

Anti-Cheating Committee Report October 21, 2025
Kenneth Titow, Chairman

- The group has met three times since Marty resigned as Chairman.
 - **September 9, 2025** –
 - Elected Kenneth Titow to replace Marty as Chairman of the Committee.
 - General feeling ACBL is being too lenient with cheaters with emphasis on fixing this going forward.
 - **September 17, 2025**, meeting with Bronia Jenkins in attendance.
 - Bronia reported:
 - Proposal for using Tablets at major NABC events will be presented to the Board in SFO
 - Additional anti-cheating activities
 - Revisit phone and e-device policy – seems counterproductive to have all these in the room
 - Adding radio wave and other emission detection devices
 - Adding cameras
 - Looking at escorted rest room visits
 - View Graph Theatre with time delays
 - Bronia asked for help in putting some “meat on the bones” regarding the “Player Integrity Panel” (PIP). The idea is to have nationally/internationally recognized players who no longer compete in the major NABC events to judge anonymously situations where accusations of ethical play regulations have been alleged.
 - **October 21, 2025**
 - Mike Hargreaves resigned just prior to the meeting
 - Substantial discussion and progress on the Player Integrity Panel (PIP). While all this is preliminary, the salient items include:
 - Potential Members (only Ron has been approached as of this writing)
 - Ron von der Porten (declined but will help with recruitment)
 - Mike Lawrence – Ron vdP will contact
 - Karen Walker
 - Larry Cohen – Jonathan will contact

- Marty Bergen
- David Bird
- John Swanson – suggested by RvdP

While all these names are well-qualified, it should be acceptable to use experts (say only one or two NABC titles, instead of 10+) as acceptable panel members.

- Consensus is the panel should be renamed using the word “Arbitration” as part of the title since Arbitration is part of the ACBL’s approach to these matters.
- Panel should be small – three to five sitting members for any “hearing”. Some thought that perhaps we should recruit a larger group and have a rotating panel. This might make it easier to recruit people as the workload will be shared.
- Essential that an independent advocate who will work (but not vote) with the panel to preserve the rights of the accused. An experienced attorney/litigator or judge would be an excellent choice for this role. Again, perhaps we can recruit a pool and rotate this among its members.
- Needs a MAJOR effort regarding communication to the bridge community. Many have no idea how to report potential problems, nor what happens when they do. Among the ideas for this is signage at the NABC, announcements in the Daily Bulletin and articles in the ACBL Bulletin.
- No single report will trigger the use of the Panel, and it is essential that a decision be reached in a timely manner and not drag on.
- While the original idea is to have complete anonymity, this may prove impractical, at least as far as the accused not deducing the accuser. However, the panel can be given the information they need to decide without knowing the name of the accused nor the accuser.
- Logistics and administrative details not yet addressed in any detail, so lots of work remains before a comprehensive proposal is ready.

- Jay discussed the status of his work on the Charging Letter. This is a work in progress, but he has decided on a format following the legal requirements of rental/lease agreements: First page has a summary of the essential items clearly written in “everyday” English, with precise details in the remaining sections.

Setting of the next meeting is deferred until after the next (one or two) Advisory Council meeting(s) but will most likely be during the period after the SFO NABC through mid-January.