



# AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

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## Summer ACBL Board Meeting - NABC Washington DC

The agenda for the summer ACBL meetings was fairly light. Several motions were discussed with many being tabled until the fall meetings in San Diego. This will allow more time to gather information since the material was not pressing.

Here is a quick summary of items that were dealt with in Washington DC.

- 1) Richard (Rich) DeMartino from District 25 was elected ACBL President for 2010.
- 2) Our membership now stands at 160,000 paying members, up about 1,800 from last year.
- 3) Attendance at Regional and Sectional Tournaments continues to be strong in spite of the economic uncertainty.
- 4) The 2010 WBF Open World Championships will be held in Philadelphia from October 1 - 17, 2010.
- 5) ACBL headquarters will be relocating in early 2010. Our new home will be in Horn Lake, Mississippi, which is just south of Memphis, TN.
- 6) A new master point race has been established. This new race will involve points won on line.
- 7) A committee is going to study Regional Tournament allocations. For next year, District 22 has been granted an ex-quota Regional to fill a need in Northern California.

### District News

- 1) Congratulations to Susan Culham and Kismet Fung, proud members of District 18, who are part of the 2009 Canadian Women's Championship team. Besides winning the Canadian National Women's Championship, their team defeated Mexico in a 128 board bi-country playoff to earn the right to represent Canada and the ACBL in the Venice Cup which takes place August 29 - September 12 in Brazil. Good luck to them and log into [www.wasumi.org](http://www.wasumi.org) to catch their daily blog from Brazil.
- 2) The election for the District 18 representative on the ACBL Board of Directors is currently taking place. There are two candidates for the position: Claire Jones and Ian Martindale. Please make sure your Unit votes and returns the ballots to ACBL by September 30.

This is about all I can find that might interest my limited readership. I was sorry to miss the Calgary Regional but was just getting home that week from my daughter Erin's wedding. I look forward to seeing many of you in Saskatoon at the end of September and later in San Diego at the fall NABC.

Bye for now.

*Dick*