

## **ACBL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes: FALL MEETING**

**December 14, 2025**

Richard Popper, Chair of the Advisory Council, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. EST on Sunday, December 14, 2025. A quorum was present.

**OPENING REMARKS:** Chair Popper opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. First time attendee Denise Bahosh, newly elected member representing District 25 beginning in 2026, introduced herself.

**NEXT MEETING TIME:** The AC's next meeting will occur before the St Louis NABC at 7:00 pm EST Sunday, February 15 via Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Fall Special (November, 2025) meeting were approved.

**ACBL PRESIDENT:** Margot Hennings gave a brief report highlighting accomplishments from her two-year term as ACBL President. She thanked the AC members.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT:** Bronia Jenkins' report detailed ACBL's performance, challenges, and strategic priorities for 2026, including plans for technology modernization, membership optimization, and enhancing masterpoint integration. Bronia presented information about ACBL's current membership, noting a decline of about 6% annually. She explained that membership had been 133,000 but after cleaning up duplicate entries and reinstating life members in 2024, the current membership stands at 120,000.

**LITIGATION & FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Jennifer Webster reported that one case had been resolved while another is pending in federal court regarding jurisdictional issues. The financial report had been emailed to AC members with the meeting information. Jennifer reviewed the information contained in the report.

**COMPUTER BASED CHEATING DETECTION:** Larry Sealy provided an update on CDR changes made in Philadelphia, including new rules for suspended players and discipline for cheating.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** Chairman Popper reviewed the San Francisco board meeting results. By-laws change regarding the AC Committees passed. Online events at Regionals motion, based on input from the AC, was repurposed to allow tournaments to do what is best for them. ACBL management will prepare information for tournament sponsors so they can make an informed decision regarding running online events. Tournament operation discussion will continue at future board meetings. Units which run open sectionals will be encouraged to run grass roots games at their tournaments. Two are allowed per sectional. Doing so will help provide Districts with additional funds to pay for entry fees for the Grand National Teams finals to the extent that they are charged back by the ACBL to the Districts. Chapter 4 of codification rewrite passed. Charity recognition award elimination unchanged, reference removed from codification. Motion of rights of non-members (people who have never been ACBL members) no longer able to participate in Sectionals, already could not participate in Nationals or Regionals.

GOODWILL COMMITTEE: Char Lamy Agelidis made a motion that all members who have achieved Life Master status be designated Life Masters.

REPORTS FROM AC COMMITTEE CHAIRS: None

MOTIONS: There were no motions for reconsideration.

OLD BUSINESS: Steve Moese withdrew his motion from the August meeting.

Richard reminded the Council that there is a process to submit motions and asked that everyone follow it.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:39 pm EST.