

**ACBL Board of Directors
Seattle WA
November 20 – 23, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Robinson on Sunday, November 20, at 9 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Paul Janicki #2, Joan Gerard #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Margot Hennings #6, Bob Heller #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Bill Cook #10, Beth Reid #11, William Arlinghaus #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, Bonnie Bagley #17, Claire Jones #18, Donald Mamula #19, Merlin Vilhauer #20, Bruce Blakely #21, Ken Monzingo #22, Rand Pinsky #23, Al Levy #24, and Richard DeMartino #25.

Also

Present: Glenda Calkins, District 3 Director Elect, Michael Kovacich, Chairman Board of Governors, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Robert Hartman, CEO, Dee Wallace, Jeff Johnston, Vicki Campbell, Chris Patrias, Patricia Glover, Jim Miller, Dana Norton, Carol Robertson, and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

Item 113-151: Election of ACBL President

Sharon Anderson and William Arlinghaus had previously declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. By secret ballot Sharon Anderson was elected to the office of ACBL President for 2012.

Item 113-152: Election WBF Representatives

Bruce Blakely, Bob Heller, Georgia Heth, Dan Morse and Jonathan Steinberg had previously declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. By secret ballot Georgia Heth and Bruce Blakely were elected as the ACBL representatives to the World Bridge Federation for a three-year term, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Item 113-153: Election Pension Plan Trustee

Chuck Wilkinson was elected as a Pension Plan Trustee for a four-year term January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

Moved and seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors approve the following Corporate Resolution naming the Pension Plan Trustees:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a meeting, duly called, of the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League, a non profit corporation, at which said meeting a quorum was present and acting throughout, the following preamble and resolution was adopted and ever since has been and now is in full force and effect.

RESOLVED, that Robert Hartman, Stanley Subeck and Charles Wilkinson are hereby ratified and affirmed that they are the Trustees for the ACBL Pension Plan.

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly elected and qualified Secretary and the custodian of the books and records and seal of the American Contract Bridge League, a non profit corporation duly formed pursuant to the laws of the state of New York and that the foregoing is a true record of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors and that said resolution is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Corporation this 20th day of November 2011.

SECRETARY: _____

Item 113-155: Certification of Elections

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Paul Janicki, District 2; Glenda Calkins, District 3; Craig Robinson, District 4; Georgia Heth, District 8; Sharon Anderson, District 14; Dan Morse, District 16; Bruce Blakely, District 21; Ken Monzingo, District 22.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as First Alternates to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Mike Cappelletti, Sr., District 6; Charlene Predmest, District 9; Nancy Sachs, District 11; Dennis Carman, District 12; John Van Ness, District 17.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as Second Alternates to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Steve Robinson, District 6; Lisa Berkowitz, District 9; Cheryl Schneider, District 11; Subhash Gulati, District 12; Darwin Afdahl, District 17.

Item 113-154: Executive Committee Central Zone

The Central Zone reported the election of Phyllis Harlan as its representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

The Central Zone reported the election of Bill Arlinghaus as its alternate representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Approval of Minutes

The Toronto, ON minutes are approved.

Carried.

Item 113-150: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting are received.

Non Agenda

- Motion for consideration of non-agenda item D & O Insurance failed.
- Motion for consideration of non-agenda item Subjective Seeding in the Senior Knockout failed.
- Motion for consideration of non-agenda item NABC Seniors Knockout Special Conditions of Contest failed.
- Motion for consideration of non-agenda item Audit committee failed.

Reconsideration

Item 112-44 GNT Entry Fees motion to reconsider from the Board of Governors was assigned to the Bridge Committee with input to come from the Finance Committee.

Item 113-156: Goodwill Member of the Year

_____ is appointed as the 2012 Goodwill Member of the Year.
(To be announced at the Spring 2012 Goodwill meeting).

Item 113-157: Honorary Member of the Year

Gregory Johnson is appointed as the 2012 Honorary Member of the Year.

Item 113-158: Volunteer Member of the Year

Charles Gill is appointed as the 2011 Volunteer Member of the Year.

ACBL CEO Report

The report of CEO Robert Hartman is received. (Attachment A)

League Counsel Report

The report of League Counsel Peter Rank on the status of litigation is received. (Attachment B)

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The Board went into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

Upon conclusion at 11:22 a.m. of the Executive session, the Board of Directors recessed and reconvened into committees.

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The meeting was called to order by President Craig Robinson on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Sunday November 20
Also Present: Same as Sunday November 20

Finance	
Reid (C), Cook (VC)	
Anderson, Heller, Levy, Mamula, Pinsky, Retek, Seals	Staff: Glover
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 113-75: 2012 Budget

The 2012 budget, showing expenses exceeding revenue by \$118,190, which includes one time expenditures of \$85,000, is received.

Regional and Sectional (including STaC) tournament per table sanction fees are increased by \$.04 cents effective April 1, 2012.

Tournament Director session fees are increased by approximately 4% effective April 1, 2012.

National, Associate National Director	\$174.10 raised to \$181.00
Tournament Director	\$159.10 raised to \$165.50
Associate Tournament Director	\$129.80 raised to \$135.00
Local Tournament Director	\$103.70 raised to \$108.00

Carried unanimously.

Item 113-161: Strength of Field Formula (112-154)

A Strength of Field (SOF) formula shall be implemented for Regional and Sectional Pair and Swiss Team games. Implementation of the SOF formula will be subject to full board approval of detailed specifications to be delivered to the Board on or before November 1, 2011 meetings.

The Strength of Field committee will continue the development of a SOF award system. This system is to be implemented as early as January 1st, 2012, subject to necessary changes being made to the current or new ACBLscore program.

The Strength of Field committee is directed to deliver a full set of specifications no later than November 1, 2011.

The first year after implementation, the Masterpoint committee may make adjustments to the formula if and when it becomes clear that the new formula is having an unintended effect. Such adjustments are approved by this motion and do not require additional Board action.

Deferred to the 2012 Spring meeting in Memphis, TN.

Deferral carried. Nay: 1, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23.

Item 113-160: Masterpoints (112-153)

- I. The awards for NABC Championships, Section III of the Masterpoint Award Regulations, are to be modified as follows:

Open Pairs (no other event, four sessions) changed from 130 to 125.

Red Ribbon Pairs changed from 70 to 60.

Canadian Open Pairs Championships changed from 75 to 65.

Women's KO Teams changed from 140 to 120.

USBF Women's Team Trials changed from 140 to 120.

USBF Senior Team Trials changed from 50 to 120.

Canadian Senior Team Championships changed to 60 masterpoints, instead of being computed by the general formula.

II. The Reduction Factor for club online games “not restricted by masterpoints” of fewer than 18 boards will be 60%.

Effective January 1, 2012

Carried unanimously.

Item 112-151: Education Status Report

The education status report is received.

Carried.

Appeals & Charges	
Mamula (C), Heth (Hearings), Fairchild (VC)	
Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Morse, Pinsky, Subeck	Staff: Miller
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 113-02: Chapter IV. D.

Chapter IV.D. of the Codification be amended as follows:

1.5.4 Disciplinary Hearing - When a disciplinary hearing is held before the Appeals and Charges Committee, the following rules will apply:

- 1.5.4.1 During Appeals and Charges hearings, only those ACBL Board members who are members of the Appeals and Charges Committee may be present. Only members of the Appeals and Charges Committee may ask questions of witness.
- 1.5.4.2 All findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Appeals and Charges Committee will be made by vote of only the members of the committee.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 5

Item 113-03: Code of Disciplinary Regulations

2.1.6 Except for ACBL Management in accordance with CDR 2.2.5, none of the disciplinary bodies noted in CDR 2.2 has jurisdiction over the club’s manager or staff based on actions taken in pursuit of their club activities unless the action is brought by ACBL

2.1.7 Except for CDR 2.1.1 (d), units, districts and ACBL have no original jurisdiction over *behavior at club sponsored games*. If the unit, district or ACBL is the sanction holder, club manager or club board of directors, the unit, district or ACBL has the same jurisdiction and authority *over behavior* as any other sanction holder, club manager or club board of directors.

Effective January 1, 2012

Carried unanimously.

Board Operations	
Seals (C) Anderson, Cook, Fairchild, Mamula, Reid Committee Report by Chairman	Staff: Miller

An oral report was given.

Governance / Board Operations	
Cook (C) Anderson, Fairchild, Mamula, Reid, Seals Committee Report by Chairman	Staff: Miller

Item 113-85: Chapter IV. B. of the Codification

Chapter IV. B. of the Codification is amended as follows:

Section - 1 ACBL President Expenses

The image of the ACBL is paramount in all of the activities of the president. In keeping with such premise, the following statement of policy sets forth the duties, responsibilities and restrictions by which the president will be guided.

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1.8 Per diem will be paid to the President and traveling companion per 2.4 below.

1.9 Travel to and from the NABC will be paid for up to two individuals acting as hosts at the president's suite during an NABC. One-half of this expense will be charged to Board expenses and one-half to president's expenses.

1.10 Any additional expense shall be charged to the President's budget.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 8, 23.

Item 113-86: Chapter I A Memberships

Chapter I A. Memberships of the Codifications is replaced with the following revised chapter.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 113-87: Rescinded Motions for Chapter 1. A. of the Codification

The following motions from Chapter I A of the Codification Minutes are hereby rescinded:

Resignation of ACBL Membership (772-4) (942-6) (Superseded by 081-03)

Former Members Who Rejoin ACBL (842-4) (Obsolete)

Life Member Status (952-66) (See A.2.2.3.1)

Holding Unit for Certain Unpaid Life Members (971-46) (053-30) (See A.1.5)

Membership Benefits (002-194) (See A.2.3.3)

ACBL Members' Civil Actions vs ACBL (012-44) (033-48) (See A.5.2)

Member's Unit Affiliation (013-246) (Obsolete)

NABC+ Events Eligibility (031-50) (See A.2.3.4)

Binding and Compulsory Arbitration (032-60) (See A.5.1 and 5.1.1)

Membership Residency (032-75) (062-32) (See A.3 through A.3.4)

Renewal Fees (042-142) (See A.1.3.1)

Patron Member (042-143) (See A.2.2.6)

Century Club (051-24) (See A.2.2.8)

Member in Good Standing (962-04) (973-13) (052-02) (093-76) (See A.2.3)

Classes of ACBL Membership (052-27) (See A.2.2)

Application for ACBL Membership (052-28) (092-07) (See A.1.1.1) (See A.1.2.3)

(See A.1.2.4) (See A.1.2.5. through A.1.2.5.4) (See A.1.2.2)

Patron Membership (062-108) (See A.2.2.6.2)

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 113-88: Transfer of Units 394 and 398 from District 18 to District 20

A. Unit 394, Boise, is transferred from District 18 to District 20.

B. Unit 398, Nampa-Caldwell, is transferred from District 18 to District 20.

Effective January 1, 2012

Carried unanimously.

Item 113-89: Volunteer of the Year

The President's Volunteer of the Year (see ACBL Handbook, Appendix F) be renamed the Nadine Wood ACBL Volunteer of the Year.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.

International / Federations	
Levy (C), Heth (VC)	
Harlan, Morse, Retek	

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

Internet Bridge	
Levy (C), Jones (VC)	
Arlinghaus, Blakely, Monzingo, Vilhauer	Staff: Patrias

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

Marketing/Juniors	
Anderson (C), Reid (VC)	
Cook, Harlan, Heller, Hennings, Janicki, Retek, Seals	Staff: Campbell, V.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 113-130: Junior Fund Money

Item 051-121 is rescinded:

Monies raised from Junior Fund games will be available for all junior activities. The first \$50,000 or the amount collected annually, whichever is less, will be given in July of the following year to the USBF to fund Junior Team Activities.

Deferred to the 2012 Spring meeting in Memphis, TN.

Deferral carried. Nay 3, 8, 13.

Item 113-131: Teacher Stipend

A teacher must be a current ACBL member in good standing in order to receive the ACBL School Bridge Program Teacher Stipend.

Effective January 1, 2012.

Carried Unanimously

Item 113-132: Education Status Report

Item 892-22A Education Status report is rescinded.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

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Yves Aubury, President of the European Bridge League, spoke briefly to the ACBL Board of Directors.

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Bridge	
Arlinghaus (C), Heller (VC)	
Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Hennings, Janicki, Jones,	
Monzingo, Pinsky, Subeck, Vilhauer	Staff: Patrias
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 113-25: Subjective Seeding in the Vanderbilt

The Subjective Seeding method is approved on a trial basis for the 2012 Vanderbilt Knockout Teams at the Spring NABC in Memphis. The subjective seeding method to be used is as follows:

SUBJECTIVE SEEDING IN THE VANDERBILT

For the 2012 Vanderbilt, the event will be seeded objectively (according to the “New Seeding Rules”), and then (experimentally) re-seeded subjectively by a “Subjective Seeding Committee*”

The process is summarized below:

After the Director-in-Charge determines a team’s average Seeding Points (SPs) in accordance with the “New Seeding Rules,” and before shuffling in groups, the Subjective

Seeding Committee will review the team's placement in the bracket. The Committee may ask the opinions of other players.

The Committee cannot change the seeding group of teams seeded in the top 16. Teams 17-20 may be moved down one "shuffling group." Teams 21 and up can be moved up or down one "shuffling group," but teams in the bottom shuffling group can only be moved up one group. The shuffling groups are 17-20, 21-24, 25-28, 29-32, then in groups of 8 through team 64, then in groups of 16. For example, a team in the 29-32 group could become seeded 33-40, or become seeded 25-28. For every team changed, another team must be moved reciprocally to replace it.

Any seeding change would be made before shuffling, and require a majority vote of the committee. (Three members constitute a majority.)

Carried unanimously.

Item 113-27: Online Masterpoints used for Rank Advancement

The Masterpoint Ranks be amended as follows:

For Rank advancement requirements restrictions on the use of online points will be removed from the requirements.

Effective January 2, 2012

Carried. Nay: 1, 5, 7, 9, 15, 22.

Item 113-28: Requirement for Achieving Additional Life Master Rankings

For Rank advancements higher than Life Master, the requirements are changed as follows:

- Silver Life Master: Replace "A Life Master with 1000" with "A Life Master with (a) over 1000 masterpoints, including (b) no fewer than a combination of 200 silver, red, gold, or platinum points"
- Gold Life Master: Replace "A Life Master with 2500" with "A Life Master with (a) over 2500 masterpoints including (b) no fewer than a combination of 500 silver, red, gold, or platinum points"
- Diamond Life Master: Replace "A Life Master with 5000" with "A Life Master with (a) over 5000 masterpoints, including (b) no fewer than a combination of 250 gold or platinum points and (c) no fewer than a combination of 1000 silver, red, gold or platinum points."
- Emerald Life Master: Replace "A Life Master with 7500" with "A Life Master with (a) over 7500 masterpoints, including (b) no fewer than a combination of 500 gold or platinum points and (c) no fewer than a combination of 1500 silver, red, gold or platinum points."

- Platinum Life Master: Replace "A Life Master with 10 000" with "A Life Master with (a) over 10 000 masterpoints, including (b) no fewer than 100 platinum points, (c) no fewer than a combination of 750 gold or platinum points, and (d) no fewer than a combination of 2000 silver, red, gold or platinum points."
- Grand Life Master: Replace "A Life Master with 10000" with "A Life Master with (a) over 10 000 masterpoints, including (b) no fewer than 100 platinum points, (c) no fewer than a combination of 750 gold or platinum points, and (d) no fewer than a combination of 2000 silver, red, gold or platinum points"

These changes will apply to all players who attained Life Master after 1989. These changes will not cause any player to lose the rank which he or she has obtained as of December 31, 2011. In addition, each player who has obtained the rank of Life Master or higher as of December 31, 2011, will not have to fulfill the new 2012 rank advancement requirements to obtain the next higher rank advancement. However, all players will be required to fulfill the new 2012 rank advancement requirements for any further rank advancements beyond the first advancement achieved after January 1, 2012.

Example: A current Silver Life Master on December 31, 2011 would retain the current requirements for Gold Life Master, but would need to fulfill the new requirements for Diamond Life Master.

Effective January 1, 2012.

Carried. Nay: 3, 13, 15, 19, 22.

Item 113-29: Grand Life Master Qualification

A player who has been expelled or suspended for a total of 120 days or more for CDR Ethics Violations, as described in Appendix B of the ACBL CDR, will be considered ineligible to be awarded the rank of Grand Life Master, even if the other requirements are satisfied. The total days can be the result of one or multiple ethics infractions.

If such a player has redeemed himself sufficiently, through substantial contributions to the bridge community and the demonstration of exemplary behavior, that player may apply for reconsideration by the Appeals & Charges Committee of the ACBL Board of Directors. This application cannot occur earlier than 5 years after completion of sentence. Additional provisions for award qualification shall be at the discretion of the ACBL Board of Directors.

Effective January 1, 2012

Carried. Nay: 4, 8, 9, 14, 17, 19.

Item 113-30: Knockout Team Requirements

When a knockout event is on the schedule for 4 sessions, the directors will assure that all participants participate in brackets that require 4 sessions to complete, unless there are fewer than 9 teams total entered in the entire field.

Specifically, a team entry of 17 or fewer teams will play in a single bracket. If more than 17 teams are entered, each bracket must have at least 9 teams.

Motion failed. Aye: 12.

Item 113-31: Special Events Status Report

Item 931-78 Special Events Status report is rescinded.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 113-159: GNT Entry Fees

The Board of Directors reconsidered Item 112-44 GNT Entry Fees: The ACBL will waive all entry fees for the NABC final GNT events.

Motion Failed. Aye: 5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

Tournaments	
Gerard (C)	
Arlinghaus, Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Hennings, Janicki, Jones, Monzingo, Pinsky, Subeck, Vilhauer	Staff: Patrias
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 113-55: 2012 – 2013 Youth NABCs

- A. The Summer 2012 Youth NABC to be held July 19 – 21 at the Marriott, in Philadelphia PA is approved.

Carried unanimously.

- B. The Summer 2013 Youth NABC to be held August 2 – 4 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, GA is approved.

Carried. Nay: 1 Abstain: 15.

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The meeting was called to order by President Craig Robinson on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Tuesday, November 22

Also Present: Same as Tuesday, November 22

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Technology Committee

Arlinghaus, S. (C) Vilhauer (VC)

Arlinghaus, B., Jones, Levy, Monzingo

Staff: Campbell, V.

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto.
(Attachment C)

Conditions of Contest

Subeck(C)

Arlinghaus, Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Hennings,

Janicki, Jones, Monzingo, Pinsky, Subeck, Vilhauer

Staff: Patrias

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 113-40: Conditions of Contest

The 2012-2013 Conditions of Contest are approved with the following changes:

1. All instances of the phrase “team of four” will be replaced by “team(s)”.
2. All references to Butch Campbell in the Conditions of Contest will be removed.
3. Item #8 under Participating Clubs in the Conditions of Contests for STaCs will be amended as follows:

Non-playing directors are encouraged but not required for games with no more than one section of 17 tables or fewer. Non-playing directors are required in games larger than 17 tables or with two or more sections. Club directors who are eligible to play will receive masterpoints.

Carried. Nay: 1, 17, 21, 22.

Item 113-43: Condition of Contest NAP 2012 - 2013

The 2012-2013 North American Pairs Conditions of Contest are amended as follows:

Appendix IV of the 2012-2013 North American Pairs Conditions of Contest are amended to provide for half red, half black masterpoint awards for club stage qualifying at invitational clubs in this event.

Effective 2012-2013 North American Pairs.

Motion Failed. Aye: 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25.

Item 113-44: Alert Chart

Item 112-49 Alert Chart be amended:

A. Conventions and Competitions Committee Suggestions – Alert Chart

Remove the requirement to Alert a cheapest club bid response over a natural NT opener or overcall, which asks for a 4-card or longer major suit. Rebids by notrump bidder which are different from standard (such as “Puppet Stayman”) would still be Alertable.

Amend the definitions of natural openers to include a 1C opener on specifically 4-4-3-2 with 2 clubs and 4-4 in the majors.

Effective January 1, 2012.

Carried Unanimously.

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The ACBL Board of Directors adjourned its meeting and reconvened as the ACBL Educational Foundation.

ACBL Educational Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the ACBL Educational Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Mamula, Secretary.

The Treasurer’s report was received. (See ACBL Educational Foundation minutes)

A. Beth Reid declared her candidacy for Trustee. There being no other declarations or nominations. A. Beth Reid was elected to serve a three-year term January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Ishaq Y. Al-Qutub, Howard Engle, Sandra Martin and Jerry Thorpe declared their candidacies for Trustee. By secret ballot Howard Engle and Sandra Martin were elected to serve three-year terms, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

The ACBL Educational Foundation meeting was adjourned and the ACBL Board of Directors reconvened as the ACBL Charity Foundation.

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ACBL Charity Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the ACBL Charity Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Fairchild.

The Treasurer's report was received. (See ACBL Charity Foundation minutes)

Bill Cook, Georgia Heth and Kent White had declared their candidacies for Trustee. By secret ballot Bill Cook and Georgia Heth were elected to serve four-year terms, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

The ACBL Charity Foundation meeting was adjourned and the ACBL Board of Directors reconvened.

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<p style="text-align: center;">NABC Advisory</p> <p>Johnston (C) Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Hennings, Monzingo, Subeck, Wood Committee Report by Chairman</p>
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NABC Site Selections

The ACBL Board of Directors approves the Hilton Hawaiian Village as the host hotel and playing site for the fall 2018 NABC.

Carried. Nay: 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 15.

The ACBL Board of Directors approves the Tampa Convention Center as the playing site for the fall 2020 NABC. The Embassy Suites – Tampa, the Marriott Waterside and the Westin Harbor Island will be the host hotels.

Carried unanimously.

The ACBL Board of Directors approves the Toronto Convention Centre as the playing site for the summer 2017 NABC. The Intercontinental Hotel Toronto and the Royal York

will be two of the three host hotels (hotel #3 to be determined based upon normal hotel selection guidelines).

Passage of this motion is dependent upon Management confirming access at the Intercontinental for disabled players.

Carried. Nay: 5, 12.

The ACBL Board of Directors approves the Kansas City Crown Center complex (Westin and Sheraton hotels along with the Crown Center Exhibit Hall) as the hotels/playing site for the spring, 2017 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Audit Committee
Pinsky (C) Jones, Reid

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 113-15: Ratification of Audit Firm

The firm of Watkins Uiberall, Certified Public Accountants is approved as the audit firm of the ACBL for the 2011 year.

Carried. Nay: 1

Ranking
Jones (C), Arlinghaus (VC) Gerard, Heller, Janicki, Levy, Subeck

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto.
(Attachment D)

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The Board went into Executive Session at 12:07 p.m.

Whereupon the Board returned to regular session at 12:15 p.m.

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by George Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 19 and its units, District Director Donald Mamula and Tournament

chairs Barbara Nist and Ole Godefroy and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Seattle Sheraton Hotel for its fine cooperation.

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 12:18 p.m.