

MOTION

Item 251-BY02: Second Reading of Bylaws—Publishing Amendments (Clean-up to accompany changes made in November 2024—First Reading)

Date: February 16, 2025

Submitted by: Hennings

Coordinated with: N/A, Committee and Board approved first reading unanimously

Purpose: Allow links to the ACBL website in lieu of/addition to publication of full text of Bylaws changes in the ACBL Bulletin

	Requires Change in Codification
	Requires Change in CDR
X	Requires Change in Bylaws
	Requires Action Item
	Specify Attachments to be Included in the Minutes: <i>(List attachments by title and column in the MIM)</i>

Moved that:

The ACBL By-Laws be revised as follows upon a second reading and approval of 24S5-01:

ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

10.1 **If Initiated by a Member of the Board of Directors.** Any member of the Board of Directors may initiate a proposed Bylaw amendment.

10.1.1 The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

10.1.2 If it is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting, ~~it~~ **notice of an amendment** shall be ~~published~~ **provided to the membership by including the full text of the change or through a link to the text of such change** in the official publication of the ACBL at least thirty (30) days prior to the second vote by the Board of Directors.

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. *[Note: Change made in November 2024]*

10.2.2 If it is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting, ~~it~~ **notice of an amendment** shall be ~~published~~ **provided to the membership by including the full text of the change or through a link to the text of such change** in the official publication of the ACBL at least thirty (30) days prior to the second vote by the Advisory Council.

Reference: <https://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/about/Bylaws.pdf>

Effective Date: Immediately upon ratification by the Advisory Council, per ACBL regulations to amend By-Laws

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

Discussion: The above changes were unanimously approved at a Special Meeting of the Board held on December 18, 2024 (see 24S5-02) to allow publication of a link to the full text of changes to the Bylaws in the ACBL Bulletin, on the website, or in any other official “publication” in lieu of publishing the entire set of changes in the official publication. Not requiring the entire set of changes to be printed will facilitate a thirty-day notice to the membership to be accomplished in the earliest available “publication,” without the need for a great deal of space to be dedicated to this.

A notice on page 22 in the January ACBL Bulletin included a link to the full text of the Bylaws changes unanimously approved upon a First Reading at the Fall 2024 Meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors (see 243-BY01 and 251-BY01) *and* the changes shown above.