

ACBL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: SUMMER GENERAL MEETING

June 27, 2023

Doug Couchman, Chair of the Advisory Council, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, June 22, 2023. A quorum was present.

OPENING REMARKS: Chair Couchman opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

Member Gary Hann expressed concern about procedure and notice with respect to the upcoming vote on a proposed bylaws change. Chair Couchman explained that because the Board of Directors had not voted on a second reading of the proposed amendment, no Advisory Council vote would be taken at this meeting. Member Hann withdrew his concern.

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMER MEETING: The Chair reviewed the various items on the Board of Directors' summer meeting agenda, and discussion ensued about several items. Except as noted below, no votes were taken.

Not all agenda items are noted herein, but the following generated significant discussion:

DI232-FN02, Proposed Membership Fee Increases: Henry Robins and others opined that the League should consider graduated increases.

DI232-FN04, Tiered and Flexible membership: Several AC members offered suggestions, including that we should be concerned about offering too many points to NLMs (former Interim ED Paul Cuneo responded); and that the League should consider offering monthly payment options.

DI232-BR06, Pigmented Points: Comments from Council members was broadly negative about this item.

DI232-BR05, Virtual Online Calendar: Comments from Council members were more negative than positive (but not unanimously so) about expending the online calendar; suggestions were offered.

232-GV05, Related to vetting of potential Hall of Fame members et al: AC members expressed continuing concern about the process.

DI232-GV05, Board Operations and Governance: Vice Chair Steve Moese opined that management should look to the AC to offload some responsibilities. Member Len Fettig expressed concern that the Board was not fully offloading duties from its Bridge Committee.

232-BY01, Proposed Bylaws Amendment: While the issue is not yet before the Council for a formal vote, extensive discussion ensued. A straw vote was taken, with a result of 28-7 in favor of the proposed amendment. A formal vote will be required if the Board approves the amendment at its second reading.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm.