

Dear Members of the Board of Governors

A joint task force of the Board of Directors and Board of Governors has been working on a proposal to restructure how the ACBL is governed. Barbara Heller, Steve Moese, Kevin Wilson, Stu Goodgold and I participated from the Board of Governors. Margot Hennings, AJ Stephani and Sharon Anderson participated from the Board of Directors. Everyone contributed significantly to the attachments which you see. Much more work needs to be done before any formal proposal can be submitted. This is far from a fait accompli and nothing like this will necessarily be adopted. However it is a start.

This proposal was discussed by the Board of Directors extensively in its Governance Committee in Memphis.

Basically the Board of Directors would change to a 9 member Board elected on non geographical basis from a list of nominees proposed by a nominating committee who would pick candidates who have declared a desire to run for election. The selection would be based on skills needed for membership on the Executive Board. The Executive Board would handle traditional functions of the Board of Directors of a non profit corporation such as financial matters, long term strategic planning, governance and review of the CEO.

A 50 member Senate (2 per District) would replace the Board of Governors and would, through committees it appoints, handle bridge matters (masterpoints, structure of NABCs, allocation of tournaments, and the like) .

The goal is to have a more efficient overall governance structure.

I will be discussing this in more detail on Sunday morning. Additionally, all members of the Board of Governors will be sent a survey in April or May asking for feedback about restructuring. I urge you all to give thought to this and to respond to the survey when you get it.

Richard Popper, Chairman Board of Governors