

FULL BOARD

Hennings (P), Shoemaker (VP)

Steinberg, Aquino, Glasson, Carman, Heller, Sealy, Overby, Cuneo, Lodge, Zayac, White

Date: 2/19/2024

Submitted by: Margot Hennings

Coordinated with: Competition and Conventions Chair

Purpose: To appoint members of the Competition and Conventions

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

Item 241-BD02: Competition and Conventions Appointments

Moved that:

Danny Sprung is appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2024 NABC through the end of the Spring 2027 NABC.

Effective Date: March 25, 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

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Date: 2/19/2024

Submitted by: Margot Hennings

Coordinated with: Hall of Fame Chair

Purpose: To appoint members of the Hall of Fame

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

Item 241-BD03: Hall of Fame Appointments

Moved that:

Lynn Baker, Josh Donn, and Paul Lewis are appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2024 NABC through the end of the Spring 2027 NABC.

Effective Date: March 25, 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

Discussion:

Term ending 2024: Lynn Baker, Josh Donn, Paul Lewis

Term ending 2025: David Grainger, Adam Grossack, Joe Grue

Term ending 2026: Iftikhar Baqai, John Carruthers, Eddie Wold

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Date: 2/19/2024

Submitted by: Margot Hennings

Coordinated with: EOC Chair

Purpose: To appoint members of the Ethical Oversight Committee

	Requires Change in Codification
	Requires Change in CDR
	Requires Change in Bylaws
X	Requires Action Item
	Specify Attachments to be Included in the Minutes:

Item 241-BD04: Ethical Oversight Committee Appointments

Moved that:

Bart Bramley, Lesley Davis, Craig Kavin, Alex Kolesnik, and Karen Walker are appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2024 NABC through the end of the Spring 2027 NABC.

Effective Date: March 25, 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

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Date: 2/19/2024

Submitted by: Margot Hennings

Coordinated with: ACBL Disciplinary Chair

Purpose: To appoint members of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee

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

Item 241-BD05: ACBL Disciplinary Committee Appointments

Moved that:

Craig Allen, Mitch Dunitz, Dana Berkowitz, and Howard Engle are appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2024 NABC through the end of the Spring 2027 NABC.

Effective Date: March 25, 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

Discussion:

Term ending 2024: Craig Allen, Gary Cohler, Mitch Dunitz, Anant Rathi

Term ending 2025: Iftikhar Baqai, Chris Benson, Jan Martel, Chris Moll

Term ending 2026: Lisa Berkowitz, Christal Henner, Nagy Kamel, Tom Peters

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Steinberg, Aquino, Glasson, Carman, Heller, Sealy, Overby, Cuneo, Lodge, Zayac, White

MOTION

Date: 2/19/2024

Submitted by: Margot Hennings

Coordinated with: Laws Commission Chair

Purpose: To appoint members of the Laws Commission

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

Item 241-BD06: Laws Commission Appointments

Moved that:

Robb Gordon, and Oren Kriegel, and Eric Rodwell are appointed for a five-year term from the end of the Spring 2024 NABC through the end of the Spring 2029 NABC.

Effective Date: March 25, 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

Discussion:

Term ending 2024: Robb Gordon, Eric Rodwell, Oren Kriegel

Term ending 2025: Adam Wildavsky, Chris Compton, Ron Gerard

Term ending 2026: Peter Boyd, Doug Couchman, Howard Weinstein

Term ending 2027: Bart Bramley, Allan Falk, Aaron Silverstein, Rui Marques

Term ending 2028: Lynne Feldman, Matt Koltnow

FULL BOARD

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MOTION

Date: 3/7/2024

Submitted by: Margot Hennings

Coordinated with: Masterpoint Committee

Purpose: To appoint members of the Masterpoint Committee

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

Item 241-BD07: Masterpoint Committee Appointments

Moved that:

President appointments: Dennis Carman as Chair of Bridge, Jeff Overby appointed with terms ending March 2025.

Management appointments: Rob Maier, David Metcalf; Sol Weinstein (NV Advisor) appointed with terms ending March 2025.

At-Large appointments: Alex Hudson appointed with term ending March 2027. Bob Heller appointed with term ending March 2026. All appointed by President in consultation with the AC Chair.

Additional At-Large appointments: Doug Couchman, Meyer Kotkin appointed by President with terms ending March 2025.

Effective Date: March 25, 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Carman (C), Aquino, Heller

MOTION

Item 241-BR01: Sectional Tournaments

Date: February 11, 2024

Submitted by: Joann Glasson and Larry Sealy

Coordinated with: Bridge and Governance

Purpose: To rewrite Section X of the Codification

x	Requires Change in Codification
	Requires Change in CDR
	Requires Change in Bylaws
	Requires Action Item
	Specify Attachments to be Included in the Minutes:

Moved that:

The *Codification, Chapter X –Sectionals* be replaced with the following:

Chapter X - Sectionals

A. Sectional Tournaments – Scheduling, Sanctioning and Events

Section 1 - Sectional Tournament Allocations

- 1.1 Sectionals may be Open (Championship), Open (Local), Senior, limited by masterpoints (specifically, 0-100; 0- 200; 0-300; 0-500; 0-750), Junior, Youth, Collegiate, Progressive or STaCs.
- 1.2 Sectionals are allocated to Units. There are no restrictions as to the number of Open Sectionals a Unit may conduct. A Unit may not schedule more than six one-day **Limited or Local** Sectionals in any calendar year. One-day Sectionals must include at least two sessions of play. A District has the right of approval for Sectionals conducted by its Units. A Unit must abide by the decision of the District.
- 1.3 A Unit may join with another Unit(s) to run a Sectional or a STaC. A Unit may, with permission of the other Unit and the District(s), hold a Sectional in a contiguous Unit.
- 1.4 An Open Sectional may be run concurrently with a Regional restricted by age or masterpoints with the permission of the Unit in which the Regional is being held.
- 1.5 Senior, Youth or Junior Sectional tournaments may be combined with limited by masterpoint tournaments. In these instances, the higher sanction fee will apply.

- 1.6 A Sectional may schedule up to four sessions of championship-rated events per day with no decrease in masterpoint awards.
- 1.7 Sectionals-at-Sea and Bridge Camps are allocated only by the ACBL.
- 1.8 ACBL management is authorized to award a Sectional sanction to a non- ACBL sponsor to conduct a tournament in other than ACBL territory as long as:
 - a. the NBO (if no NBO, the appropriate WBF zonal representative) gives written permission;
 - b. Tournament Directors meet ACBL standards;
 - c. normal per table sanction fees are paid to ACBL;
 - d. the sponsoring organization abides by all ACBL regulations then in effect; and
 - e. the host country's laws are not contrary to ACBL regulations then in effect.
- 1.9 A Unit not running at least two 99er Sectional tournaments per year is encouraged to grant approval to any club within its jurisdiction that applies for a sanction to run such a tournament. Sanction notification/application per existing regulations will be forwarded to the District's Tournament Coordinator for his or her approval.

Section 2 – Sectional Tournament Scheduling

- 2.1 Championship Sectionals must be at least two days and no more than five days in duration. A Championship Sectional is defined as an open sectional with an anticipated attendance of 25 or more tables per session.
- 2.2 Local Sectionals must be at least one day and no more than three days in duration. A Local Sectional is defined as an open sectional with an anticipated attendance of fewer than 25 tables per session.
- 2.3 Limited/Junior/Collegiate Sectionals must be at least one day and no more than five days in duration. A Limited Sectional is defined as a sectional with a 750 masterpoint limit.
- 2.4 STaCs must be at least two days and no more than seven days in duration. A Unit may not attempt to circumvent this rule by scheduling back-to-back sanctions that run consecutively.

Section 3 – Sectional Tournament Sanctioning

- 3.1 A sanction application to hold a Sectional will be acknowledged immediately upon receipt by the ACBL Tournament Department. The process is as follows: the Unit Tournament Coordinator will submit an online sanction application to ACBL headquarters that shall automatically be forwarded, without review, to the District Tournament Coordinator for approval. Upon the District Tournament Coordinator approval, the application will be reviewed for sanctioning by the ACBL Tournament Department.
- 3.2 A Sectional may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time, provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listings in the Bridge Bulletin at least one month prior to the tournament and all rules and regulations regarding conflicts are met.

- 3.3 Approval of Sectional sanction applications will be made at least one year out or immediately upon approval if received less than one year out.
- 3.4 If a sanction application is submitted less than one year in advance, the Unit loses its claim to the dates.
- 3.5 When a Unit perceives a conflict between its Sectional and a tournament in another District, the Unit Tournament Coordinator shall work through his District Tournament Coordinator to initiate the processes of conflict resolution in the same manner that Regional conflicts are resolved.
- 3.6 Questions concerning scheduling and other conflicts for Sectionals will be resolved by the Unit(s) and the District organizations involved.
- 3.7 Districts and Units perceiving a conflict with other Units or Districts must notify ACBL management in writing within thirty (30) days of the tournament posting on the website.
- 3.8 When sanctioning Sectionals, ACBL management will notify the Tournament Chair and the District President (or his/her designee) when proposed events or masterpoint ranges seem inadvisable or inappropriate.

Section 4 – Championship Sectionals

- 4.1 Championship Sectional tournaments will be staffed by Tournament Directors who are ACBL employees. Championship Sectionals are defined as open sectionals with an anticipated attendance of 25 or more tables per session.
- 4.2 At Sectional tournaments, events which are unrestricted in any way (completely open) shall be credited with all tables in play in totally concurrent events (pairs, swiss teams or individual but not knockouts or **continuous side** pairs) for the purpose of computing overall awards up to a maximum total of three times the number of tables in play in the unrestricted event. In the event that a concurrent NLM Regional is held at the same site, the unrestricted event shall be credited with 65% of any pair or Swiss tables in the NLM Regional held during the same session for the purpose of calculating overall awards.
- 4.3 For the purpose of awarding masterpoints, a restricted event that is two sessions, morning and afternoon, is deemed to be totally concurrent with a two- session event that is afternoon and evening. However, if a restricted event is scheduled horizontally, it is not deemed to be totally concurrent with a two-session vertical event.
- 4.4 Strata-flighted events at Sectionals may be advertised and run with a combined Flight A and Flight B flight in one group playing together and Flight C playing separately.
- 4.5 Senior events may be held with minimum age restrictions defined in Chapter XIII – Tournament Events and Restrictions, F. Events. Such events may be stratified by masterpoints. The masterpoint awards will be 80% for 60+ years of age and 70% for 75+ years of age.

Section 5 – Local and NLM Sectionals

- 5.1 Local Sectionals, which are defined as open sectionals with an anticipated attendance of fewer than 25 tables per session, may be staffed by Tournament Assistants or club directors who have been certified for Local Sectional staffing.
 - 5.1.1 Masterpoints awarded: 80% Silver, 20% Black, 100% Sectional rating.
 - 5.1.2 No more than two events in any one session: only single session pair games; swiss Team games will be allowed to be one or two sessions.
 - 5.1.3 Maximum two sessions per day and six sessions in total.
 - 5.1.4 ACBL will provide a specific ACBL Tournament Director to work remotely with each Local Sectional's club director, assisting with rulings, movements, and other questions, as well as immediately posting session results online. Note: One ACBL TD would work with 3-6 Local Sectionals at a time
- 5.2 For tournaments not staffed by an ACBL employee, the Sectional surcharge applies. This Sectional surcharge is to offset the cost of processing at ACBL Headquarters that would normally be done on site by a Tournament Director.
- 5.3 NLM Sectionals with an upper masterpoint limit of 750 masterpoints or fewer may be run by Tournament Assistants or club directors who have been certified for Local Sectional staffing.
- 5.4 Regardless of staffing, all tournaments are expected to follow ACBL policies and regulations relating to permitted methods, use of bidding boxes, and non-member eligibility and charges.
- 5.5 ACBL will produce educational content for those club directors and Tournament Assistants that want to be eligible to run our Local Sectionals and Non-Life Master Sectionals or assist at larger tournaments. This content will be made available at no charge to these directors. These club directors and Tournament Assistants would need to pass a test on directing skills once every two years to continue working at those tournaments.

Section 6– STaCs

- 6.1 A STaC may be scheduled for up to seven consecutive days but may include only one weekend.
- 6.2 A sanction application must be sent to the appropriate District Tournament Coordinator at least 12 months prior to the scheduled tournament date. The ACBL may sanction a STaC when it receives the sanction application with fewer than 12 months advance notice if there are no scheduling conflicts.
- 6.3 While only Units may apply for a sanction to hold a STaC, there is no objection to a Unit nominating a District or Districts to conduct the tournament. In District-wide STaCs, all clubs within the District(s) must be offered the opportunity to participate. Participation is at the club level when sponsored by a District. If a Unit outside of the sponsoring District chooses to participate, all clubs within that Unit must be invited to participate.
- 6.4 A sponsor may schedule morning, afternoon and/or evening sessions. The standard club session designations should be used for the purpose of determining in which session a club

should participate. The local sponsor must designate the sessions to be scheduled. For example, morning games would be those starting prior to noon local time, afternoon games would be those starting prior to 6 p.m. local time, and evening games would be those starting at 6 p.m. and later. Morning and afternoon games may not be combined as day games.

- 6.5 When a club wishes to participate in a STaC for a session other than their regularly scheduled game, the Unit may decide the case. This authority to disallow a club from participating in a STaC extends only to games which conflict with another game for that session and only to games being conducted at other than their regularly scheduled time. Any club desiring to participate at their regularly scheduled time must be permitted to do so.
- 6.6 To be eligible for overall awards in a STaC, or any event that is scored across more than one club, the minimum number of boards played is twenty (20) except for events restricted to players with fewer than 199 masterpoints whose minimum number of boards played is eighteen (18).
- 6.7 Playing directors, and their partners, in STaC games are ineligible to receive overall STaC masterpoint awards (silver masterpoints) but are eligible to receive section awards. At the sponsor's option, the above restriction may be waived. Such waiver shall be noted on the sanction application submitted to ACBL Headquarters.

Section 7 - Sectionals-at-Sea

- 7.1 A sanction application for a Sectional-at-Sea should be submitted to the ACBL at least three months in advance.
- 7.2 The application must contain the following information:
 - 7.2.1 Ship's name and cruise line, departure/arrival dates, and ports plus the sponsor or Unit/District name, address and email.
 - 7.2.2 A schedule of all ACBL events with scheduled lectures.
 - 7.2.3 The schedule must meet the same criteria as for a land-based Sectional.
 - 7.2.4 The schedule and any advertising must be approved by ACBL.
 - 7.2.5 A list of directors who will be operating the games.
 - a. Directors must be approved by ACBL.
 - b. ACBL may require the director(s) to take a certification test.
- 7.3 Masterpoint awards will be:
 - a. 80% of an Open Sectional if an active ACBL Tournament Director is requested and assigned.
 - b. 65% of an Open Sectional (non-championship) if an active ACBL Tournament Director is not utilized.
- 7.4 There should be adequate playing space for all sessions scheduled as well as for the expected attendance.

- 7.5 The SAS Bridge Package (required to participate in the Sectional-at-Sea) may be purchased by passengers in advance or on board the ship, albeit at different prices, subject to available playing space and staffing.
- 7.6 A Sectional-at-Sea sanction fee per table is payable to the ACBL.
- 7.7 If an active Tournament Director is assigned, the Tournament Director per session fee will also be payable to the ACBL. There will be no Sectional surcharge. The sponsor will be responsible for the Tournament Director(s) transportation costs.
- 7.8 Sectionals-at-Sea will be subject to the same general conflict rules as land-based Sectionals. No Sectional-at-Sea may depart from a port within 25 miles of a concurrent land-based Sectional or Regional.

Section 8 - Progressive Sectional

- 8.1 A Progressive Sectional tournament consists of one week of qualifying sessions in participating clubs, with a single-session final held at a central site after completion of club play. The sponsoring Unit should hold the one-session final within two weeks after completing the last club qualifying game. Two separate qualifying events may be held, with the single-session final of each event held on the same day.
- 8.2 Each Unit will be permitted to hold no more than one Progressive Sectional per calendar year.
- 8.3 All masterpoint awards for Progressive Sectionals will be based on Sectional rating. All masterpoints awarded will be silver.
- 8.4 During the qualifying rounds, there will be no overall masterpoint awards in either Pair events or Swiss Teams.
- 8.5 During the final, masterpoints will be calculated as though it were a two-session game (S=1.50). The table count for each stratum will be equal to 1.50 x actual tables in the final. Credit will be given for tables in a lower strata/flight in accordance with normal rules for Sectionals.
- 8.6 The finals may be open, with or without stratification, or flighted. The finals may only be stratified or flighted if the qualifying rounds were also stratified or flighted.
- 8.7 Concurrent non-championship events shall not be considered in masterpoint calculation for the progressive finals.

Section 9 – Bridge Camps

- 9.1 Definitions and Parameters
 - 9.1.1 A Bridge Camp is a special instance of a Local Sectional, where a residential program of bridge instruction incorporates games which award Silver masterpoints. Similar to tournaments-at-sea, attendees purchase a comprehensive package which includes lodging, bridge instruction, sanctioned games, and potentially other amenities such as meals.
 - 9.1.2 Bridge Camps must be at least three and not more than seven days in length.

- 9.1.3 Bridge Camps may be located anywhere within ACBL territory. As with tournaments-at-sea, sanctioning is done through District 99 rather than the “home” District and Unit.
- 9.1.4 Bridge Camps are subject to the same rules regarding conflicts with other tournaments as any other Sectional.
- 9.2 Bridge Play
 - 9.2.1 Bridge Camps may include up to two sessions of sanctioned play per day.
 - 9.2.2 Each session must be directed by a certified ACBL club director.
 - 9.2.3 Each session must include at least 18 boards to qualify for masterpoint awards.
 - 9.2.4 As part of the bridge instruction, sessions may include supervised play, “chat bridge”, or similar features.
- 9.3 Bridge Logistics
 - 9.3.1 Masterpoints awarded are the same as for a non-championship Sectional at Sea: 65% of Sectional rating, all Silver.
 - 9.3.2 Bridge data will be handled the same as for Local Sectionals
 - 9.3.2.1 A tournament schedule will be created and viewable online
 - 9.3.2.2 Hand records will be generated and files sent to the sponsor for duplication
 - 9.3.2.3 Game results will be sent to an ACBL Tournament Director for posting on ACBL Live
- 9.4 Financials
 - 9.4.1 Bridge Camps will be billed the same per-table sanction fee as an Open Sectional.
 - 9.4.2 The full Sectional Surcharge also applies; this covers file processing at ACBL.
 - 9.4.3 Bridge Camps are exempt from the \$4-per-player nonmember surcharge.
 - 9.4.4 Sponsors will be invoiced at the conclusion of the Bridge Camp.

Chapter X – Sectionals

B. Finance

Section 1 - General

- 1.1 Sponsoring organizations are required to pay all funds due to the ACBL at the conclusion of the tournament.
- 1.2 All participants in any ACBL-sanctioned Sectional tournament are required to have a valid ACBL member number (even if inactive).

1.3 The ACBL strongly recommends Units and Districts make student discounts available at Sectionals and Regionals.

Section 2 – Fees and Charges

2.1 Sectional tournaments are charged a surcharge in lieu of the transportation cost of the nearest Tournament Director of highest rank in addition to the usual table sanction fees and Tournament Director fees. The surcharge does not apply to Progressive Sectionals, STaCs, Sectionals-at-Sea, or Sectionals held at the same site as a restricted Regional.

2.2 STaC sanction fees are calculated by management.

2.3 The sanction fee will be waived for Sectional and Regional tournament events which are designed to introduce new players to tournaments and those which do not charge entry fees.

2.4 No sanction fees will be charged for free fill-ins.

2.5 Except for charity events, events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints, and active members of the American Bridge Association, at all Sectionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee for inactive members. This fee will be determined by ACBL management. For tournaments that are hosted in Canada, the fee will be collected in Canadian dollars.

a. It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members.

b. The additional fee shall be remitted to the ACBL. Fees collected in Canadian dollars will have that amount converted to US dollars before being remitted.

2.6 The added fee per player that is required to be collected at Sectionals from non-members or non-service fee paying Life Masters is waived for STaCs and Bridge Camps.

2.7 Sectionals-at-Sea have a unique schedule of fees and charges.

2.8 All of these fees are subject to annual review by ACBL Management as part of the budgeting process and are posted on the ACBL website under Prices and Fees.

Effective Date: April 15, 2024 ~~March 13, 2024~~

Estimated Cost/Savings: None

Committee Recommends (ONLY CHECK ONE BOX):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on above motion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on motion as revised
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deferral to _____ meeting, _____ year.

Committee Vote:

For Against Abstain Consent Calendar

Majority opinion:

Minority opinion:

BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Carman (C), Aquino, Heller

MOTION

Item 241-BR03: Codification Ch VI Amendment

Date: February 21, 2024

Submitted by: Management

Coordinated with: Bridge and Governance

Purpose: Amend Codification Chapter VI

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requires Change in Codification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Change in CDR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Change in Bylaws
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Action Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify Attachments to be Included in the Minutes:

Moved that:

Codification Chapter VI – Club Sanctioned Games be amended as follows:

Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games A. ACBL Sanctions for Club Masterpoint Games,

Section 3 - Cost of a Sanction

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3.4 Fines for non-compliance. ACBL Management may levy fines for non-compliance.

Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games, B. Types of Club Masterpoint Games

Section 5 - Other Club Games

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5.8 Pupil Games

5.8.1 A bridge teacher may apply for a special sanction to conduct a pupil game.

The sanction will be free of charge if: (1) the applicant is an ACBL member, (2) the game is restricted to bona fide students of the sanction holder, (3) the lessons run for a minimum of ~~30~~**45** minutes, and (4) at least six boards are to be played.

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Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games, D. Club Championships and Special Events

Section 1 - Allocation of Club Championship Game Sessions

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1.4 Weekly Clubs.

~~1.4.1~~ Each regularly scheduled weekly game is entitled to ~~eight~~ **four** Club Championship sessions per year. These may be scheduled as **eight** ~~four~~ one-session Club Championships, ~~two~~ **four** one-session championships and ~~one~~ **two** two-session championship, or **four** ~~two~~ two-session championships.

1.5 Non-Weekly Clubs.

~~1.5.1~~ A regularly scheduled club game held at a frequency other than weekly is entitled to one session with Club Championship rating for each 12 meetings of its regular game. In all other respects, ACBL regulations for the use of the Club Championship sessions by non-weekly games are the same as they are for weekly games.

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Section 2 - Scheduling Club Championships

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2.2 Calendar Quarter Scheduling.

~~2.2.1~~ A club must hold **two** ~~each~~ of the **eight** ~~four~~ Club Championship sessions ~~for one weekly game~~ during a different calendar quarter of the year ~~except for an event it conducts in two sessions~~. A club may not carry over a Club Championship from one **quarter** ~~year~~ to the next, ~~for the purpose of conducting a two-session event~~

2.3 Playing Site Changes.

~~2.3.1~~ A club may change the playing site of a Club Championship session from that of its regular game to accommodate increased attendance or the serving of refreshments. To change the site, the club must obtain prior written approval from the Unit that has jurisdiction over the area in which the championship is to be held.

2.4 Playing Time Changes.

~~2.4.1~~ Once a year a club may hold a one- or two-session Club Championship at a time other than that of the game it represents. To do so, the club must obtain written permission from all other clubs holding sanctioned games within a 25-mile radius that hold games on that day of the week.

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Effective Date: March 13, 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: None

Committee Recommends (ONLY CHECK ONE BOX):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on above motion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on motion as revised
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deferral to _____ meeting, _____ year.

Committee Vote:

For 3 Against 0 Abstain Consent Calendar

Majority opinion:

Minority opinion:

BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Carman (C), Aquino, Heller

MOTION

241-BR04: NAP 2024-2025 COC

Date: 1 March 2024

Submitted by: Management

Coordinated with: Bridge Committee

Purpose: Approve Conditions of Contest for 2024-25 North American Pairs

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

Moved that Conditions of Contest for 2024-25 North American Pairs (attached) are approved.

Effective Date: 1 June 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

Committee Recommends (ONLY CHECK ONE BOX):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on above motion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on motion as revised
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deferral to _____ meeting, _____ year.

Committee Vote:

For Against Abstain Consent Calendar

Majority opinion:

Minority opinion:

BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Carman (C), Aquino, Heller

MOTION

241-BR05: GNT 2024-2025 COC

Date: 1 March 2024

Submitted by: Management

Coordinated with: Bridge Committee

Purpose: Approve Conditions of Contest for 2024-25 Grand National Teams

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

Moved that Conditions of Contest for 2024-25 Grand National Teams (attached) are approved

Effective Date: 1 Sept 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

Committee Recommends (ONLY CHECK ONE BOX):

	Decision on above motion
	Decision on motion as revised
	Motion withdrawn
	Deferral to _____ meeting, _____ year.

Committee Vote:

For Against Abstain Consent Calendar

Majority opinion:

Minority opinion:

Chapter IX - Regionals

Regional Tournament Scheduling and, Sanctioning ~~Sanctioning and Scheduling~~

Section 1 - Regional Tournament Allocations

1.1 Regionals are allocated to ACBL Districts. A District may conduct its Regionals or allocate them to Units within the District. Additionally, the WBF, the MBF and the CBF may be awarded a Regional according to subsection 1.8 below.

1.2 Each District is allocated four annual Regionals which may be open or Senior.

Only Districts 1, 11 and 13, who currently hold split-regionals, may continue to do so.

In addition, a District is allocated five limited Regionals which may be any of the following:

- a. Junior Regional
- b. Youth Regional
- c. Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 750 masterpoints.
- d. Collegiate

1.3 Upon request and verification, a District with 9,000 to 12,000 ACBL members is allowed one additional Regional each year; a District with 12,000 to 15,000 members is allowed two additional Regionals each year; a District with 15,000 to 18,000 members is allowed three additional Regionals each year, and a District with 18,000 or more members is allowed four additional Regionals each year. Membership qualifications for such additional Regionals will be based on a calendar year's average of the four Quarterly Unit Information Package (QUIP) Reports of 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31. A District earning a qualification based on its QUIP Reports may schedule the additional Regional(s) two years after the qualifying year.

1.4 Any annual Regional held at, or near, the same site that reaches 2,000 tables in three out of four consecutive years will not count against the district's base allocation. This tournament must remain in the same locality unless there are extraordinary circumstances verified by ACBL management. An additional Regional earned by consecutive table counts

higher than 2,000 may be held in the year immediately following the qualification.

1.5 If a District fails to maintain the requirements for an additional Regional (either by a drop in its total membership or by the failure to remain a 2,000+-table tournament), the District will be entitled to keep its additional Regional(s) for two years. If, within that two-year period, the District again meets the requirements, the additional Regional(s) may continue to be scheduled without interruption.

1.6 The following offshore and special Regionals are allocated: Alaska - District 19; Bermuda - District 2; Hawaii - District 20; Mexico (2) - District 16

1.7 No District may be awarded more than 11 Regionals in a calendar year under the above allocation formulas.

1.8 The following Regionals are not allocated to any specific District:

1.8.1 A World Bridge Federation Regional when a WBF championship is held in Zone 2. Such Regionals are to be held at the site where the WBF championship is being held. A Regional running concurrently with a WBF Championship may be of a length equal to the WBF Championship.

1.8.2 An annual Regional is awarded each year to each of the MBF and the CBF for the purpose of supporting teams representing Mexico and Canada in international competition. Depending on the location, the affected District and the MBF or CBF must agree on the specifics (e.g. date, schedule and fund-sharing). The normal conflict rules shall apply to the scheduling of the tournament.

1.9 The Regional Tournament Allocation Plan will be reviewed at least every five years.

Section 2 - Regional Tournament Scheduling

~~1.1 Every District must appoint a Tournament Coordinator.~~

2.1 ~~2~~ The minimum/maximum number of days a Regional may be held is as follows:

a. Open Regional or Senior Regional – minimum of three days; maximum of seven days.

b. Youth **Regional**, Junior **Regional** and masterpoint_ limited Regional -minimum of two days; **maximum of seven days.**

c. Individual Regional – **maximum of no more than** two and one-half days. In addition, a one session Charity Game or Fund Game may be held the afternoon of the first day.

d. Collegiate Regional – minimum of one and one-half days.

2.2 ACBL Regional tournaments will not be sanctioned to run concurrently with any portion of a NABC.

2.3 A Regional restricted by age or masterpoints may run an Open Sectional tournament concurrently with the Regional with the permission of the Unit in which the Regional is being held. An Open Regional or Individual Regional may not run a Sectional in conjunction with the Regional.

2.4 A District may move a Regional from the calendar year in which it hosts an NABC to any of the three prior years or any of the three succeeding years, provided the Regional meets with all requirements under “Regional Tournament Sanctioning” below. This regulation extends to include Acts of God or hotels canceling contracts.

21.5 A District may, with permission, hold a Regional in a contiguous District.

2.6 Senior Regionals may hold open side games or an Open Sectional.

2.7 A 199er Regional may be held in conjunction with a Senior Regional.

2.8 A NAP District Final, a GNT District Final or the CNTC may be run concurrently with a Regional or Sectional. If they are run concurrently with a Sectional, the District must have permission from the sponsoring Unit. Such events must also conform to the scheduling restrictions of their respective conditions of contest.

~~1.2-3 A Regional may not be more than seven days in duration.~~

~~1.3-4 Only events scheduled for two or more sessions at Regionals may award gold points.~~

~~1.5 The minimum monetary contributions for Fund Games, Foundation Games or Charity Games held at a Regional is \$7.00 per table, per session.~~

~~1.6 All single-session events, except Side Series Pairs, Pro-Am Events or any event restricted to Non-Life Masters on the first day of a full seven-day Regional, must be Charity Games. The first single-session event must be run for the benefit of the AGBL Charity Foundation, the AGBL Educational Foundation, the AGBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund, or the Canadian equivalent of these. Subsequent single-session events on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of one of the above funds or an approved charity selected by the sponsor.~~

~~1.7 A Regional may run two-session gold point events on the first day of a full seven day Regional tournament. In addition, a Regional may schedule the first two sessions of a knockout event on the first day of the tournament. The first session of all these two-session, gold point events must be run for the benefit of the AGBL Charity Foundation, the AGBL Educational Foundation, the AGBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. The second session may be run for the benefit of one of the above listed funds or an approved charity selected by the sponsor.~~

~~1.8 For all Regionals other than full seven-day tournaments, the sponsor may choose to hold a Charity Game on any day. The first game held for charity must be run for the benefit of the AGBL Charity Foundation, the AGBL Educational Foundation, the AGBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. Any subsequent Charity Game(s) may be run for the benefit of one of the above listed funds or an approved charity selected by the sponsor.~~

~~1.9 Exclusive of Knockout Teams and Side Game Series events, a Regional may schedule up to four gold point sessions per day. For purposes of this regulation overlapping schedules are deemed to be the same two sessions since participation in one of the events precludes entry into the other. For example, 10 a.m./3 p.m. and 1 p.m./7:30 p.m. AGBL management may, with cause, disallow more than two gold point sessions per day.~~

~~1.10 AGBL Regional tournaments will not be sanctioned to run concurrently with any portion of a NABC.~~

~~1.11 A Regional restricted by age or masterpoints may run an open Sectional tournament concurrently with the Regional with the permission of the Unit in which the Regional is being held. An Open Regional or Individual Regional may not run a Sectional in conjunction with the Regional.~~

~~1.12 A NAP District Final, a GNT District Final or the GNTC may be run concurrently with a Regional or Sectional. If they are run concurrently with a Sectional, the District must have permission from the sponsoring Unit. Such events must also conform to the scheduling restrictions of their respective conditions of contest.~~

~~1.13 Whenever the ACBL Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, is considering holding a special event at a Regional, or any other District function, that District president and any member of the Board of Directors from that area must be notified, and such event(s) must not be scheduled without permission of those individuals.~~

Section 2 – Regional Tournament Allocations

~~2.1 Regionals are allocated to ACBL Districts. A District may conduct its Regionals or allocate them to Units within the District. Additionally, the WBF, the MBF and the GBF may be awarded a Regional according to subsection 2.9-8 below.~~

~~2.2 Each District is allocated four annual Regionals which may be open or Senior.~~

~~Each District is allowed to split one Regional. In addition, a District is allocated five limited Regionals which may be any of the following:~~

- ~~a. Junior Regional~~
- ~~b. Youth Regional~~
- ~~c. Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 750 masterpoints.~~

~~2.3 Upon request and verification, a District with 9,000 to 12,000 ACBL members is allowed one additional Regional each year; a District with 12,000 to 15,000 members is allowed two additional Regionals each year; a District with 15,000 to 18,000 members is allowed three additional Regionals each year, and a District with 18,000 or more members is allowed four additional Regionals each year. Membership qualifications for such additional Regionals will be based on a calendar year's average of the four Quarterly Unit Information Package (QUIP) Reports of 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31. For example, a District earning a qualification based on its 2009 QUIP Reports may schedule the additional Regional(s) beginning in 2011.~~

~~2.4 As part of the post-pandemic transition, the following Regionals (which previously had met the 3,000-table criterion) are granted permission to run~~

~~without counting against their District's allocation until the end of 2024: Houston (D16), Penticton (D19), Seaside (D20), and Palm Springs (D22). Going forward, any annual Regional held at, or near, the same site that reaches 2,000 tables for the tournament three out of four consecutive years will be awarded to its District and will not count against the district's base allocation. This tournament must remain in the same locality unless there are extraordinary circumstances verified by ACBL management. Any additional Regional earned by consecutive table counts in excess of 2,000 will entitle the qualifying District to conduct the additional Regional in the year immediately following the qualification.~~

~~2.5 For purposes of the calculations in Section 2.4 above, the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 shall not be considered (unless a Regional under consideration achieved an attendance of 2,000 or more tables in 2022). Thus, a Regional that achieves 2,000 tables in three of the four years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2023 would be entitled to run in 2024 without counting against its District's allocation.~~

~~2.6 If a District fails to maintain the requirements for an additional Regional (either by a drop in its total membership or by the failure to remain a 2,000+ table tournament), the District will be entitled to keep its additional Regional(s) for two years. If, within that two-year period, the District again meets the requirements, the additional Regional(s) may continue to be scheduled without interruption.~~

~~2.7 In addition, the following offshore and special Regionals are allocated: Alaska—District 19₁; Bermuda—District 2₁; Hawaii—District 20₁; Mexico (2)—District 16~~

~~2.8 No District may be awarded more than 11 Regionals in a calendar year under the above allocation formula.~~

~~2.9 The following Regionals are not allocated to any specific District:~~

~~2.9.1 World Bridge Federation, when a WBF championship is held in Zone 2. Such Regionals are to be held at the site where the WBF championship is being held. A Regional running concurrently with a WBF Championship may be of a length equal to the WBF Championship.~~

~~2.9.2 An annual Regional is awarded each year to each of the MBF and the CBF for the purpose of supporting teams representing Mexico and Canada in international competition. Depending on the location, the affected District and the MBF or CBF must agree on the specifics (e.g. date, schedule and fund sharing). The normal conflict rules shall apply to the scheduling of the tournament.~~

~~2.10 A District may move a Regional from the calendar year in which it hosts an NABC to any of the three prior years or any of the three succeeding years, provided the Regional meets with all requirements under “Regional Tournament Sanctioning Scheduling” below. This regulation extends to include Acts of God or hotels canceling contracts. Other unforeseen circumstances may be included as determined by the Arbitration Panel (as defined below).~~

~~2.11 A District may, with permission, hold a Regional in a contiguous District.~~

~~2.12 The Regional Tournament Allocation Plan will be reviewed at least every five years.~~

Section 3 - Regional Tournament Sanctioning

3.1 A sanction application to hold a Regional must be submitted to the ACBL Tournament Department three years in advance ~~in order~~ to protect the dates. If a sanction is not submitted at least three years in advance, the District may lose its claim to the dates. **Sanctions may be submitted for up to six years from the date of submission.**

3.2 All tournament sanction applications must be submitted electronically.

3.3 A sanction application to hold a Regional will be acknowledged immediately upon receipt by the ACBL Tournament Department. All applications received must be approved by the District Tournament Coordinator.

3.4 The tournament schedule will be updated immediately on the website following any tournament sanctioned.

3.5 ~~2~~ A District that holds a Regional on the same dates and at the same sites/areas two out of three years will be placed on the traditional date list for Regionals. The **traditional date** list is available from tournaments@acbl.org. Easter week and other fluctuating holidays are noted as exceptions.

~~3.5 2.1~~ The **traditional** dates are protected except for one day at either the beginning or end of the tournament. A tournament with a two- or more day encroachment on a traditional date tournament will not be sanctioned.

3.6 ~~3~~ If a District has a traditional annual date, but the **location site/area** does not remain constant, it is no longer a traditional date.

3.7 ~~4~~ Regionals in the schedule for a specific date and location that move their location more than 50 miles, within one year from this specific date, will be

subject to the “New Tournament Rules” (~~in other words,~~ the move will be treated as a new tournament).

~~3.8~~ ~~5~~ A Regional appearing on the traditional date list which is not held for two years within any three-year period will be removed from the traditional date list.

~~3.7~~ ~~6~~ ~~The tentative tournament schedule is updated immediately on the website following any change to TourneyTRAX.~~

~~3.9~~ ~~7~~ A Regional may be scheduled and sanctioned at any time, provided the tournament can be included in the tournament listing in the Bridge Bulletin at least two months prior to the tournament and all the rules and regulations regarding conflicts are met.

~~3.10~~ ~~8~~ A Regional scheduled and sanctioned more than a year in advance takes precedence over a Sectional, regardless of when the Sectional was sanctioned.

~~3.9~~ ~~All tournament sanction applications must be submitted electronically.~~

~~3.10~~ ~~A sanction application to hold a Regional will be acknowledged immediately upon receipt by the ACBL Tournament Department. All applications received must be approved by the District Tournament Coordinator.~~

~~3.11~~ ~~Approval for Regional sanction applications will be sent three years out from the tournament start date or, if received less than three years out, immediately upon approval.~~

~~3.12~~ ~~If it is in the best interests of bridge and the ACBL, ACBL management may, at its discretion, grant a sanction even though such a sanction would violate an existing regulation. Irrespective of this authority, another Unit or District retains the right of appeal for arbitration if the matter concerns violation of a conflict regulation. ACBL management will notify the Board at least three times a year of instances where ACBL management has varied from the regulations.~~

Section 4 - Tournament Conflicts

4.1 If the ACBL Tournament Department determines that any previously sanctioned or traditional date Regional tournament is within 425 miles of the proposed tournament, the department should immediately notify the person applying for the sanction, the District Tournament Coordinator(s), the District President(s), and the Regional Director(s). (See Section 3 above regarding traditional date tournaments)

If there is a conflict within a District, the District President will decide whether the new tournament should be sanctioned. If there is a conflict with a Regional in

another District but in the same Region, the Regional Director, in consultation with the Presidents of the involved Districts, will decide whether to approve. If there is a conflict with a tournament in another Region, the Regional Directors will consult with the appropriate District Presidents and approve the sanction only if both agree. If the Regional Directors are unable to agree, the sanctioned tournament with the traditional date prevails. These approvals must be submitted to the ACBL Tournament Department in writing.

4.2 If a District Tournament Coordinator believes that a tournament request is in conflict with one of his District's tournaments, he must first notify the ACBL Tournament Department and endeavor to resolve the conflict with the District in question. The District President(s) and any member of the Board of Directors from the Districts involved in a possible conflict will be notified by ACBL management as soon as ACBL management is made aware of it.

~~4.3 An Arbitration Panel is established:~~

~~4.3.1 Arbitration Panel members, if needed, will be designated by the Executive Director at the time of a disputes.~~

~~4.3.2 The Arbitration Panel will consist of five people, two from each zone without the conflict and one from the zone with the conflict. No one from the Districts involved may sit on the Arbitration Panel.~~

~~4.3.3 If there is a conflict between two Districts or more in different zones, three people from the third zone and one from each of the two zones with a conflict will be on the Arbitration Panel.~~

~~4.3.4 For the selection process, the representative from each zone will pick the members of the Arbitration Panel from their zone as long as their zone is not involved.~~

~~4.3.5 The ACBL President or the Vice President will appoint a person from the "conflict" zone to represent those interest.~~

~~4.4 Timeliness:~~

~~4.4.1 For timely sanction applications, if the parties involved cannot resolve the conflict, both applications will be sanctioned with the following proviso: the timely application of a traditional tournament date will take precedence over the timely application of a non-traditional tournament date.~~

~~4.4.2 In cases where there are a timely and an untimely application: If the District with the timely application claims there is a conflict, the Arbitration Panel agrees~~

~~there is a conflict and the conflict cannot be resolved, the untimely application will not be sanctioned.~~

~~4.4.3 For equally untimely sanction applications, both applications will be sanctioned. For the purpose of defining “equally untimely,” applications received that would be listed on consecutive bi-weekly updates will be so deemed.~~

~~4.4.4 The cases where there are non-equal untimely applications will be treated the same as timely/untimely with the earlier application being timely and the other untimely.~~

~~4.5 The Arbitration Panel will make a determination that a conflict exists after a request from ACBL management or a District holding, or applying for, a sanction. Decisions will be reached after consulting internal resources, demographics of tournament attendance (if available), usual tournament size, data from involved parties, etc. The decision of the Arbitration Panel will be final.~~

Section 5 - Split-Site Regionals

~~5.1~~ **3** Split-site Regionals count as one tournament under the Regional Allocation Formula listed in Section ~~1~~ **2** above.

~~5.2~~ Split-site Regionals award masterpoints according to the General Regional Masterpoint Formula.

~~5.3~~ Each **split** ~~split~~-site Regional may run a different schedule than its corresponding split- site Regional and no events are combined between the two sites.

Section 6 - Regionals-at-Sea

6.1 The ACBL and only the ACBL shall be permitted to sponsor Regionals-at-Sea (“RAS”).

6.2 The ACBL may sponsor up to eight RAS per year.

6.3 ACBL management shall consult on the scheduling of RAS with Districts that are a point of departure, point of return, or port of call for a RAS and attempt to avoid conflicts with all land-based Regionals.

6.4 Except as specified in this regulation, a RAS must conform to the same rules and regulations as land-based Regionals.

6.5 RAS are exempt from the rules regarding maximum tournament sessions and days. The tournament schedule will be determined by the tournament manager subject to the approval of the ACBL staff.

6.6 Masterpoints awarded at Regionals-at-Sea will be at 80% of the award generated by the appropriate formula for the event

Chapter IX – Regionals

B. Finances

Section 1 - Sanction and Other Fees ~~General~~

1.1 Sponsoring organizations are required to pay all funds due to the ACBL at the conclusion of the tournament.

~~1.2 The ACBL strongly recommends Units and Districts make student discounts available at Sectionals and Regionals.~~

~~Section 2 – Sanction Fees~~

~~1.2~~ **1.2** ~~2.1~~ The sanction fee for 199er Regionals will be the same rate as the sanction fee for open Sectionals.

~~2.2 All sanction fees, per session sponsor fees and other tournament fees are subject to annual review by the Board of Directors as part of the budgeting process and are posted on the ACBL website under Prices and Fees.~~

~~1.3~~ **1.3** ~~2.3~~ There will be no sanction fees for Junior/Youth Regionals or Junior/Youth Sectionals. Sanction fees do apply to Junior events at open Regionals or Sectionals.

~~1.4~~ **1.4** ~~2.4~~ The sanction fee will be waived for Sectional and Regional tournament events which are designed to introduce new players to tournaments, and which do not charge entry fees.

~~1.5~~ **1.5** ~~2.5~~ Each Regional will be allocated one sanction-free midnight game held to subsidize District GNT competitions. **Regionals held in Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, shall be allocated one sanction-free midnight game held to benefit the zonal or national team competition.** ~~For those games held in Canada, Mexico or Bermuda, each Regional shall be allocated one sanction-free midnight game held to benefit the zonal or national team competition.~~

~~1.6~~ **1.6** ~~2.6~~ No sanction fees will be charged for free fill-ins.

1.7 The minimum monetary contributions for Fund Games, Foundation Games or Charity Games held at a Regional is \$7.00 per table, per session.

1.8 All sanction fees, per session sponsor fees and other tournament fees are subject to annual review by the Board of Directors as part of the budgeting process and are posted on the ACBL website under Prices and Fees.

~~2.7 ACBL management is authorized to waive any Board-mandated sanction fee for cause. This authority may be used for a specific event(s) or an entire tournament.~~

Section 2 ~~3~~ – Non-dues Paying Players’ Surcharge

3.1 All participants in any ACBL-sanctioned Regional tournament are required to have a valid ACBL member number (even if inactive).

3.2 Except for charity events, events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints, and active members of the American Bridge Association:

a. For all Regionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee for inactive members. This fee will be determined by ACBL management. For tournaments that are hosted in Canada, this fee will be collected in Canadian dollars.

b. It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members.

c. The additional fee shall be remitted to the ACBL. Fees collected in Canadian dollars will have that amount converted to US dollars before being remitted. (Effective March 1, 2018)

Chapter IX – Regionals

C. Events and Schedules

Section 1 - General

~~1.1 A player may play in and earn gold points in as many gold point sessions as possible while not entered in a concurrent or overlapping event.~~

1.2 At least one two-session event must be scheduled for 199er Regional tournaments which are three days or longer in duration. All championship events may be single session for 199er Regional tournaments which are two days in duration.

1.3 6 All single-session events, except Side Series Pairs, Pro-Am Events or any event restricted to Non-Life Masters on the first day of a full seven-day Regional, must be Charity Games. The first single-session event must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund, or the Canadian equivalent of these. Subsequent single-session events on the first day of a full seven-day Regional must be run for the benefit of one of the above funds or an approved charity selected by the sponsor.

1.4 7 A Regional may run two-session gold point events on the first day of a full seven day Regional tournament. In addition, a Regional may schedule the first two sessions of a knockout event on the first day of the tournament. The first session of all these two-session, gold point events must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. The second session may be run for the benefit of one of the above listed funds or an approved charity selected by the sponsor.

1.5 8 For all Regionals other than full seven-day tournaments, the sponsor may choose to hold a Charity Game on any day. The first game held for charity must be run for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the ACBL Junior Fund, the International Fund, the Grass Roots Fund or the Canadian equivalent of these. Any subsequent Charity Game(s) may be run for the benefit of one of the above listed funds or an approved charity selected by the sponsor.

1.6 9 Exclusive of Knockout Teams and Side Game Series events, a Regional may schedule up to four gold point sessions per day. For purposes of this regulation overlapping schedules are deemed to be the same two sessions since participation in one of the events precludes entry into the other. For example, 10 a.m./3 p.m. and 1 p.m./7:30 p.m. ACBL management may, with cause, disallow more than two gold point sessions per day.

1.7 13 Whenever the ACBL Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, is considering holding a special event at a Regional, or any other District function, that District president and any member of the Board of Directors from that area must be notified, and such event(s) must not be scheduled without permission of those individuals.

~~1.3 If it is in the best interests of bridge and AGBL, management may, at its discretion, grant a sanction even though such a sanction would violate an existing regulation. Irrespective of this authority, another Unit or District retains the right of appeal for arbitration if the matter concerns violation of a conflict regulation. AGBL management will notify the Board at least three times a year of instances where AGBL management has varied from regulation.~~

Section 2 - Senior Regionals

~~2.1 At Senior Regionals the sponsoring organization may hold open side games or an open Sectional.~~

~~2.2 A 199er Regional may be held in conjunction with a Senior Regional.~~

Section ~~2~~ 3 - Senior Events

~~**2.3.1** Senior events may be held with minimum age restrictions of ~~60 (60 as of January 1, 2020, 61 as of January 1, 2021, 62 as of January 1, 2022, 63 as of January 1, 2023, 64 as of January 1, 2024, and 65 as of January 1, 2025) or 75.~~ Such events may be stratified by masterpoints. The masterpoint awards will be 80%. ~~for 64+ and 70% for 75+. (Age limit transition effective January 1, 2020.) (See also Ch. XIII - General Tournament Information, F. Events, Section 1 - Tournament Events and Restrictions)~~~~

2.1 Senior events may be held with minimum age restrictions of **64 as of January 1, 2024 and 65 as of January 1, 2025** or 75. Such events may be stratified by masterpoints. The masterpoint awards will be 80% for 60+ and 70% for 75+. 2.1 Senior events may be held with minimum age restrictions of 64 as of January 1, 2024 and 65 as of January 1, 2025) or 75.

Section 4 - Knockout Events

4.1 A sponsoring organization may run a knockout event at Regionals, handicapping all teams.

4.2 At the option of the sponsor, if fewer sessions are required than were originally scheduled, finals of knockout matches may be played at a time agreed upon by all parties. The entire match must be finished prior to the conclusion of the tournament. When this option is exercised, the two teams may enter any new event. 210 Revised January 1, 2024

4.3 Whenever there are fewer than eight Flight A teams, volunteers may be solicited from the Flight B event to bring Flight A event up to eight teams. All

teams in that flight will be assigned a handicap of a number of IMPs. Pairings shall be by random draw.

4.4 In a flighted Regional Knockout team event, where one or more Flight B teams volunteer to play in Flight A ~~in-order~~ to constitute an eight-team event, and thereby cause random pairings and handicapping of teams, the following method will be used to determine a team's handicap:

- a. Each team's average masterpoint holding (counting all team members) will be subtracted from 1500. Teams with an average masterpoint holding of 1500 or greater receive a zero handicap.
- b. Any remainder obtained in subsection (a) is divided by 1000.
- c. The quotient arrived at in subsection (b) is multiplied by the number of boards in the match and rounded to the nearest whole number to determine the team's handicap.
- d. If two competing teams have an average of less than 1500 masterpoints, the handicap for the team with the higher average is deducted from the handicap for the team with the lower average. The difference is the lower team's net handicap for the match.

4.5 In Regional-rated KO events, teams shall be required to win two matches, not including Byes, to receive overall masterpoint awards.

4.6 No regional Knockout will be sanctioned unless:

4.6.1 The type of Knockout to be held is specified:

1. Flighted. One or more flights may be bracketed by design or as necessary, but the intent to bracket must be stated in the schedule.
2. Bracketed. Bracketed with random draw matches or as a seeded event.
3. Open or; Women's. ~~or the like. Again, It~~ these may be bracketed, as necessary, but that possibility must be stated in the schedule.
4. Handicapped.

4.6.2 All sessions have a specifically stated starting time. (TBA is not acceptable.)

4.7 ~~6-3~~ Regional Knockouts of three sessions in length may be scheduled. The overall masterpoints will be reduced by a factor of 30%. When there are at least four scheduled sessions, attendance may dictate less than four sessions in some cases, such as a Flight A with only eight teams entering. The intent of this regulation is to not allow 32 teams to be divided into four groups of eight ~~in-order~~ to finish in three sessions.

4.8 ~~7~~ Sponsoring organizations may choose to seed the event, randomly draw the teams into seed positions, or randomly draw the matches each round with or without stipulations on repeats. It is recommended that when an event contains ~~will contain~~ two sessions of round robin play, teams who have met previously in round robins not be allowed to meet again in a second round robin. Note: For four session events, this applies only to brackets of 9, 10 or 11 teams.

Section 5 - Unrestricted Events

5.1 Flighted, Stratified and Strati-flighted events count all tables in all flights/strata to determine the number of tables in the unrestricted event (the A Flight or Stratum). Two or more concurrent unrestricted events share equally the available restricted tables but not each other's tables. An unrestricted event with a lower limit and no upper limit is treated as an open event when there is no concurrent open event.

5.2 For the purpose of awarding masterpoints, a restricted event that is two sessions, morning and afternoon, is deemed to be totally concurrent with a two-session event that is afternoon and evening. However, if a restricted event is scheduled horizontally, it is not deemed to be totally concurrent with a two-session vertical event.

5.3 An open sectional held concurrently at the same location with a masterpoint restricted regional shall receive credit for simultaneous tables in the NLM Regional.

Section 6 - Expert/Amateur Games –

6.1 For each Expert/Amateur event there will be a master point total fixed in advance that will be used to determine expert. Any player whose masterpoints are greater than that total will be an expert for that event. Any other player will be considered an amateur. The fixed total can be any number appropriate to the level of players who would normally attend the tournament. In many areas of ACBL, 300 masterpoints would be the likely choice, but it is possible that 200,

500 or even 1000 would be demographically more correct. The objective for choosing a number is to split the attendance of an event in half.

6.1.1 In a Pair event, each pair must be comprised of one expert and one amateur.

6.1.2 In a team event, the four players in play for a team must be comprised of two experts and two amateurs who can form partnerships as they wish.

6.1.3 Master points for any such event will be at 80% of Open since the event is restricted (i.e. not open to every pair). The amount of master points used to define expert would not influence the master point award.

6.2 Stratified by Expertise

6.2.1 Some arbitrary, fixed master point total would be determined to differentiate expert from amateur.

6.2.2 The event would be stratified in the following manner:

a. Strat A - Expert/Expert - Points awarded as Open Pair based on all entered.

b. Strat B - Expert/Amateur - Points awarded at 80% of Open Pairs based on pairs in Strats B and C.

c. Strat C - Amateur/Amateur - Points awarded on number of pairs in Strat C with appropriate M value for the masterpoint limit of event.

6.2.3 Other existing regulations for stratified pairs apply.

Section 7 – Online Events

7.1 A District may run on-line events at their Regional bridge tournament. **Only members of the host District may participate in the online events.**

~~Participation by players outside the host District is subject to the approval of the~~

~~District in which the players reside.~~ Approval for the event shall be governed by the ability of the District to meet all provisions contained in the Pair Events – General Conditions of Contest for on-line events.

7.2 ACBL management will discuss the application for the online event with the DIC of the tournament. Approval will be conditioned upon the DIC's ability to provide adequate staffing to run the event.

7.3 Masterpoints will be awarded pursuant to the General Formula.

7.4 Tournament Organizers are responsible for all ACBL sanction fees, TD session fees, and online host fees that result from this event.

Chapter IX - Regionals

D. Operations

Section 1 - Staffing

1.1 Regional tournaments will be staffed by Tournament Directors who are ACBL employees, except as noted below.

a. Tournament sponsors may choose to hire a Tournament Assistant to work at their tournament. He or she must have passed the ACBL Tournament Assistant Exam and meet the approval of the tournament DIC. All employment issues such as compensation, payroll taxes, insurance, etc., are the responsibility of the sponsoring organization. A form must be submitted to ACBL acknowledging acceptance of these employment issues.

b. The request of a Unit that its I/N Regional tournament be run by a director who is not qualified to run an open Regional may be approved by the appropriate Field Operations Department representative or ACBL management.

Section 2 - Uniform Electronic Device Policy

2.1 The Electronic Device Policy in place at NABCs shall be adopted by all ACBL Regional tournaments. Exceptions include health-related equipment by special permission of the DIC of the tournament, Conditions of Contest

addressing a more stringent policy for electronic devices, and any Regional tournament not staffed by an ACBL Tournament Director.

See also Ch. VIII – NABCs, E. Operations, Section 1 – General Information

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Shoemaker (C), Cuneo, Zayac

MOTION

Item 241-GV01: Board Expenses and Meetings

Date: February 1, 2024

Submitted by: Margot Hennings and Joann Glasson

Coordinated with: Finance, Governance

Purpose: To update Board Meeting process and reduce costs to the organization

x	Requires Change in Codification
	Requires Change in CDR
	Requires Change in Bylaws
	Requires Action Item
	Specify Attachments to be Included in the Minutes:

Moved that:

The *Codification, Chapter IV – Board Procedures, B. Expenses, Sections 2 and 3*; and *Chapter IV – Board Procedures, C. Meetings, Introduction and Section 6* be amended as follows:

**Chapter IV – Board Procedures
B. Expenses**

Section 2 – Board of Directors Expenses

~~This policy pertains to Board members and Chair of the Advisory Council for ACBL meetings or functions.~~ **The ACBL will reimburse the following expenses for Board members and the Chair of the Advisory Council for ACBL meetings or functions:**

2.1 Travel via Air

- 2.1.1 Actual ticket price using advance non-refundable ticketing, reflecting the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates. Travelers may upgrade to **premium economy**/business/first class **at their own expense**. ~~so long as no additional expense is incurred by ACBL.~~
- 2.1.2 On an individual basis, when authorized by the President and Executive Director, spouse/companion airfare to a meeting will be paid when needed for medical support.
- 2.2 Travel via Automobile and Rail
 - 2.2.1 Subject to advance approval of the Treasurer, Board members will be reimbursed at the applicable United States IRS rate for automobile travel, ~~if provided that~~ it is a reasonable amount not to exceed the price of round-trip equivalent airline ticket at the rates listed above.
 - 2.2.2 Tolls, ferries and parking at the meeting site for the number of days calculated for per diem reimbursement will also be reimbursed by the ACBL. No meals or rooms en-route will be reimbursed.
 - 2.2.3 ACBL will reimburse the cost of train fare not to exceed the cost of equivalent airfare.
- 2.3 Hotel
 - 2.3.1 Board members will be reimbursed at the ACBL host hotel ~~negotiated~~ room rate incurred, beginning with the night before their first officially scheduled meeting and continuing through the night the Board meetings conclude.
 - 2.3.2 In order to qualify for reimbursement, the attendees must have paid the ACBL host hotel for the appropriate number of room nights.
 - 2.3.3 Board members who share a room with another Board member will only receive reimbursement at the ACBL host hotel negotiated room rate for one room, not two.
 - 2.3.4 Board members may not charge a fee for use (or sharing) of their room for which they are receiving ACBL reimbursement.
- 2.4 Per Diem Meals
 - 2.4.1 Per diem for meals will be paid ~~at on the basis of~~ the applicable IRS meals only per diem rate for travel within the 48 continental United States (including the District of Columbia) (“CONUS”). For travel outside CONUS, meals-only per diem will be paid at the applicable IRS per diem meals-only rate for the highest cost CONUS city.
 - 2.4.2 Per diem will be paid beginning ~~with~~ the day before the first officially scheduled meeting through the day after the last reimbursable hotel night.
 - 2.4.3 Board member per diem may be reduced by up to 25% by the ACBL Treasurer based on **the availability of** concierge privileges **for breakfast**.

- 2.4.4 Board member per diem will be reduced for meals provided by the ACBL and for meals received that are directly related to a Board member's position on the ACBL Board of Directors.
- 2.5 Additional Reimbursable Expenses
- 2.5.1 Attendees will be reimbursed for the ~~reasonable~~ actual costs of baggage handling and storage expenses. Attendees will also receive the allowable daily incidental expense amount included in the daily per diem allowance.
- 2.5.2 Ground transportation to and from airports at home and at the NABC location plus reasonable tips will be reimbursed.
- 2.5.3 Parking of the attendee's personal automobile at the airport will be reimbursed for the same number of days as the per diem reimbursement.
- 2.6 ~~Entry Fees:~~ Each Board member will receive complimentary entry fees to all events at NABCs, except on the first day of the NABC (usually Thursday) when proceeds from the games are designated for the International Fund, Educational Foundation or Charity Foundation.
- 2.7 ~~Request for Reimbursement:~~ Reimbursement requests by ACBL Board members and the Chair of the Advisory Council will be submitted to ACBL within 30 days of the completion of the tournament at which the expense occurred. Failure to do this will incur a penalty of 1/2 of the trimester stipend payable prior to the next Board of Directors meeting. Reimbursement requests must include a copy of air ticket(s) showing name, dates of travel, and price and paid hotel bill if reimbursement is requested for hotel stay. Receipts are also required for any individual expenditure equal to or greater than \$75.
- 2.8 The Director of Finance, in consultation with the President and the Treasurer, will adjudicate any disputes as to whether travel expenses are eligible for reimbursement.

Section 3.4 – Board of Directors' Stipend

~~3.4.1 The President of the ACBL, e~~**Each** member of the Board of Directors, ~~and the Chair of the Advisory Council~~ will receive an amount of ~~\$2,000~~ **\$1,000** three times per year to reflect travel to Region, District and Unit events, hosting events to honor Volunteers, ~~telephone expenses;~~ ~~mailings~~ and miscellaneous business expenses connected with their office as a member of the Board of Directors ~~or Chair of the Advisory Council~~.

3.4.2 **The Chair of the Advisory Council will receive an amount of \$1,000 three times per year to reflect travel and miscellaneous business expenses connected with their office.** ~~Extraordinary expenses incurred as a committee member will be considered for additional reimbursement.~~

Section 4.5 – Other Expense Reimbursement

~~5.1~~ Expenses for non-Board members and Board members traveling on ACBL business other than Board meetings will be reimbursed on the same basis as travel to Board meetings. **Except for** ~~With the exception of~~ guests of the President described in subsection 1.3.4 above, there will be no reimbursement for expenses of guests.

Chapter IV – Board Procedures

C. Meetings

The Board of Directors will meet prior to each NABC, either online or at the site of the NABC. **The Spring and Summer Board meetings shall be held face-to-face; the Fall Board meeting shall be held online.** It is expected that each meeting will be no longer than three-and-a-half full days in duration, with committee work being done in advance. The length of each meeting will be determined by the ACBL President in consultation with ACBL management.

~~Section 6 – Evaluation of Meeting~~

~~6.1 – At least annually, the Board should rate its own performance in terms of what went well (and why) and what didn't go well (and why) by using a Board evaluation form or some other method as determined by the Board.~~

Effective Date: March 13, 2024

Cost Estimate for Raising the Board Stipend:

Cost of raising stipend for 13 @ \$3,000 = \$39,000

Estimated Cost Savings by Holding the Fall Board Meeting on Zoom:

Hotel Room for 4 nights for 17 (includes Advisory Council Chair, Bronia, Sabrina and Jennifer) @ \$200 = \$13,600

Airfare/Travel Expenses for 16 (includes Advisory Council Chair, Sabrina and Jennifer—the ED will be traveling to the NABC regardless) @ \$1,000 = \$16,000

Per Diem for 17 for 4 ½ days @ \$75 = \$5,738

Transfers to and from Airport/Home and Parking @ \$200 = \$3,200

Miscellaneous Baggage and Transfers to and from Hotel = 16 @ \$100 = \$1,600

Audio costs = \$12,000

Continental Breakfast for 18 for three mornings @ \$30.00 = \$1,620 - \$1,012 (per diem deduction) = \$608

Opening Night Dinner for 25 = \$5,000

Thanksgiving Dinner for 18 = \$3,000

Cost of fall board meeting = \$60,746

Total Estimated Net Savings after Increasing Stipend and Holding the Fall Meeting on Zoom:

Net savings to ACBL = \$21,746

Committee Recommends (ONLY CHECK ONE BOX):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on above motion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on motion as revised
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deferral to _____ meeting, _____ year.

Committee Vote:

For 1 Against 2 Abstain Consent Calendar

Majority opinion:

Meeting face-to-face (F2F) as opposed to online builds camaraderie. Fall is a time when budgets are approved, the president and vice president are elected and is a time to bond with newly elected board members who choose to attend. Three consecutive days of online meetings may prove less productive.

Increasing the board stipend would benefit board members who represent multiple districts. Travel costs have increased. If board members are to provide good communication and attend F2F district events/functions, self-funding may occur, creating a scenario where only the “wealthy” may serve.

Governance requests that the motion be severed, creating one motion that proposes an increase in the board stipend and another that proposes meeting online instead of F2F in the fall.

The motion makers respectfully denied the request stating that the increase in the board stipend is justified because of the savings, i.e., \$21,746, to be incurred by eliminating the F2F meeting. Both go hand in hand.

Governance requests that alternative dates and locations be considered for holding the F2F meetings. This was considered by the motion makers, but proved prohibitive due to regionals being held before and after the fall NABC.

FINANCE COMMITTEE INPUT:

1 for and 2 against. No additional detail provided.

Minority opinion:

MOTION

Item 241-GV02: ACBL President Expenses

Date: February 1, 2024

Submitted by: Margot Hennings and Joann Glasson

Coordinated with: Finance, Governance

Purpose: To update President responsibilities and expenses

X	Requires Change in Codification
	Requires Change in CDR
	Requires Change in Bylaws
X	Requires Action Item
	Specify Attachments to be Included in the Minutes:

Moved that:

The *Codification, Chapter IV – Board Procedures, B. Expenses, Section 1. ACBL President Expenses* be amended as follows; and *Appendix 4-A, Duties, Responsibilities and Authority of the ACBL President* be deleted in its entirety (see separate document):

Chapter IV – Board Procedures B. Expenses

Section 1 – ACBL President Expenses

~~The image of the ACBL is paramount in all of the activities of the President. In keeping with such premise, the following statement of policy sets forth the duties, responsibilities and restrictions by which the President will be guided:~~

- 1.1 The President will be granted an annual President’s expense allowance of \$45,000. The President and the Treasurer may, prior to the Spring NABC, agree to increase this allowance by not more than \$5,000 based upon relevant circumstances.

- 1.2 In addition to the usual Presidential administrative functions, ~~which the President of most organizations performs~~ there are additional **special** responsibilities **required** of the office of ACBL President, **which are funded appropriately from the annual President's expense allowance**. These include, but are not limited to:
- 1.2.12 Hosting committee meetings and social functions at NABCs involving the members of the Board of Directors and special groups in his suite. ~~and holding special committee meetings in his suite.~~ The President will host a welcoming buffet/reception for Board members and special guests in his suite.
 - 1.2.21 Attending Regional and Sectional tournaments ~~of his choosing~~ to bring the ACBL to its members. ~~In addition,~~ When attending ~~at those~~ tournaments, the President is expected to host local volunteers in his suite or at a meal function.
- 1.3 The President may be accompanied by a person assisting the President in performing his duties. The expenses of such person(s) will be charged to the President's budget. The ACBL complies with IRS regulations which require companion travel reimbursements to be reported to the IRS as a taxable benefit.
- 1.4 The President is expected, within reason, to travel the most economical way to **any** tournaments, meetings or ~~for~~ other ACBL business. Airfare, using advance non-refundable ticketing, will reflect the lowest direct service fare available for travel at reasonable times for the travel dates. ~~whenever possible~~.
- 1.5 The ACBL will reimburse the expenses for no more than one representative annually to a WBF tournament. The ACBL President may attend only if the Executive Director chooses not to attend.** ~~The President will be reimbursed for travel to only one bridge event outside Zone 2 per year. The ACBL will reimburse no more than one non-WBF Representative for travel to the same tournament, if located outside Zone 2. The Executive Director will be the first choice to attend such, and the President may only attend if the Executive Director cannot/will not attend.~~
- 1.65 Travel and other expenses related to a specific activity (incl. special committee meetings) will be charged to Board expenses and not to the President's expenses.
- 1.76 In addition to serving as ACBL President, the President also continues to serve as his Region's ~~District's~~ representative on the Board of Directors and, therefore, will receive the trimester expense reimbursement identical to that provided all other Board members.
- 1.87 Per diem will be paid at the appropriate IRS acceptable rate to the President and traveling companion per subsection 2.4 below.
- 1.98 Travel to and from the NABC will be paid for up to two individuals acting as hosts at the President's suite during each NABC. One-half of this expense will be charged to Board expenses and one-half to President's expenses.
- 1.109 Any additional expense shall be charged to the President's budget.

Appendix 4-A Duties, Responsibilities and Authority of the ACBL President

Delete this appendix in its entirety.

Effective Date: March 13, 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

Committee Recommends (ONLY CHECK ONE BOX):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on above motion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on motion as revised
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deferral to _____ meeting, _____ year.

Committee Vote:

For 3 Against 0 Abstain Consent Calendar

Majority opinion:

This is viewed as a “housekeeping” motion with no substantive changes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE INPUT:

3 for. No additional feedback was provided by the Committee.

Minority opinion:

MOTION

Item 241-GV03: Life Member

Date: February 20, 2024

Submitted by: Governance

Coordinated with: Management, Legal Counsel

Purpose: To reduce legal risk and increase active membership

x	Requires Change in Codification
	Requires Change in CDR
	Requires Change in Bylaws
	Requires Action Item
	Specify Attachments to be Included in Minutes: <i>(List name and column number from MIM)</i>

Moved that:

The Codification, *Chapter I – Membership, A. Membership, Sections 2 and 4; Chapter VI – Club Sanctioned Games, D. Club Championships and Special Events; and Appendix 4-D2, Hall of Fame Operating Procedures* be amended as follows:

Chapter I – Membership **A. Membership**

Section 2 – Definitions and Rights of ACBL Membership

2.2 Classes of Membership

In addition to those rights and obligations listed in subsection 2.1 above and in accordance with Article III, Membership and Fees, Section 3.2 of the ACBL Bylaws, and Article XII, Arbitration, additional voting rights, term, characteristics, rights, limitations, and obligations shall attach to each class of membership as follows:

2.2.1 General Member:

2.2.1.1 Shall be a member as long as his or her dues are current, and receive the following services:

~~2.2.2 Life Master: 2.2.2.1 Shall be required to remit an annual service fee or dues in order to.~~

- a. receive the Bridge Bulletin;
- b. participate in some ACBL-sanctioned events;
- c. receive any subsidy or remuneration from the ACBL;
- d. participate in and receive recognition for achievement in masterpoint races; and/or
- e. have an article published on the ACBL website or in the Bridge Bulletin

~~2.2.3 Life Member:~~

~~2.2.3.1 Shall be a member through the member's lifetime.~~

~~2.2.3.2 Those members who joined or rejoined ACBL prior to January 1, 1996, and continuously maintained their membership, who achieve Life Master shall be subject to an annual service fee. The rights and obligations of Life Members are the same as those for Life Masters.~~

2.2.24 Honorary Member:

2.2.24.1 Shall be a member as long as his or her dues are current.

2.2.34.2 Shall have benefits as stated in Chapter I—Membership, H. Awards and Trophies, Section 4—Awards

2.2.35 Junior Member:

2.2.35.1 Shall be considered a Junior through their 25th birthday

2.2.35.2 Shall be a member as long as his or her dues are current.

2.2.46 Youth Member:

2.2.46.1 Shall be considered a Youth through their 19th birthday.

2.2.46.2 Shall be a member as long as his or her dues are current.

2.2.~~57~~ Foreign Member:

2.2.~~57~~.1 Any member whose residency is outside ACBL territorial boundaries and assigned to Unit 999.

2.2.~~57~~.2 Shall be a member as long as his or her dues, established by ACBL management, are current.

2.2.~~68~~ Patron Member:

2.2.~~68~~.1 Patron membership dues will be established by ACBL management.

~~2.2.8.2 ACBL management will add to the Patron Member Membership and Renewal Form check-off boxes for contributions to the ACBL Charity Foundation or CBF Charity Fund and the ACBL Educational Foundation. 12 Revised January 26, 2024~~

2.2.~~68~~.2 Patron membership benefits shall be determined by ACBL management, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

2.2.~~79~~ Century Club:

2.2.~~79~~.1 The Century Club will be established for members who reach 100 years of age, and an appropriate mention will be made in the Bridge Bulletin of this achievement.

2.2.~~810~~ Guest Member: (Effective June 15, 2020)

2.2.~~810~~.1 May join the ACBL at no cost.

2.2.~~810~~.2 Former or current ACBL members may not join as guest members.

2.2.~~810~~.3 The guest membership benefits shall be defined by ACBL management policy.

Section 4 – Unit Voting Power

4.1 Each Unit Board of Directors member who has been determined to be a valid elector based on the criteria stated in section 3.3 above shall have “Unit Board Member Voting Power” based on the following formula:

4.1.1 The Unit membership divided by 100 and computed to the second decimal place.

4.1.1.1 The membership of a Unit is the number of its dues-paying members ~~and those who are active Life Members~~ as recorded by ACBL on June 1.

4.1.2 The division of the Unit membership in subsection 4.1.1 above shall then be divided by the number of valid electors in the Unit and computed to the fourth decimal place.

Chapter VI - Club Sanctioned Games

D. Club Championships and Special Events

Section 3 – Membership Games

- 3.2 Only ~~Life Members and~~ paid ACBL members are eligible to play in Membership Games. Before the game begins, the director should make it clear to all participants that if an ineligible player enters, neither the player nor their partner will receive point awards.

Appendix 4-D2

Hall of Fame Operating Procedures

5. Election

Electors

The Electors for the Hall of Fame are determined according to the criteria in Appendix II Hall of Fame Electors. They must also be members in good standing and permanent residents of Bermuda, Canada, Mexico or the United States, including any territories. ~~Life Members must be current on all fees.~~ If an elector does not vote for two consecutive years, the elector shall be removed from the electors' list. The elector may be reinstated by requesting of the ACBL to be reinstated. No member who has been suspended for six months or more for ethical violations shall be an elector.

APPENDIX II to Hall of Fame Operating Procedures

D. ACBL Grand Life Masters (~~Life Members must have paid their service fees~~).

Effective Date: May 1, 2024.

Estimated Cost/Savings:

The costs for 2024 are expected to increase by \$18,000 due to the proposal to reinstate all Inactive Life Members, almost 8800 people, effective May 1, 2024 and provide online Bridge Bulletin access to all and a printed copy to those approximately 1800 members who have won ACBL masterpoints since Jan. 1, 2022. The expectation is that this expense will be recouped in 2025 as many of them choose to continue membership.

The re-write of our Back Office software, which includes membership and masterpoints, will be simplified by removing the Life Member category. A minimum of \$25,000 will be saved.

Committee Recommends (ONLY CHECK ONE BOX):

	Decision on above motion
	Decision on motion as revised
	Motion withdrawn
	Deferral to _____ meeting, _____ year.

Committee Vote:

For 3 Against 0 Abstain Consent Calendar

Majority opinion:

The reduction in legal risk, IT savings, a minimum of \$25,000, and the simplification of the membership structure are compelling reasons to remove the Life Member category.

Minority opinion:

MOTION

Item 241-GV04: Educational Foundation Bylaws

Date: February 15, 2024

Submitted by: Margot Hennings

Coordinated with: Governance, ACBL Educational Foundation

Purpose: To update references to the Educational Foundation Bylaws in the Codification and delete the Educational Foundation ACBL Bylaws as an appendix from the Codification

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requires Change in Codification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Change in CDR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requires Change in Bylaws
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requires Action Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify Attachments to be Included in Minutes:

Moved that:

The *Codification, Chapter V – Charity, Foundations, Special Funds, D. Educational Foundation, Section 1*; and *Appendix 5-D Current Bylaws of the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation* be amended as follows:

Chapter V - Charity, Foundations, Special Funds

D. Educational Foundation

Section 1 - Educational Foundation Games at NABCs

1.1 The NABC opening night (Thursday) games, including continuing rounds of KO games, shall be designated as Educational Foundation Games with all net proceeds from the games going to the ACBL Educational Foundation.

~~See Appendix 5-D Educational Foundation Bylaws~~

Appendix 5D

Current Bylaws of the American Contract Bridge League Educational Foundation

Delete this appendix in its entirety.

Effective Date: March 12, 2024

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

Committee Recommends (ONLY CHECK ONE BOX):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on above motion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on motion as revised
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deferral to _____ meeting, _____ year.

Committee Vote:

For Against Abstain Consent Calendar

Majority opinion:

This is a “housekeeping” motion with no substantive changes.

Minority opinion:

MOTION

241-GV05: Codification of AC Clubs and Teachers Committee

Date: February 25, 2024

Submitted by: Doug Couchman, Advisory Council Chair

Coordinated with: Advisory Council

Purpose: To create and codify a Committee of the Corporation to advise Management and the Board of Directors on decisions that materially affect clubs and teachers

X	Requires Change in Codification
	Requires Change in CDR
	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 Codification be updated to create the Teachers and Club Managers Committee of the Corporation to advise Management and the Board of Directors on matters that materially affect clubs and teachers. The additional text:

Chapter IV — Board Procedures

D. Committees

Section 2, Committees of the Corporation

2.9 Teachers and Club Managers Committee

2.9.1 The Teachers and Club Managers Committee will coordinate communication, alignment to objectives, and work priorities with respect to teachers and clubs.

2.9.2 The Committee shall be composed of 2 or 3 members of the Board of Directors, 1 to 3 Members of Management, 3 to 5 active bridge teachers, and 3 to 5 owners of bridge clubs representing both in-person and online businesses. Each committee members should have a proven track record recruiting and retaining new members and running successful clubs and lessons. Representatives from the Board of Directors should have experience with club- and teacher-related decisions.

2.9.3 The Board of Directors shall appoint members of the Committee in accordance with § 2.9.2, choosing where applicable the number of each category of member. Terms shall not be fixed but rather all memberships shall continue until the Board of Directors dictates otherwise

Effective Date: As soon as practicable, but in any case no later than the 2024 Summer General meeting.

Estimated Cost/Savings: Estimated cost minimal or zero for Zoom meetings, except that attendance by members of management may need to be compensated. Cost savings may arise from improved communication and resulting improved membership retention, but the effect is unknown and difficult to estimate.

Committee Recommends (ONLY CHECK ONE BOX):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on above motion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision on motion as revised
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deferral to _____ meeting, _____ year.

Committee Vote:

For Against Abstain Consent Calendar

Majority opinion:

Governance is 0-3 against this motion.

Governance believes that additional Committees of the Corporation should not be codified. To promote connectivity between AC and the board, Governance recommends that an AC member be added to the Membership Building and Retention Task Force and to the Club and Recruitment Task Force. It understands that this action will occur.

Minority opinion: