

**ACBL Board of Directors
The Westin Copley Place
November 17 – 20, 2008
Boston, MA**

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Morse on November 17, at 9 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Jonathan Steinberg #2, Joan Gerard #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Nadine Wood #6, Bruce Reeve #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Bill Cook #10, Beth Reid #11, William Arlinghaus #12, Harriette Buckman #13, Sue Himel #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, Jerry Fleming #17, Richard Anderson #18, Donald Mamula #19, Jeffrey Taylor #20, Bruce Blakely #21, Corinne Kirkham #22, Al Levy #24, and Richard DeMartino #25.

Absent: Rand Pinsky #23

Also

Present: Ken Monzingo, District 22 Director Elect; Linda Mamula, Chairman Board of Governors; Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay Baum, CEO; Brenda Atwill, Gary Blaiss, Natasha Brown, Butch Campbell, Vicki Campbell, Patricia Glover, Julie Greenberg, Jim Miller, Dana Norton, Carol Robertson, Patty Tucker, Barbara Varner, and Kelley McGuire.

Approval of Las Vegas Minutes

The Las Vegas, NV minutes are approved.

Carried.

Reconsideration Item(s)

Item 083-140: Life Master Requirements – Life Master Committee

Non Agenda Items

Junior Youth NABC – assigned to Juniors

Eliminate Quorum Requirements from Election Regulations – assigned to Bylaws

ACBL CEO Report

The report of CEO Jay Baum is received. (Attachment A)

League Counsel Report

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

Item 083-130: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on August 14, 2008 are received.

Carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 14, 2008

The Executive Committee met August 14, 2008 at 9 a.m. CST, by conference call to approve the following:

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Dan Morse, President; Sharon Fairchild, Chairman; and Al Levy (Alternate).

Absent: Richard Anderson, Sue Himel, Shirley Seals

Also present: Jerry Fleming, ACBL President Elect; Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay Baum, CEO, and Kelley McGuire.

Moved that we accept the settlement offer of a “walk-away” in the Maloney-Refaie v. ACBL et al and that we waive the implementations of Code of Disciplinary Regulations Sections 3.10, 3.4.4 and 3.4.5.

For complete details see League Counsel e-mail of August 13, 2008. (Attachment C)

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Item 083-132: 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, 2009 through December 31, 2011:

Paul Janicki, District 2; Joan Gerard, 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 Alternate to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011:

Steve Robinson, District 6; Muriel Altus, District 9; David Siebert, District 10; Nancy Sachs, District 11; Beverly Gardner, District 12; John Van Ness, District 17; Jo Anne Murdock, District 20; John Solodar, District 24.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as Second Alternate to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011:

Mike Cappelletti, District 6; Jeff Overby, District 9; Barbara Jur, District 12; Merlin Vilhauer, District 20; Larry Ascher, District 24.

Effective date: January 1, 2009

Carried

Item 083-133: WBF Representatives

Richard Anderson, Georgia Heth and Jonathan Steinberg had previously declared their candidacy. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed.

By secret ballot, Georgia Heth and Jonathan Steinberg are elected as ACBL representatives to the World Bridge Federation for a three-year term, January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

Effective January 1, 2009.

Item 083-134: 401k Trustee

Al Levy is elected as a 401k Trustee for a four-year term January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012.

Effective January 1, 2009.

Carried.

Item 083-135: Executive Committee Central Zone Member and Alternate

The Central Zone reported the election of Georgia Heth as its representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

The Central Zone reported the election of Phyllis Harlan as its alternate representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

Effective January 1, 2009

Carried.

Item 083-136: Honorary Member of the Year

Jeffrey Polisner is appointed as the 2009 Honorary Member of the year.

Carried.

Item 083-137: Goodwill Member of the Year

Chris Larsen is appointed as the 2009 Goodwill Member of the Year.

Carried.

Item 083-138: Volunteer Honorary Member of the Year

Burt Onstott and Eric Snow are appointed as the 2009 Volunteer Members of the year.

Carried.

Item 083-139: Education Status Report

The Education Status report is received.

Carried.

Item 083-141: Ratification of ACBL Disciplinary Committee Appointments

The appointments of John Sutherlin, Greg Hintz, and Nader Hanna as alternates to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee to serve as needed through December 31, 2008 are ratified.

Carried.

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The meeting was called to order by President Dan Morse on Wednesday, November 19 at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday.

Also Present: Same as Monday, with the additions of Rand Pinsky #23 and Sharon Anderson, District 14 Director Elect.

AUDIT

Retek (C)

Pinsky Reid

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 083-131: ACBL Audit Firm

Watkins, Uiberall Certified Public Accountants are approved as the Audit firm of the ACBL for the 2008 year.

Carried unanimously.



GOVERNANCE

Cook (C)	Himel (VC)				
Harlan	Mamula	Pinsky	Reid	Seals	Taylor

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 083-85: Club Sanction Cancellation

Item (073-57) (082-32) Administrative Guidelines for ACBL Club Games and ACBL Club Director Accreditations is amended as follows:

D. Cancellation of Sanction

ACBL management has the right to cancel or suspend a club game sanction for cause upon thirty days notice to the club manager. Any one of the following shall constitute “cause” for cancellation or suspension:

- operation of a club out of compliance with ACBL regulations
- unsuitable club venue
- discriminatory practices as set forth in this Handbook

A suspension is for a fixed period of time whereupon the sanction shall automatically renew. If a cancellation is for a fixed period of time, the club manager may apply for renewal. Cancellations may be permanent without the possibility of renewal.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 083-86: Special Club Games

Chapter IV, Section 6, 1F is amended as follows:

When a sectional (excluding STaCs) or higher rated event is being conducted within 25 miles of a club game’s playing site, the club is permitted to hold only its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games (i.e., no special games).

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 083-88: Grand Life Master Requirements

- A. The following are added to the requirements for achieving Grand Life Master. In addition a player must be a lifetime member in good standing. If he has not always been a lifetime member in good standing and is otherwise eligible to become a Grand Life Master, or an existing Grand Life Master no longer is a player in good standing, and wants to be reinstated as a Grand Life Master, he must apply to the ACBL Board of Directors for an exception.

- B. Application for an exception may be considered two years after the probation period ends for an existing Grand Life Master or two years after eligibility for a new Grand Life Master. The ACBL Board can make an exception if the player has demonstrated that his behavior and ethics are in the highest order and that he has given back to the bridge community. The Board will determine this after contacting the local Unit and District officials, Tournament Directors, national recorder or anyone else they designate. The burden of proof is on the player.

Deferred to the Spring 2009 meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Item 083-90: Goodwill Reception

The budget for the Goodwill Committee receptions will be determined on an annual basis

Item on the subject of Goodwill receptions are rescinded.

Effective January 1, 2009

Carried unanimously.

LIFE MASTER		
Arlinghaus (C),		
Gerard	Pinsky	Seals
Committee Report by Chairman		

Item 083-140: Life Master Requirements

Moved and Seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors reconsider Item 082-140 Life Master Requirements adding a requirement that ten of the gold or platinum points be won in pair games.

Motion failed: Aye: 1, 4, 10, 11, 13, 18, 20, 24.

JUNIORS

Gerard (C)	Anderson (VC)		
Himel	Smith	Steinberg	Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 083-100: ACBL Youth Division

The ACBL will redefine the Youth Division using the following guidelines.

ACBL Youth Division

Eligibility:

- Under 20 years of age
- ACBL member in good standing

Special Events/Benefits:

- Eligible for all Junior special events and benefits
- Youth NABC
- A class for area youth at each of the NABCs if the sponsoring organization has an interest in promoting youth bridge in their city
- Teacher of Junior Bridge workshops/receptions at each NABC for bridge players interested in starting Youth programs and classes in their area
- Other events created to further the interest of Youth in participating in ACBL events and games

Awards/Positions:

- Goodwill Youth Player of the Year
- Youth Player of the Year
- Youth Brigade Membership
- Youth Advocate

Effective January 1, 2009

Carried unanimously.

Item 083-101: ACBL Junior Division

The ACBL will define the Junior Division using the following guidelines.

ACBL Junior Division

Eligibility:

- Under 26 years of age
- ACBL member in good standing

Special Events/Benefits:

Junior Day at NABCs – during each NABC one Saturday will be declared Junior Day. A light reception will be held for Juniors for the purpose of conducting business.

February will be proclaimed Junior Month.

Junior Entry coupons will be available at NABCs for all juniors who are ACBL members.

Other events will be created to further interest juniors in participating in ACBL events.

A newsletter will be issued by e-mail with Junior/Youth news and items of interest and to promote the continued interest of our new players.

A dedicated Junior/Youth website will be created to facilitate the dissemination of news and events of interest and to promote the continued interest of our junior players.

Awards/Positions:

Goodwill Junior Player of the Year

Junior Player of the Year

Junior Corp Membership

Junior Advocate

Effective January 1, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

Item 083-102: Youth NABC for 2010

A Youth NABC is approved for the summer of 2010. This will be held at a site and date to be determined.

Carried unanimously.

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MARKETING

Seals (C)

Buckman Harlan Heth Kirkham Levy Taylor

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 083-110 School Competitions Programs

Management is requested to continue to develop promotional materials for schools and report on this program at the Spring 2009 NABC.

Deferred to Spring 2009 meeting.

Carried. Nay: 1, 2, 3, 5, 16, 17, 21. Abstain: 9, 23.

Item 083-111 School Curriculum Programs

Management is requested to continue to develop program materials for schools and report on this program at the Spring 2009 NABC.

Deferred to Spring 2009 meeting.

Carried. Nay: 1, 2, 3, 5, 16, 17, 21. Abstain: 9, 23.

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APPEALS & CHARGES

Heth (C)

Steinberg (VC)

Anderson

Buckman

Fleming

Levy

Smith

Committee Report by Chairman

Jay Baum, CEO and Gary Blaiss, EAO were excused for the committee to deliver their report on hearings.

Item 083-01: Report on Hearings

The ACBL Appeals & Charges reported the following decisions:

In the matter of the review hearing held pursuant to CDR Section 7.2.6 of the decision of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee regarding charges brought by the ACBL against Ken Gee ACBL#M118944, the committee finds:

- A. That the finding that Mr. Gee violated CDR Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7 is affirmed.
- B. That the discipline imposed is modified as follows:
 - a. That Mr. Gee be suspended from the ACBL for the period from and including November 27, 2007 through May 31, 2009.
 - b. That Mr. Gee serve a lifetime probation under ACBL rules commencing June 1, 2009.
 - c. That all ACBL masterpoints earned by Mr. Gee for the period July 31, 2006 through December 31, 2007 be removed from his ACBL masterpoint record. He shall also forfeit any titles or awards won during the same time period.

In the matter of the request for hearing by Michael McNamara ACBL#Q382786 pursuant to Code of Disciplinary Regulations Section 9.2.

The Committee denied the request for a hearing because the case did not warrant any action under 9.2 of the Code.

Mr. McNamara alleged four specific violations by the District which he stated should result in the implementation of eight specific requests under Section 9.2. The Committee found that request numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 were outside the jurisdiction of the Committee. Therefore, the Committee reviewed the four allegations as they related to requests numbers 5 (request for an apology from the District) and 6 (request for a plan from the District).

Allegation 1. The Committee found that the District's failure to respond as of the date of this request for hearing was not improper.

Allegation 2. The Committee found that scheduling an overnight event with no alternate event for non-seniors is not a violation of ACBL rules.

Allegation 3. The Committee found that ACBL rules allow a team to opt out of a third place playoff if such team does not commit to a director that it would participate in such playoff.

Allegation 4. The Committee found that improper advertising by a District or failing to inform players that a final session is optional for a team is not the basis for a 9.2 action.

In the matter of the request for hearing by Marc Langevin ACBL #O037453 against District 2 pursuant to Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) Section 9.2.

The Committee denied the request for a hearing because the case did not warrant any action and because the matter was dealt with in a reasonable manner at the District level under 9.2 of the Code.

Mr. Langevin alleged six specific violations by the District. Therefore, the Committee reviewed the six allegations and made the following findings:

A.1. The tournament chair did not act inappropriately in submitting a complaint to the District and the District acted appropriately in making charges to its Disciplinary Committee based upon the complaint.

A.2 The actions of the tournament chair taken before submitting the complaint are not an appropriate basis for a CDR 9.2 action.

B.1. The District acted appropriately in delaying the hearing because of the unavailability of two of the charged persons.

B.2. The District acted legally and properly in maintaining jurisdiction.

B.3. The delay in reporting the decision is regrettable. However, action has been taken by the ACBL to add to the CDR a time within which the decision of a disciplinary body must be submitted.

B.4. When a charge against a person is dropped or dismissed, current procedures require that, if the charge is recorded in the person's ACBL disciplinary file, then a written statement that the charges were dropped or dismissed must also be included.

Item 083-02: ACBL Disciplinary Body

Moved by the Board of Governors that no person may be prevented from active, in hearing, representation at any hearing held by an ACBL disciplinary body merely because they hold a law degree and/or are or were a licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction. Carried by a substantial majority.

Motion Failed: Aye: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25. Abstain. 12

Item 083-03: Disciplinary Hearings Decisions

The Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended as follows:

C. 5.2.10 A typewritten report in a format provided by the ACBL shall be made of all hearings, including a brief summary of the facts, the committee's findings and what sanction, if any, is to be or was imposed. The report must be submitted to ACBL Management within 30 days after the conclusion of the presentation of evidence. ACBL Management shall receive the written report and is required to provide a copy to the disciplined person and complainant.

D. 7.1.4 The decision of the District shall be in writing and must be submitted to ACBL Management within 30 days after the conclusion of the presentation of argument.

7.2.5 Decisions of the Appeals and Charges Committee shall be in writing and shall be final. All decisions shall be reported to the ACBL Board of Directors within 30 days after the conclusion of the presentation of argument and, thereafter, to all parties.

6.2.4 The decision of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee (when meeting as an appellate body) shall be in writing and must be sent to ACBL Management within 30 days after the conclusion of the presentation of argument.

VI. POST-HEARING PROCEDURES

A.

VII. B. REPORT TO ACBL

VIII.

IX. It is mandatory that the disciplinary body send a full typed report of the hearing (See Hearing Report Form at www.acbl.org) and a copy of the letter sent to the disciplined party or parties to ACBL Headquarters at the same time. The report must be sent within 30 days after the conclusion of the presentation of evidence.

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Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 083-04: ACBL Disciplinary or Ethical Oversight Hearing Committee

A. When unable to seat a five-person hearing committee from among the membership of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee, the chairperson of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee may select members of the hearing committee from among the membership of the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee.

B. When unable to seat a five-person hearing committee from among the membership of the Ethical Oversight Committee, the chairperson of the Ethical Oversight Committee may select members of the hearing committee from among the membership of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

BRIDGE					
Wood (C)	Arlinghaus (VC)				
DeMartino	Gerard	Kirkham	Levy	Retek	Robinson
Committee Report by Chairman					

Item 083-30: Hand Records at NABCs

The hand records used in NABC+ events will be different from the hand records used in all other events (Regional, side, I/N).

Effective immediately

Carried. Nay: 6

Item 083-31: Director of Appeals

Serving as Director of Appeals does not disqualify a member of the Board of Directors from serving on the Appeals and Charges committee.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.

Item 083-32: Online Club Championships

Online bridge clubs may run Club Championships under similar conditions as face-to-face clubs. All masterpoint awards will be non-pigmented.

In an online club championship, each pair must play at least 18 boards. One open club championship may be awarded per quarter for sessions 1 – 12 (Monday – Thursday) with a maximum first place overall award of 3.90.

Effective January 1, 2009.

Carried. Nay: 1, 5, 9, 13, 22.

Item 083-33: STaC Charges

STaC charges for 2009 will be computed using the following formula:

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	<u>Tables</u>	<u>Factor</u>
	0 - 500	\$4.35 x #Tables
	500 - 1000	\$4.10 x #Tables over 500 + 2175

1000 - 2000	\$3.75 x #Tables over 1000 + 4225
2000 - 4000	\$3.30 x #Tables over 2000 + 7975
4000+	\$3.00 x #Tables over 4000 + 14,575

Effective January 1, 2009.

Carried unanimously.



TOURNAMENTS

Arlinghaus (C)

Anderson Gerard Kirkham Levy Robinson Seals Steinberg Taylor

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 083-120: Platinum Pairs

A. The Platinum Pairs is established as an annual event, subject to a BoD approved schedule, starting in 2010. This will be a six-session qualification pair event open to members that have won 50 or more platinum points in the three calendar years prior to the event or 200 platinum points lifetime.

Carried unanimously.

B. SCHEDULE OF NATIONALLY RATED EVENTS AT NABCs

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Wednesday	NAOP – Flight A	GNT – Championship Flt GNT – Open Flight A	
Thursday	NAOP – Flight A	GNT – Flight B GNT – NLM GNT – Championship Flt GNT – Open Flight A GNT – Flight B GNT – NLM GNT – Championship Flt	
Friday	Open Pairs Platinum Pairs	GNT – Open Flight A GNT – Flight B GNT – NLM LM Pairs Mini LM Pairs(LM-5000) Mini LM Pairs (LM-1500)	LM Open Pairs LM women’s Pairs Non-LM Pairs Senior KO Teams
Saturday	Open Pairs Platinum Pairs	GNT – Championship Flt GNT – Open Flight A GNT – Flight B GNT – NLM LM Pairs Mini LM Pairs (LM-5000) Mini LM Pairs (LM-1500)	LM Open Pairs LM women’s Pairs Non-LM Pairs Senior KO Teams
Sunday	Silver Ribbon Pairs Platinum Pairs	GNT – Championship Flt GNT – Open Flight A GNT – Flight B GNT – NLM LM Pairs Mini LM Pairs (LM-5000) Mini LM Pairs (LM-500)	Mixed Pairs Senior KO Teams
Monday	VANDERBILT	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingold	Mixed Pairs

	Silver Ribbon Pairs	Women's KO	
Tuesday	VANDERBILT	Senior Swiss Teams	Senior KO Teams
		SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingold	Blue Ribbon Pairs
	IMP Pairs	Women's KO	Senior KO Teams
	Women's Pairs	Senior Swiss Teams	Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs
Wednesday	VANDERBILT	Open Pairs	Pairs
		SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingold	Blue Ribbon Pairs
	IMP Pairs	Women's KO	Mini Blue Ribbon Pairs
	Women's Pairs	Open Pairs	Pairs
Thursday	VANDERBILT	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingold	Blue Ribbon Pairs
		Women's KO	
		Mixed BAM Teams	
	Red Ribbon Pairs	Fast Open Pairs	
	Open/Women's BAM	199er Pairs	
Friday	VANDERBILT	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingold	REISINGER
	Open/Women's	Women's KO	NA Swiss Teams
		Mixed BAM Teams	99er Pairs
	Red Ribbon Pairs	Fast Open Pairs	
Saturday	Open Swiss	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingold	REISINGER
	Women's Swiss	Women's KO	NA Swiss Teams
	NAOP – Flight B	Open Swiss	
	NONLMP		
	VANDERBILT		
Sunday	Open Swiss	SPINGOLD/Mini-Spingold	REISINGER
	Women's Swiss	Open Swiss	NA Swiss Teams
	NAOP – Flight B		
	NONLMP		

Note: In order to participate in an NABC+ event, you must be an ACBL member whose service fees or dues are current.

A second reading is required at the Houston 2009 Spring NABC.

Carried. Nay. 11, 25.

C. Overall award for first place 200 platinum points.

Carried. Abstain. 11

Effective January 1, 2010.

Item 083-121: Stratified Board-a-Match Team

The strat levels for teams in a Stratified Board-a-Match team event can optionally be determined by the average masterpoint holding of all of the team members.

Effective January 1, 2009.

Carried unanimously.

Item 083-122: Mini-Spingold Masterpoint Awards & Match Awards for NABC KOs

The following changes are made to the Masterpoint Awards:

0 – 5000 Mini – Spingold Fixed Award = 100 masterpoints;

For 32 - 47 teams, the award is 80 masterpoints; for < 32 teams, the award is 60 masterpoints.

0 – 1500 Mini – Spingold Fixed Award = 60 masterpoints;

For < 32 teams, the award is 45 masterpoints.

Match Awards for the following events formerly calculated by the old formula in effect prior to 2008 are replaced by fixed awards, as follows.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Old Match Award</u>	<u>Proposed Fixed Match Award</u>
0 – 5000 Mini-Spingold	2.62	3.00
0 – 1500 Mini-Spingold	2.17	2.50
GNT – Superflight	2.70	4.00
GNT – A	2.62	3.00
GNT – B	2.28	2.50
GNT – C	1.64	2.00
Canadian National Teams	2.70	3.50
Canadian National Teams (B)	2.62	3.00
Canadian Women’s Teams	2.16	2.50

Effective date: Immediately

Carried unanimously.

Item 083-123: Tournament Sanctions

Item 923-125 is amended as follows:

- B. Except as provided in section C below, only Units may apply for a sanction to hold Sectional Tournaments. However, there is no objection to a Unit nominating another organization to conduct the Sectional, provided that it does so in writing and provided there is no objection (for cause) by ACBL Management to the sponsor nominated. If the District within which the Unit is situated is the nominated sponsor, the foregoing right of objection by Management shall not apply.

C. ACBL Management is authorized, as a sponsoring organization, to sanction silver point Sectional Tournaments on cruise ships at 65% of open sectional rating for games run by a club/cruise director and at 80% of open sectional rating if run by ACBL tournament directors. The current per table sanction fee for open sectionals will be charged.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23. Absent: 22

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The meeting was called to order by President Dan Morse on Thursday, November 20, at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday

Also Present: Same as Wednesday.

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BOARD OPERATIONS

Harlan (C)	Wood (VC)								
Buckman	Gerard	Himel	Kirkham	Levy	Reid	Seals	Steinberg	Taylor	

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 083-20: Board of Operations Documents

The following board operations documents are approved:

- Board Member Protocol
- Skills Assessment
- Board of Directors Duties and Responsibilities
- Welcoming Pamphlet

Attachment D

Carried unanimously.

Item 083-21: District Director Stipend

Item 081-21, Section 4.1 is amended as follows:

4.1 The president of the ACBL, each district director and the chairman of the Board of Governors will receive an amount of \$750 three times per year to reflect travel to District and Unit events, telephone expenses, mailings and miscellaneous office expenses connected with the office of district director and chairman of the Board of Governors.

Motion Failed. Aye: 19.

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FINANCE AND BUDGET

Fleming (C) Robinson (VC)
Cook DeMartino Mamula Reid Retek

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 083-40: 2009 Budget

The 2009 budget is approved.

This includes:

1. An increase in NABC card fees per player per session as follows:
 - a. NABC+ events \$18.00 to \$20.00
 - b. NABC limited events \$16.50 to \$17.00
 - c. Regional two session events \$15.50 - \$16.00
 - d. Single session and IN events \$14.50 to \$15.00

2. Sectional surcharge increase from \$135.00 to \$165.00

Carried. Nay: 2, 5, 6, 7, 21, 24. Abstain: 3.

BYLAWS & COMPLIANCE

Himel (C)
DeMartino Heth Mamula, D. Mamula, L. (BoGC)

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 083-141: Quorum Requirements for Election

Item 061-42 is amended as follows:

The following sections are eliminated.

4. UNIT VOTING POWER
 - 4.1.4 A majority of Unit Board of Directors in the Unit must vote in order for the Unit's Voting Power to be included in the election results.

5. VOTING METHODS

A majority of the Unit Board members must vote in order for the unit’s ballots to be included in the results.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

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Executive Session

At approximately 11:30 a.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

REAL ESTATE			
Reeve (C), Cook (VC)			
Buckman	Fleming	Harlan	Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

Management is authorized to negotiate the purchase of a parcel of land and proceed with the development of an ACBL Headquarters building pursuant to the terms and conditions of the proposal provided in executive session. The proposal will be a sealed portion of the minutes.

The Board reconvened at noon.

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

Charity Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the Charity Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Fairchild on November 20, at 1:40 p.m.

Shirley Seals gave the treasurer’s report.

President Fairchild announced the following order for the \$20,000 charity grants which will be given to the Districts.

2009 – 3, 6, 7, 15, 16, 22

2010 – 5, 9, 14, 17, 20

2011 – 8, 11, 12, 13, 18/19, 25

2012 – 4, 10, 21, 23, 24

Elections:

James Sternberg M.D. announced his candidacy for Trustee. Since no other candidates declared, James Sternberg was elected to serve a four-year term, January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012.

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

Educational Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the Educational Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Kirkham, Trustee.

Elections:

A. Beth Reid announced her candidacy for Trustee. There being no other declarations, Ms. Reid was elected to serve a three-year term, January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

Flo Belford, Sally Veauthier and Gary Westfall announced their candidacies for Trustees.

By secret ballot Flo Belford and Sally Veauthier were elected to serve three-year terms, January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

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

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 25 and its units, District Director Richard DeMartino and Tournament Chairs Kathy Benjamin and Frank Lombardo and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Marriott Copley Place and the Westin Copley Place for their fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 2:15 p.m.