

AC Chair note: Passed by Board of Directors at the November 2023 meeting.

SECOND READING

Item 23S4-05: Bylaws - Membership Meeting

Moved that: Bylaws Article 4.1 be amended.

Article 4.1:

4.1 Time and Place. An annual membership meeting shall be held during, ~~and at the location of,~~ the Summer North American Bridge Championships. **The meeting may be held at a physical location and/or online.** Notice of the date, time, place (**if held at a physical location**), and agenda of the meeting shall be published in the official publication of the ACBL not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.

Effective: immediately upon ratification by the Advisory Council

Estimated cost/savings: minimal and dependent on whether membership meetings are done exclusively online.

Discussion: Between 2020 and 2022 when COVID-19 prevented us from holding NABCs and other Face-to-Face events, we resorted to holding our annual membership meeting online as a matter of necessity. In 2023 management intended to continue having online membership meetings but the Bylaws stated a location must be provided and management had to change plans and hold a Face-to-Face meeting. This amendment removes that restriction while allow for a physical meeting, an online meeting, or both. The text of the amendment was published in the November 2023 ACBL Bulletin on page 67.