



ACBL BOD Update
District 11 Board Meeting
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Agenda



- **San Francisco BOD Meeting Highlights**
- **EDGAR Status/Results**



Fall 2025 NABC BOD Meeting Highlights



Key Items from Fall NABC (1 of 4)

- **Finance**

- Oct YTD profit of \$1.3M (vs budget of -\$97K) – much of difference due to expenses \$1M lower than budget
- Approved Budgeted 2026 that shows projected profit of \$20K
- Capital budget: \$780K (mostly for continuing migration from AS400 to Back Office) – *est. completion is Fall 2026*

- **Balance Sheet is Strong**

- Net Assets Increase: \$12.5M (Oct 2025) vs. \$10.7M (Oct 2024)

- **Membership down from 128,622 (Nov 2024) to 119,618 (Nov 2025): 7% YOY decrease**

- Added 5,663 new members (vs. 6,181 for same period 2024)
- However, new Guest Members increased significantly: 7524 (vs. 2813)
- *Continue to lose more members than we add, however*



Key Items from Fall NABC (2 of 4)



- **Continuing online events at F2F Regionals**
 - Eliminated the Codification requirement that permitted online events to be held in conjunction with in-person regionals.
 - Now: the final determination to host this online event will rest with the local sponsoring organization.
 - Management Consultation: Management will work directly with sponsors to evaluate cost impacts and identify the most suitable, effective platform (BBO, RealBridge) for their needs.
- **New Paradigm for Spring and Fall NABCs**
 - Focus on NABC/NABC+ events
 - Something for everyone: Flights similar to GNT/NAP and possibly a lower flight (e.g., 0-100)
 - For those who do not qualify, there will be “Finals B,” essentially a Consolation event.
 - No Regional or GR/IN games
 - Implementing pre-registration and tiered pricing to align fees with participation and facility costs.
 - Consolidating events, streamlining schedules, and right-sizing venues to optimize staffing and volunteer time.
 - Will require less space, so open up new venue possibilities



Key Items from Fall NABC (3 of 4)



- **GNT Funding**

- **First 2 days of Flights A-C are free to players**
 - **Cost is billed back to Districts**
 - **Grass Roots funding expected to cover (though it does not for many Districts)**
- **ACBL will cover first 2 days of Championship Flight, this year**
- **Days 3-5 are charged to the players**
- **The chargeback was said to be in the ACBL Codification (turns out it is not). Research showed it had been used as early as the 1990s.**
 - **The charges have been only half what the cost is. Originally, Mgmt wanted to charge the “correct amount” this year.**
 - **Several of us pushed back on this. Any previous undercharge was forgiven and this year will still be charged at half.**
 - **For 2027, it will double – unless a change is made.**
 - **Management will implement an education and communication plan to assist Districts in expanding grassroots fundraising and the sharing of best practices.**
 - **Goal: to support the continued growth of the GNTs while maintaining a sustainable financial balance for both the ACBL and the Districts.**
- **I hope to revisit this in St. Louis**



Key Items from Fall NABC (4 of 4)



- **NABC Sites Selected**
 - Austin (Marriott Marquis) was previously approved (Oct) for Fall 2028
 - Las Vegas (Rio Hotel and Casino) was approved for Summer 2031 (also site of 2027 Summer NABC)
- **Unit Presidents Handbook is complete**
 - Available at: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/units/unitpresidenthandbook.pdf>
- **Key Elections and Appointments**
 - Cindy Shoemaker elected President for 2026 by acclamation
 - Dennis Carman was elected Vice-President
 - Joann Glasson was elected Treasurer
 - James Holzhauer was appointed ACBL Honorary Member of the Year by Mgmt
 - Susan Bridges (D10/U232) was appointed ACBL Volunteer of the Year by the 2025 President (Margot Hennings)
 - Noel Stewart (D10/Hot Springs Village) was approved as Goodwill Member of the Year
- **My Committees for 2026**
 - Appeals and Charges (Chair)
 - Site Selection (Chair)
 - Competitions and Conventions



**Computer-Based Cheating
Detection/Discipline Update
(EDGAR)**



CBCD Summary (Nov 2025)

	Requested	Primary Reds ¹	Secondary Reds ²	Total Reds	% of Primary Reds	% of Total Reds ³	Charged Plus Warnings	% Charged Plus Warnings	Warnings	FTDs	MGT	NRS ⁴	IBA ⁵	Dismissals	Deceased	Expulsions ⁶	RPCs	Pending ⁷
2/1/2024 - 8/26/2025	11,542	620	342	962	5.37%	8.33%	926	8.02%	195	556	7	48	44	4	22	7	32	5
8/27/2025 - Present	19,515	278	268	546	1.42%	2.80%	536	2.75%	236	163	0	0	0	0	8	0	3	134
Totals	31,057	898	610	1508	2.89%	4.86%	1462	4.71%	431	719	7	48	44	4	30	7	35	139

Primary Red Breakdown

Primary Reds	Random Selection	Player Memo	PUD List Monitoring	D/U Officials	Leadership	Pre-Appointment/Honor Review
2/1/2024 - 8/26/2025	112	457	2	46	2	1
8/27/2025 - Present	261	17	0	0	0	0

Notes

- 1 Primary Reds are from Player Numbers requested
- 2 Secondary Reds are from partners of requested or partners of partners
- 3 Not an accurate predictor of overall rate of reds
- 4 Two of the 48 NRs were 301(A)(4) cases (Misuse of Hand Records)
- 5 Two of the IBA decisions were Expulsions
- 6 Two Expulsions were from IBA decisions
- 7 Seven pending before IBA; One 301(A)(4) case pending

Legend

- FTD = Fast Track Discipline
- NR = Negotiated Resolution
- IBA = Institute for Bridge Arbitration
- RPC : Resigned Pending Charges
- PUD = Player Under Discipline
- D/U = District/Unit



CBCD Update Summary (Nov 2025)



- **Goal: submit ~10,000 player numbers per month**
 - Should finish running/analyzing all online players by Spring 2026
- **Overall rate of Reds dominated by Player Memos**
 - Will come down - there is no backlog of Player Memos (PM)
 - We estimate final rate will be ~3%
- **IBA update**
 - 5 Cases (9 players) resolved since Phila
 - 4 found Guilty
 - 1 found Not Responsible
 - 0 Cases awaiting verdict
 - 4 Cases (7 players) pending



Backup



Review of CDR Changes - Jul 2025



- **Allow Suspended members to play in select Club games with Club Mgr. approval**
 - Requires completion of Ethics Certification/Fair Play Pledge (EC/FPP)
 - Must notify Club Mgr. in writing of their status and request to play
 - May not play with complicit partner norearn Masterpoints
 - Does not apply to those who Resigned Pending Charges (RPC), expelled players, or those suspended under CDR Section 301(A)(4) (Misuse of Hand Records)
- **Players who only cheated between 2020-2021**
 - Official Warning for those with fewer than 5000 MPs at time cheating stopped, 60-day Suspension for those 5000+
 - Requires clear and convincing evidence they stopped cheating before 2022
 - Excludes those who: have previously been disciplined for an ethical violation, are Grand Life Master (GLM)-eligible, had multiple complicit partners, resigned or were expelled, are/were in a position of significant influence
 - Appeals and Charges (A&C) Committee to review list prior to finalization
- **Retroactive reductions in discipline for 2020/2021 cheaters who have previously been disciplined - for Fast Track Discipline (FTD) cases only**
- **Modification of EC/FPP to remove admission of guilt**
- **EC/FPP not required for players receiving Official Warning**
- **Extended grace period for good cause**