

**Minutes of the ACBL Board of Governors**  
**Special Meeting via Zoom**  
**July 6, 2021**

Doug Couchman, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, July 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. CST. Notice of the meeting was properly provided. A quorum was present.

**Appointment of BOG Secretary**

Barb Doran was appointed as Secretary of the Board of Governors.

Yea: 28            Nay: 1

**Straw Poll Motions**

The Board of Governors will run a live meeting in Austin, TX during the Fall NABC and also make attendance available virtually. The Board of Governors took a series of straw polls about matters related to the face-to-face Board of Governors meeting.

**Item 21SBG2-01 – Consideration of meeting start time due to NABC scheduled events:**

Straw Poll:

Those planning to play in an event starting at 1:00 p.m.?	Yea: 13:
Those planning to play in an event starting at 12:00 noon?	Yea: 4
Those planning to play in an event starting at 10:00 a.m.?	Yea: 5
Those who will be at the meeting and have no event conflict	Yea: 19

**Item 21SBG2-02 – Reinstate Continental Breakfast at the meeting of the Board of Governors**

Moved that providing a continental breakfast be reinstated at the meeting of the Board of Governors.

Straw Poll:        Yea: 22            Nay: 16

**Item 21SBG2-03 – Voucher issued to Board of Governors attendees instead of a continental breakfast**

Moved that a voucher be issued to all attendees of the Board of Governors meeting instead of providing a continental breakfast.

Straw Poll:        Yea: 17            Nay: 21

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## ***Summary of Pending Board of Directors Meeting***

The Board of Governors Chair presented to and discussed with the attendees a summary of Board of Directors pending motions and Discussion Items to represent the members' feedback at the upcoming meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Item 212-04 Amend Bylaws (First Reading)**: To make certain technical amendments to correct omissions in the ACBL Bylaws made effective April 2021.

**Item 212-02 CDR Revisions**: Various changes to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

**Item 212-10 Reimbursement Limitations**: To limit reimbursement for Board of Directors' hotel expenses for days covered by Board of Directors' meetings at NABC.

**DI212-01S Discussion Item - ACBL Membership Requirements for Clubs**: Require players to have an ACBL member number to play in sanctioned online virtual club games by January 1, 2022, and in face-to-face club games by January 1, 2023.

**DI212-02S Discussion Item - ACBL Membership Requirements for Tournaments**: Require players to be active guests or paid ACBL members to participate in tournaments by January 1, 2023.

**DI212-01B Discussion Item – Rank Requirements**: Streamline the ACBL member experience by removing grandfathered ranking standards with ample notification to ACBL membership, so that the process and requirements are more straightforward by January 1, 2023.

**Non-Agenda Item 212-01 Update of General Conditions of Contest**: To update the General Conditions of Contest to reflect current regulations.

**Item 212-03 Codification cleanup regarding NAP travel subsidy**: Change 'prize' to 'subsidy' for travel to NAP finals.

**Non-Agenda Item 212-03 Discontinue Management's Virtual Club Games Visitor Policy**: To better serve the bridge-related needs of players, discontinue Visitor Policy.

The Board of Governors adjourned sine die at 7:45 p.m. CST.

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