



# AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

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## Fall ACBL Board Meeting - NABC San Diego, CA

San Diego proved to be a popular draw for the fall NABC. Total table count fell just short of 1,000 over the predicted number. A very nice surprise to all!! As always the weather was great (rain early on one morning), the hotel was very good and there were ample restaurants of all price ranges close by.

### Financials

- The proposed budget for 2010 has a projected loss of \$65,000 but will not be finalized until Feb. 15, 2010
- The new building will be ready for moving into by mid March. Knowing how these things work, maybe April or May is more realistic.
- The session fees charged to tournaments for director fees will increase by 8%, effective April 1, 2010. This is the first increase in four years and is an effort to close the gap on actual costs vs amount charged.
- membership dues will increase by \$2 annually, effective April 1, 2010.

### Other Items

- Teaching games of 6 or more boards are now allowed.
- George Retek and Al Levy were re-elected as WBF representatives
- A motion to limit the number of "special" games (ie. Charity, Junior & International Fund club championship games) was deferred. A sub-committee has been struck to study all aspects of these games, their impact on tournaments, etc. Their report will be ready for the spring meetings in Reno.
- The ACBL president will be elected in the fall rather than the summer meeting.
- The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations was amended in many areas. For the most part, disciplines were increased, along with an effort to clarify some of the offences.

This covers the hi-lights of the San Diego meetings. I would like to thank you for your friendship and support over the years. I am now officially retired from the board as of December 31. Claire Jones was elected as my successor. I wish him all the best and I am confident he will do a great job representing District 18 for the next three years. I look forward to seeing you at the bridge table in the coming years.

Jan and I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and all the best in the New Year!!

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