption, may be reconsidered. At any meeting they may be suspended by a majority vote, or they may be amended or rescinded by a two-thirds vote. If notice of the proposed action was given at a previous meeting or in the call for this meeting, they may be amended or rescinded by a majority vote. As a majority may suspend any of them for that meeting, these rules do not interfere with the freedom of any meeting and therefore require no notice in order to adopt them. Generally they are not adopted at the organization of a society, but from time to time as they are needed. Sometimes the by-laws of a society are called standing rules, but it is better to follow the usual classification of rules as given in this section.</i></p> <p><i>No standing rule, or resolution, or motion is in order that conflicts with the constitution, or by-laws, or rules of order, or standing rules. http://www.rulesonline.com/ror-11.htm</i></p>
Material impacts	The only impact will be to establish a link to the standing rules on the ACBL website under the Advisory Council section of the Administration main page. Since this is doable within current resources, we expect no cost.
Reasons to adopt the motion	Adopting this change will give the Advisory Council a roadmap, control over its own affairs, and will allow the ACBL to appropriately simplify the Bylaws and the Codification.
Risk if the motion is not adopted	Key activities will be left to <i>ad hoc</i> approaches or not get attention at all. Inappropriate use of the bylaws for defining Advisory Council roles and work will handcuff the Advisory Council moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted,
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