



ACBL BOD Update
District 11 Board Meeting
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Key Actions from Atlanta NABC (1 of 2)

- **Margot Hennings (D6) Elected President, Cindy Shoemaker (D17) VP**
- **Finance**
 - **2024 operating and capital budgets were approved**
 - Budgeted Revenue: \$16.4M
 - Budgeted Expenses: \$16.7M
 - Projected loss of \$313K
 - Capital budget: \$543K (mostly for modernization and migration from very old AS400 system)
 - Special online games will hopefully mitigate much of the loss
 - **Increased stipend to USBF (for International Junior competitions) from Junior Fund from \$50K to \$65K (to account for higher travel costs)**
- **Payment to Units**
 - **BOD approved Mgmt request to incentivize Units to recruit and retain members (5/5/5 Plan) Effective April 1.**
 - **Previously, 11% of Membership Dues were provided to Units to be used for recruitment/retention.**
 - There were no defined requirements. Many Units simply co-mingled funds.
 - The new plan is to provide 5% with nothing required. Another 5% is avail for reducing the percentage of lapsed members. A final 5% is avail for increasing percentage of new members recruited.
 - **The hope is that this will be a win/win situation – growth (or reducing loss) in membership for League; more money for Units.**



Key Actions from Atlanta NABC (2 of 2)



- **Goodwill Banquet (changed to once per year earlier in 2023 as a cost savings measure) will be held at Summer NABC.**
 - It was thought this would allow more GW Members to attend, as the Summer NABCs have highest attendance and are geographically disperse. The Volunteer of the Year and Honorary Member of the Year will also be honored at this banquet.
- **Regional and Sectional Tournament Sanctioning**
 - J Glasson and I co-authored a motion to codify the procedures for Sanctioning tournaments close to other (previously sanctioned) tournaments. The process that was in use was not codified and not always conducted the same way from District-to-District.
 - **Regional-to-Regional: 425 miles; Sectional to Regional: 425 miles; Sectional-to-Sectional: 200 miles (all “as the crow flies”)**
 - Tourney Trax will not handle road miles
 - Tournaments not meeting requirement will simply raise a flag. Procedures identified to attempt to resolve.
 - After ~ 1 month using this new process, it became obvious that the Sectional-to-Regional and Sectional-to-Sectional requirements were too strict, causing much extra work for Mgmt.
 - At a Special BOD meeting on 12 Jan, the parts related to Sectionals were repealed.
 - We will have a full set of new procedures in place for the Louisville NABC BOD meeting.
- **Hyatt Regency Dallas (site of Spring 2006 NABC) was approved as the Site for Spring 2027 NABC**



Post-Atlanta Update – Dec 2023



- **12/7: Board voted against McCormick Place/Hyatt/Marriott (Chicago) for Summer 2027 NABC**
 - It was a good deal but “off the beaten path.” (Long walk to playing area and restaurants.)
- **We then looked at returning to Sheraton Chicago (site of Summer 2023 NABC).**
 - Due to a short deadline, vote was taken by Executive Committee on 12/26 (with input from all BOD members).
 - While the site and location was favorably viewed by most, the room rates were quite high (\$250-280) and it was not approved.
- **VACB Fundraising Weeks for NABCs:**
 - Originally, each NABC was offered up to 3 years of fundraising weeks in advance of a NABC. The games were only to be run by host District Virtual Clubs.
 - Limiting these games to only some clubs caused other clubs to be hurt (players would migrate to the games offering double points). In Oct, Mgmt Opened to all clubs.
 - There was an issue finding room for all of these extra weeks on the calendar. We decided to limit these games to once (rather than once/year for 3 years). Raising funds from all clubs will more than make up for reducing from 3 to 1 week.
 - Going forward, each NABC is provided one week. All VACBs must run these games. Funds raised from all clubs will be held to benefit the host District and spending will be coordinated with that District. Jan 8-14 was “Louisville Week.”



Post-Atlanta Update – Jan 2024



- **Update to CDR was approved. This defines procedures for use of EDGAR anti-cheating computer tool.**
 - Warning are available when both players have fewer than 300 MPs and are not bridge officials.
 - Fast Track Discipline available for pairs up to 2500 MPs.
 - Remainder go to Institute for Bridge Arbitration (IBA).
 - Bridge Integrity Program implements for players getting Warnings or FTD
 - Players who complete BIP get discipline reduced by half.
- **Modification to Regional and Sectional Tournament Sanctioning Motion**
- **My 2024 Board Committee Assignments**
 - Appeals and Charges (Chair)
 - Competitions and Conventions
 - NABC Business Model Task Force
 - NABC Site Selection (inactive, except for Summer 2027, until we resolve NABC Process)



Bridge Integrity Program



			Completion by:
1.	Ethics Code of Conduct:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Develop a clear and comprehensive code of conduct outlining the ethical standards expected from members. *Clearly define unacceptable behaviors such as cheating, misinformation, and any other forms of unethical play. 	TBD
2.	Educational Modules:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Create online educational modules that cover various aspects of ethical gameplay, focusing on common issues in bridge. *Include interactive content, quizzes, and case studies to reinforce learning. 	TBD
3.	Certification Program:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Implement a certification process where members must complete the educational modules and pass a test to demonstrate their understanding of ethical gameplay. *Required for players that receive a Warning or FTD or are found responsible of a First Degree Ethical Violation under the CDR. 	Required completion of this section is February 28, 2024 for recipients of Warnings and FTD
4.	Workshops and Webinars:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Conduct recorded workshops and webinars featuring experienced bridge players and ethical experts. *Address specific ethical challenges and provide real-life examples to help members understand the consequences of unethical behavior. 	TBD
5.	Fair Play Pledge:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Require members to sign a fair play pledge as part of their commitment to ethical gameplay. *Required for players that receive a Warning or FTD or are found responsible of a First Degree Ethical Violation under the CDR to sign a fair play pledge for future play. 	Required completion of this section is February 28, 2024 for recipients of Warnings and FTD
6.	Ongoing Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Develop a system for continuous education, requiring members to refresh their knowledge through periodic updates and additional modules. 	