

Agenda
District 10 Board Meeting
Monday, September 27, 2021
6:30 p.m. CDT

1. Larry Sealy, President -Meeting called to order
2. Judy Knox, Secretary- Approval of minutes
3. Pat Williams, Treasurer- Treasurer's report & approval
4. Larry Sealy, ACBL District Director Report
5. Charlie MacCracken, Tournament Coordinator
6. Jerry Burford, GNT/NAP/STAC Coordinator
7. Chuck Wilkinson, TOC Chair
8. Dan Graham, President Unit 161
9. Karen Jennings, Education Liaison
10. New/Old Business
 - a. District By-laws Update (Sealy)
 - b. Return to F2F play - tournaments and clubs (All)
 - c. Other
 - d. Schedule next meeting
10. Adjourn

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MID SOUTH BRIDGE CONFERENCE
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING
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The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on September 27, 2021 in a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Larry Sealy, District 10 President.

District 10 Units were represented by the following Voting Delegates

Unit 134 Louisiana	Vicki Willis
Unit 138 Mississippi	Chuck Wilkinson
Unit 144 Tennessee	Judy Knox
Unit 157 Alabama	Robert Whiting
Unit 161 Arkansas	Dan Graham
Unit 170 Shreveport	Debbie Grand
Unit 179 Central TN	Bob Dietrick
Unit 180 MSGulf Coast	*Michael Moses
Unit 182 Baton Rouge	*Jan Galey
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana	*Linda Dorries
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Sandra Baggett
Unit 215 S. Alabama	Lynn Parker
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	Wayne Colvin
Unit 232 N. Alabama	Gary Schwartz

*Did not attend and did not send a replacement

District 10 and Unit officials Who Attended

District 10 President – Larry Sealy
Vice President – Robert Whiting
Treasurer – Pat Williams
Secretary- Judy Knox
Charles MacCracken, TC
Greg Frank, D10 Webmaster
Karen Jennings – Education Liason
D10 Field Representative – Brian Russell
President Unit 144- Barbara Johnson

President's Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Larry Sealy, President of District 10 at 6:30pm CST. All attendees were asked to introduce themselves and state the Unit and/or office that they hold.

Approval of The Minutes

A motion was made by Vicki Willis to approve the minutes for the last District 10 meeting. The minutes were approved. There were 3 abstentions due to delegates who were not present at that meeting.

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Treasurer's Report - Pat Williams

Pat Williams, District 10 Treasurer presented the Financial Statements as of August 31, 2021. (See Exhibit A which is attached for a copy of Pat's report.)

A motion was made by Vicki Willis and seconded by Robert Whiting to approve the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report was approved.

ACBL BOD Meetings 2021 – Highlights
Larry Sealy

ACBL Board of Directors Online Meetings via Zoom Webinar

- **Summer Meeting (July 2021)**
- **Special Meetings:**
 - **June 4, 2021**
 - **August 20 and 25, 2021**
 - **September 9, 2021**

(Please see Exhibit B which is attached for a copy of the National Director's Report Summer 2021)

Special meetings are held when there are matters that are deemed too urgent to wait for the next full Board meeting (i.e., Spring, Summer, Fall).

I have taken some details from the minutes posted on ACBL website. These are in quotes. My comments on the motions/actions are in italics.

June 4

“The Board discussed with ACBL management management's plans for a near term return to face-to face bridge play at clubs and tournaments. Board members shared their thoughts on, and asked questions about, these matters. The discussion included, among other things, combining face-to-face and virtual bridge games, special awards and special games to be utilized by clubs during the remainder of 2021, a proposed reduction in the masterpoints® multiplier for online games, the continuation or discontinuation of special events offered online, proposed limitations on the pooling of clubs offering online games, the possible curtailment of Support Your Club online games, and the continuation or discontinuation of online Regional events and/or online national championships during the remainder of 2021. Longer term matters were left for discussion at later meetings.”

Many Board members felt we needed to look into these issues closer – not make a hasty decision. We therefore postponed final decisions to the July meeting. The Strategic Committee chairman and Joe Jones agreed to work together on a compromise to present in July.

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August 20 and 25

The primary purpose of this meeting was to revisit how to support “Return to F2F play.” With the Covid situation changing frequently, decisions made in July needed to be reviewed and management given latitude to make some decisions without coming back to the Board every time. To this end, we discussed and agreed on some general guidelines.

“Having reviewed the proposals presented, Board members continued their discussion of plans that the Board would like to see put into place during a transition period following the coronavirus pandemic, including references to the various proposals put forward by Board members. Individual Board members were provided ample time to present their views and to offer arguments in support of them. Following discussion, the Board determined that there were three strategic goals for ACBL management to implement during a transition period whose end would be determined at a later date:

1. Support brick-and-mortar bridge clubs;
2. Provide bridge players with a place to play; and
3. Enforce the policies, the Visitor Policy in particular, that have been put into place. In terms of supporting clubs, the Board discussed, among other things, supporting the return to face-to-face bridge play, providing special games, and eliminating the masterpoint® multiplier for online games. It was clarified that the goal of providing bridge players with a place to play did not mean a place to play at all times. Other suggestions covered how to determine the proper percentage of visitors to a club under the Visitor Policy, various ideas of how to handle “orphan players”, the assistance that could or should be provided by BBO, and ideas for supporting small clubs. The President polled each District Director regarding their vote on each of the three goals. Goal #1 was adopted by a 21-3-0-1 vote, goal #2 by an 18-4-2-1 vote and goal #3 by a 23-1-0-1 vote.”

I voted in favor of #1 and #3 but abstained on #2. Item 2 was related to online play. I thought it was too vague. Does this mean a place to play any time of any day? Or just enough options during the week?

“The Board also discussed with ACBL management the masking requirements at tournaments considering recent scientific guidance and the surge in the coronavirus Delta variant. The Board reconsidered its motion related to that issue that had been passed in July. They then provided the following guidance to ACBL management: until December 31, 2021, subject to change at any time, anyone who has received the required doses of a COVID-19 vaccine (under Health Canada, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or Mexico Ministry of Health guidelines) at least 14 days prior to their attendance at a bridge tournament may be required to wear a mask at said tournament if Health Canada, CDC, or Mexico Ministry of Health guidelines recommend this. This ACBL policy does not countermand any ordinance or law in effect at the site of the tournament. Tournament sponsors at their option would be free to put into place more stringent requirements.”

I voted in favor of this motion.

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“Finally, the Board assigned to the Finance Committee the task of considering whether or not the ACBL should reimburse Districts and/or Units for losses due to tournament cancellations.”

Due to the late cancellation of tournament sanctions, some tournaments (regionals, mostly) were subject to very high cancellation fees. The Board is looking into how to help the local organizations.

September 9

During this meeting, several different items were discussed:

1. Future NABCs: we voted to hold the Spring 2025 NABC in Memphis and the Fall 2026 NABC in San Diego. I am on the Site Selection Committee. Sara Beth Raab (ACBL) and I held several discussions with the Memphis Unit President (Barbara Johnson) to go over details and get agreement to host.

2. Austin NABC Update:

Mary Stratton gave an update on the status of the Fall NABC in Austin, TX. The ACBL will:

- a) work with a third party for vaccination verification,
 - b) provide office hours with an onsite medical resource, and
 - c) consider whether the types of events offered require modification in order to safely hold the event.
- Meeting Services is working with the two Austin hotels to consider the options to reduce the ACBL's liability if the decision is to move forward with the NABC. If the decision is to cancel the NABC due to safety concerns, rescheduling a future NABC in Austin is an option. ACBL management will closely monitor the status of the Fall 2021 NABC, giving consideration as to whether Austin/Travis County is still in Stage 5 coronavirus risk.

3. Decision regarding online special games for October 2021:

“The decision regarding proposed online special games for October 2021 was deferred until ACBL management announces the decision regarding October tournaments. The Board would like ACBL management to propose opportunities in October or November for sanctioned silver point events at clubs offering face-to-face games.”

Shortly after this Special Meeting, the F2F tournament decision for October was announced. We held a vote via email on whether to hold an October online Regional tournament. Since only one Regional was sanctioned in October and it did not overlap with the proposed online Regional, I voted in favor of holding it. The motion carried.

4. “The Finance Committee provided a proposed procedure to review Unit or District reimbursement requests of their major costs incurred as a result of ACBL management's decision to not staff a sanctioned tournament. The proposed procedure includes criteria for eligibility and the requirement of supporting documentation. A written committee decision would be submitted by the Finance Committee to the full Board for review. The procedure will be finalized based on the feedback received and will be presented as a motion at a future meeting.”

For any ACBL BOD questions or comments, please contact me at District10Director@acbl.org

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Tournament Coordinator Report - Charles MacCracken

Charlie stated that all Sectionals have been cancelled for October 2021. The IN tournament was cancelled for Baton Rouge in December. All tournaments are now on a wait and see basis due to the Coronavirus.

Tournament Oversight Committee Report

Start Dates	Site	Events	Budget	P&L Report	Notified	Comments
01/17/22	Orange Beach	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	Yes	Tournament Cancelled
TBA 2022	Birmingham	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	Yes	Tournament Cancelled
TBA 2022	Nashville	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	Yes	
09/12/22	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	Yes	
TBA 2023	Hot Springs	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	No	
TBA 2023	Nashville	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	No	
TBA 2023	Baton Rouge	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	No	
TBA 2023	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	No	
TBA 2024	So. Alabama	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	No	
TBA 2024	Birmingham	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	No	
TBA 2024	Jackson	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	No	
TBA 2024	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received	Not Received	No	

District 10 Tournament Oversight Committee

Chuck Wilkinson, Jackson MS (Chairman)
Jan Galey, Baton Rouge
Ed Davis, Nashville TN
Terry VanDyke, Nashville TN
Charlie MacCracken, Memphis TN (Advisor)

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**2023 Hot Springs Regional – Dan Graham
(Unit 161)**

Dan asked to speak about the planned 2023 Hot Springs regional tournament that is on the schedule. Unit 161 is planning to hold the tournament and is in negotiation with the Hotel Hot Springs for hosting. We hope to have further information at the Spring 2022 D10 Board meeting.

Jerry Burford, GNT/NAP/Stac Coordinator

Jerry did not attend the meeting. However, he did submit his report. See Exhibit C for Jerry's report.

Updating our Bylaws

Larry appointed an ad hoc committee to work on updating the Bylaws at our last board meeting. Pat Williams (Committee Chair), Ed Davis, Vicki Willis, Jerry Burford and Larry Sealy were (appointed to serve on this committee.

A motion was made by Dan Schwartz to approve the amended by laws. These bylaws shall take effect January 1, 2023, except for the paragraphs pertaining to contacting members electronically. Those paragraphs to take place immediately. The motion was seconded by Vicki Willis. The motion passed unanimously.

(Please see Exhibit D attached for copy of amended By Laws.)

Education Liaison, Karen Jennings

Karen is from Unit 221 which is SW Louisiana. Her email address is kdjennings2@gmail.com.

Karen stated that she has submitted a reimbursement request from Unit 161 to the Treasurer for payment. No other requests have been received.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be on April 11, 2022 at 6:30pm on Zoom. We will be electing new officers at the next Board meeting in 2022. If any of the officers do not wish to run again, please let me know. If anyone would like to run for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, please let me know. Please let me know if you plan to attend as soon as possible and if you cannot attend, please make sure you have someone designated to take your place so your unit will be represented at the next Board Meeting. Please notify me regarding your replacement. There being no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Vicki Willis to adjourn seconded by Robert Whiting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox,
Judy Knox
District 10 Secretary

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EXHIBIT A

3:11 PM

09/27/21

~~Accrual~~ Basis

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Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2021

CASH

Aug 31, 21

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

General Checking

-66.00

Regions Checking

4,719.64

Regions Money Market

90,697.73

Total Checking/Savings

95,351.37

Total Current Assets

95,351.37

TOTAL ASSETS

95,351.37

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Fund Balance

32,068.54

Retained Earnings

63,267.87

Net Income

14.96

Total Equity

95,351.37

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

95,351.37

3:13 PM

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Profit & Loss

09/27/21

January through August 2021

~~Annual~~ Basis

CASH

	<u>Jan - Aug 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues	3,000.00
GNT/NAOP	960.00
Interest Income	6.06
Regionals	
Orange Beach	6,238.00
Tunica	<u>2,129.10</u>
Total Regionals	<u>8,367.10</u>
Total Income	12,333.16
Cost of Goods Sold	
GNT/NAOP Expense	490.00
Regional Revenue Sharing	8,197.90
Web Site	<u>1,164.05</u>
Total COGS	<u>9,851.95</u>
Gross Profit	2,481.21
Expense	
Lodging	-10.00
Miscellaneous	26.25
Professional Fees	
GNT/NAOP	450.00
Secretary	800.00
Tournament	450.00
Treasurer	<u>750.00</u>
Total Professional Fees	<u>2,450.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,466.25</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>14.96</u>
Net Income	<u><u>14.96</u></u>

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EXHIBIT B

NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT SUMMER 2021

This report was prepared by the Communications Working Group. I have added my comments in italics. I currently serve on the Strategic Committee and the NABC Site Selection Committee.

I held a Town Hall meeting on July 11, 2021 to get D10 feedback on the issues we were discussing at this meeting (mostly related to return to F2F play).

The ACBL Board of Directors held its summer meetings via Zoom July 14-16, 2021. During these unprecedented times, the ACBL Board of Directors, committees and work groups continue to meet regularly through conference calls, GoToMeeting and Zoom.

The information presented in this report has been sourced from the following:

- Summer Management Report.
- ACBL Board and staff.
- July motions -- attached.

FINANCE

Operating gain for the first five months of the year is just over \$900K; non-operating gain is \$150K. ACBL presently has \$19M in assets. With the resumption of face-to-face tournament bridge, revised projections for year-end 2021, show a gain from operations of about \$130K. This is highly dependent on the success of NABC Austin in November, the first national tournament held by the ACBL in two years.

The reduction in projected operational gain is because face-to-face regional tournaments do not provide the ACBL with the same level of income as online regional tournaments, and the ACBL is currently planning only one more online regional tournament in August of this year. Net income from face-to-face regional tournaments goes to the district or unit sponsor while net income from online tournaments goes directly to the ACBL.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL RECORDER

The Office of the National Recorder, headed by Robb Gordon, continues to see a substantial number of player memos generated from online play. Most of the memos involve unethical behavior. As of July 2021, over 630 player memos have been received.

The volume of player memos is expected to decrease as the ACBL transitions to face-to-face tournament play. Player memos generated during face-to-face play are more commonly conduct related.

Whether playing online or face-to-face, the message from Robb Gordon remains clear: “If you 'see' something, 'say' something. Do not state it in public or accuse someone. Fill out a player memo. I guarantee we will investigate.”

More than 15 volunteers currently support the investigative process. District Disciplinary Committees will become more active as face-to-face play resumes.

Compliance Coordinator Sabrina Goley has been promoted to the roles of Administrative Coordinator and Assistant Corporate Secretary. Her duties as they relate to the Office of the National Recorder will be limited to disciplinary matters.

APPEALS AND CHARGES COMMITTEE

The Appeals and Charges Committee presented its report on (a) hearings and (b) revisions to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

During "Special" board meetings, A&C previously reported on hearings it had held since the March 2021 Board meeting. Under Item 212-01 Report on Hearings, A&C reported on its two most recent hearings: A Negotiated Resolution and an automatic review of an Online Ethical Oversight Committee hearing.

Under Item 212-02 CDR Revisions, A&C presented a revision that was then approved by the Board during the meeting. This revision includes substantial clarifications and simplifications, and a reorganization that includes deletion of Article IX and Appendix A and moves their provisions elsewhere within the CDR. A new section was added to provide guidance to all disciplinary bodies on how to determine appropriate disciplines. Disciplinary options were greatly simplified, improving the process for application of discipline.

An online tour of the ACBL website demonstrated means to access disciplinary case disposition charts, hearing reports and helpful documents. All of the decisions of our Disciplinary Committees (set out in “Hearing Reports”) and summaries of the results can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yevw898s>

The A&C Committee (comprised solely of ACBL Board Members) has been charged with reviewing and concurring (or modifying) penalties levied by the (non-Board) committees (Ethical Oversight Committee and Online EOC). The full Board does not vote to approve A&C actions, only to “receive” them.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The Bylaws Committee brought forward a motion -- Item 212-04 -- (first reading) to make certain technical amendments to the ACBL Bylaws, Article IX, Board of Governors, correcting omissions made effective April 2021.

MEMBERSHIP

ACBL membership continues to decrease slightly each month, down approximately 9.0% since last year. Currently, the ACBL has approximately 146,300 members.

District 10 membership decreased from 6130 to 5530 (9.8%) from Sep-20 to Sep-21.

CLUBS

Over 85 percent of previously sanctioned clubs have renewed in 2021. This percentage continues to increase slightly as clubs return to live play.

The table counts for Virtual Club games are decreasing as table counts for face-to-face play continue to climb. Table counts below were sourced from an ACBL email sent to club managers on August 4.

Table Counts by Platform	Face-to-Face Tables	Virtual Club Tables	Total Tables
May 2021	17,981	110,169	128,150

Table Counts by Platform	Face-to-Face Tables	Virtual Club Tables	Total Tables
June 2021	38,066	86,822	124,888
July 2021	53,230	77,072	130,302

STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

Strategies for a robust return to face-to-face bridge continue to be refined as club openings are monitored and the Delta variant continues to surge. While the majority of the Board favors an invitational/restricted model, discussions regarding an open (unrestricted) market model continue. Therefore, for the near term, the following prospective actions were discussed along with timelines for implementation:

Eliminate the masterpoint multiplier* for Virtual Club games effective August 2. Due to the cancellation of face-to-face tournaments through August, the multiplier will remain 1.25 percent until further notice.

Add masterpoint limited Support Your Club (SYC) games throughout the day and allow members to designate clubs to share in the revenue generated. Implementation: August.

Increase the Visitor Policy to 20 percent and ensure clubs are in compliance. Implementation: August.

Eliminate multi-district pools except for special/local circumstances where players routinely cross district lines for face-to-face games. 99'er NiteClubs are exempt. Implementation in process.

Phase out VACB sanctions for clubs that are not holding face-to-face club games to be extended by Management for Canada depending on its re-opening schedule. Implementation: December.

Make future VACB sanctions granted to clubs a function of face-to-face sanctions. Implementation as appropriate and not earlier than January 2022.

Allow parallel face-to-face and online games. Implementation in process.

*The online multiplier was established at the onset of the pandemic to incentivize players to participate in Virtual Club games, to generate revenue for clubs and to sustain bridge.

Strategic will convene a series of meetings in August to discuss longer-term issues and actions associated with Virtual Clubs and post-pandemic bridge.

The Delta variant wave that began shortly after this meeting caused people to rethink the implementation described above. F2F table count began to decrease significantly. Management did not implement the agreements above – we agreed to relook at things and hold a special meeting in August.

Management Membership Proposals

Strategic presented two proposals from Management.

The first proposal would require players in club games to either have a lapsed, retrievable ACBL member number or to acquire a number by obtaining a Guest Membership. These actions would support ACBL marketing efforts to encourage individuals to join or re-join the ACBL. The proposal was rejected by the Board.

I voted against this proposal, since we had feedback from club owners/managers that they would lose some players if this was implemented.

The second proposal recommends that tournament participants have an active membership. This requirement is already in place for NABC-level events. It would streamline the tournament fee structure and make membership universal for sanctioned tournaments. This proposal was accepted by the Board.

I voted in favor of this proposal.

Both actions by the Board were consistent with feedback from the Board of Governors.

GOVERNANCE BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Most of the actions were undertaken by the Governance Committee in advance of the July meeting *and* were administrative/housekeeping in nature. All were approved by the Board during the meeting.

The work to update and simplify the Codification, the regulatory document of the Board, continued with motions being put forward to address how and when Board motions are made, Board meeting process and Board minutes. In addition, the Board clarified outdated language in the Codification regarding Board expenses. It also voted to eliminate reimbursement for hotel and per diem expenses for district directors (soon-to-be-regional directors as well), with the exception of the ACBL President and the Board of Governors Chair, between the conclusion of the Board of Directors meeting and the convening of the Board of Governors meeting.

Board Reorganization

Many districts are starting to review their respective bylaws, amending where necessary those portions governing the role of the district director in their districts. This is in anticipation of the elections early this fall for the position of regional director that will begin the reorganization and downsizing of the board of directors. Regional directors will be in place for Region 1 (Districts 1 and 2), Region 2 (Districts 24 and 25), Region 4 (Districts 5 and 6), Region 5 (Districts 12, 13 and 14), Region 6 (District 7), Region 9 (Districts 15 and 16), Region 11 (Districts 22 and 23) and Region 13 (Districts 18 and 19) on January 1, 2022.

D10 will be in Regional, along with D8 and D11. The election of our new Regional Director will be next summer.

Therefore, the Governance Committee began an in-depth review of both Part 1: Governance and Policy and Part 2: Bridge Operations, of the Codification where there are many references to the roles and responsibilities of the district directors. Per that review and as approved by the Board at this meeting, a number of these current responsibilities will not be assumed by the regional directors replacing them, but instead will become the responsibility of district presidents (or their appointed surrogates). Examples include annual appointments of members from their districts to the National Goodwill and Charity Committees, and approval of sanctions for new club games in their districts.

Codification review will continue through the end of this year, with improvements expected to the communications policy; clarification of the procedures for unit governance, formation and dissolution and the composition of the Board Executive Committee, to name just a few. As the transition to a smaller board gets underway, there are many areas of the Codification that will require changing, as Management, staff and members-at-large through appointment by Management or the Board of Governors take on more of the roles currently being filled by Board

members. Key functions include: NABC Site Selection, bridge decisions beyond what are fulfilled by the joint Management/Board/member/Masterpoint Committee, and approval of players to compete in grass roots events when they have residences in multiple districts.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW

During the spring national board meeting, Joe Jones, executive director, ACBL, presented operational goals for 2021. A status update of these goals was presented by Jones during the July board meeting. A newly implemented dashboard which helps track the progress and status of projects was demonstrated to the Board.

MARKETING

Guest Membership Program

ACBL Marketing continues to promote and grow the Guest Membership program.

In February, Marketing launched the \$29 first-year annual membership promotion and has successfully converted over 716 guest members to full ACBL members. Currently, there are 781 guest members.

Communications

ACBL continues to use multiple social media platforms, primarily Facebook.

- ACBL Facebook page has over 10,200 followers.
- As of June, ACBL Twitter account has over 3,000 followers.
- ACBL Instagram account has over 1,600 followers.

The Longest Day

Bridge players and clubs rallied around The Longest Day despite the coronavirus pandemic. As of July, over \$843,478 has been raised to support the Alzheimer's Association in its quest to end this devastating disease. Funds raised in Canada will be donated to the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

The ACBL will donate all sanction fees from Virtual Club games held the weekend of June 19 and 20 and from face-to-face club games held the week of June 20-27, increasing the fundraising total.

NABC SERVICES

The ACBL has reduced by over \$5.4 million 2020-21 financial impacts from hotel contracts related to canceled 2020-21 NABCs.

Hotel and convention center contracts for future NABCs have been renegotiated, resulting in approximately \$1.7 million in financial risk reduction.

Strategies were used to adjust contracted room blocks to match historical pick up and to renegotiate concessions to match the needs of the ACBL.

EDUCATION

ACBL Online Teacher Certification

This workshop focuses on how to use online tools in the most effective and engaging way to teach bridge online and emphasizes best practices to apply when face-to-face classes resume. Year-to-date, 84 teachers have completed the workshop and 45 have earned certifications.

For more information, go to: <https://www.acbl.org/teach/become-a-teacher/>

Intro to Bridge Classes

This interactive online course is comprised of 10 weekly lessons for \$50. The first lesson will last two hours, while the remaining lessons are 90 minutes each. After the course ends, students may play on the Shark Bridge App free for 90 days and should feel ready to play in a restricted masterpoint game.

Three separate lesson streams open to 70 participants per stream began in June. Courses sold out within days. More lesson streams will begin in early September.

For more information, go to: <https://www.acbl.org/intro-to-bridge/>

Club Director Refresher Course

A free club director refresher course led by Melody Euler, tournament director, was held Saturday, June 12. Five-hundred directors attended. An additional 250 received the link to the video.

The ACBL will train approximately 100 new club directors June through August.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Pre-registration Platform

The ACBL is developing a pre-registration platform for future tournaments. This platform will be delivered in four phases with a tentative completion date of spring 2022. Phase one will enable attendees to view, select and register for tournaments. Payment options will be added in phase two. The ability to register for specific tournament events such as open pairs or KOs and to identify and select partners/teammates will be added during phase three.

Further refinements to data analytics and reporting will be delivered during the final phase of the project.

Reporting capabilities will provide tournament organizers with valuable information to select venues, fine tune hospitality costs, adjust staffing levels and modify event offerings. Pre-registration in general will reduce the time spent standing in line and enable directing staff to stay on schedule.

Analytics and Visualizations

IT, in conjunction with Marketing and Field Operations, has developed Tableau workbooks depicting ACBL membership retention trends, pipeline goals for new members, player activity and masterpoint earnings by members and guest members. This is in addition to a daily dashboard depicting the activity of North American Pairs (NAP) club games. Presenting raw data through graphical representations improves the user experience and better enables users to interpret data to meet organizational goals.

Data Warehouse

Advancing its Data Warehouse project, IT has completed analysis of a platform upgrade and has successfully migrated to the new platform. This will provide advanced functionality and increased stability to ACBL data processing and analytics.

BRIDGE COMMITTEE

The committee brought forward Item 212-03 to amend Chapter XI -- Special Events, North American Pairs (NAP). It clarified subsidy provisions and provided Management the authority to establish the dates for finals to be held online.

Also, the committee presented DI212-01B Discussion Item -- Rank Requirements -- on behalf of Management who seeks to simplify grandfathered ranking standards, with ample notification to ACBL membership, so that the process and requirements are more straightforward. Implementation: January 1, 2023. The Board concurred with Management.

While the Board concurred, it was not voted upon. Management thought there were would not be many members affected by this change. I asked to D10 Unit Presidents to let me know how many of their players would be affected (joined before 2010, currently play, and are not Life Masters). The number was far more than I expected (at least 150 members), and more than Management thought, as well. I have had several discussions with Greg Coles (ACBL Director of Operations). This change will not be made on the previously discussed schedule. The league, if changing this, will provide several years of notice.

APPOINTMENTS

Chris Moll, District 10; Harold Bickham, District 11; David Caprera, District 17; Phil Clayton, District 16 and Bob Glasson, District 4 were appointed to the Online Ethical Oversight Committee to serve three-year terms from the end of the summer 2021 North American Online Bridge Championship (NAOBC) through the end of the summer 2024 North American Bridge Championship (NABC).

I voted in favor of all of these appointments.

For any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Larry Sealy

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**DISTRICT 10
MID SOUTH BRIDGE CONFERENCE
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING
September 27, 2021**

EXHIBIT C

D10 Special Events Report
December 2021

Non-D10 dates of interest:

2022 Spring NABC March 10/20, 2022
2022 Summer NABC July 14/24, 2022
2022 Winter NABC Nov 24 / Dec 4, 2022

2022 Gatlinburg Regional April 18/24, 2022

D10 dates of interest:

NAP D10 Finals (will be conducted on BBO):

- Flights A & C Jan 22, 2022 (and 23, if necessary)
- Flight B Jan 29, 2022 (and 30, if necessary)

NAP Qualifying (2023) June – August 2022

GNT D10 Finals (will be conducted online)

- Flights Championship and B dates to be determined
- Flights A and C dates to be determined

GNT Qualifying (for 2023) December 2022 – May 2023

STaCs

February 2/14 -2/20/2022
June 6/6-6/12/ 2022
December 12/5-12/11/2022

Comments or Feedback??

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EXHIBIT D

BYLAWS OF
MID-SOUTH BRIDGE CONFERENCE
District 10 of the American Contract Bridge League

Amended September 27, 2021

New Bylaws effective January 1, 2023, with the exception of paragraphs referencing electronic contact, which will be effective immediately.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization is District 10, Mid-South Bridge Conference.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

- (A) To cooperate with and assist the League in the promotion and conduct of Bridge Tournaments within the District.
- (B) To help coordinate tournament schedules within the District and with adjacent Districts.
- (C) To seek concerted action of all matters affecting the District, including consultation with and recommendations to the Regional Representative to the National Board of Directors (BOD).
- (D) To promote the highest standards of conduct and ethics for participants in tournaments and to take any and all steps necessary for that purpose.
- (E) To allocate Regionals to the best interest of the membership of the District.
- (F) To perform such other functions as may promote the best interests of Contract Bridge.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. The geographical confines of this district shall be such area as is presently or may be in the future assigned to it by the Board of Directors of the ACBL.

SECTION B. All ACBL Units which are or hereafter come into being within the geographical boundaries of the District are automatically members of the organization so long as they remain within the District, without requirement of any petition or formal action on the part of the Unit.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DELEGATES

SECTION A. The Board of Delegates shall be the governing body. Each Unit will be entitled to one vote on the Board of Delegates.

SECTION B. (1) Each Unit shall appoint or elect one (1) person to represent the Unit and to be a voting member of the District Board. Each Unit shall appoint or elect a First Alternate

Delegate who may attend the Board of Delegates meeting and in the absence of the Unit's Board Delegate will represent the Unit as a voting Delegate.

(2) Units are to notify the District Secretary in writing as to the names of those chosen as the Unit's Board Delegate and First Alternate Delegate immediately following such selection.

(3) The membership of a Unit shall be the greatest number of members recorded with the League for the preceding calendar year.

(4) The Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the District's representatives to the National Board of Governors shall be members of the District Board of Delegates, but they shall have no vote unless selected pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of this section. The President shall not vote, except to break a tie. If the President is a Delegate for his/her Unit, the Unit's Alternate Delegate shall be entitled to vote, if in attendance.

SECTION C. The Unit President must furnish in writing to the District Secretary the names of that Unit's Delegate and First Alternate Delegate. Said Delegates shall serve until they are replaced by their Unit and the District Secretary is notified in writing of the change.

SECTION D. The District Secretary shall notify each Unit President immediately after each Board Meeting if its Delegate or First Alternate Delegate did not attend the meeting.

If any Delegate misses two consecutive regularly scheduled Board Meetings, he or she shall automatically be removed as a Delegate and Officer, if applicable, and the respective Unit will be asked to replace said Delegate immediately. If the Delegate so removed is also an Officer, the Board shall elect someone from its membership to fill the remainder of the subject term of office.

ARTICLE V POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DELEGATES

The Board of Delegates of the District shall have the following powers:

1. To approve the place and date for any Regional Tournament held within the District; approve the schedule of events and arrangements for adequate staff, playing accommodations and hotel rooms, subject to ACBL consent, and to approve the card fees.
2. To approve Guidelines for the conduct of Regional tournaments.
3. To hold and dispose of any funds or property acquired by the District.
4. To employ personnel to serve the organization at the discretion of the Board, including, but not limited to, a District Tournament Coordinator and a Grand National Events Coordinator.
5. To enter into agreements with constituent Units for voluntary contributions, for purposes consistent with the objectives of the ACBL and the District, such as, but not limited to, hosting a National or International event or sustaining the District organization.
6. To determine eligibility to participate in Regional Tournaments held in the District and to bar any League member from participation in any one such Regional Tournament, but such determination shall not contravene ACBL bylaws.
7. To promote the best interests of competitive contract bridge, including but not limited to entertainment, charity programs, and assistance to the League.
8. To act as a fact-finding body in connection with any matter arising within the District.
9. To do all such things as may be necessary to accomplish the objectives outlined in Article

II of these bylaws.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DELEGATES

SECTION A. The regular semi-annual meetings shall be held during single site Mid-South Regional Tournaments each year at such dates and times as designated by the Executive Committee, in conjunction with the tournament chairman. If a meeting cannot be held in person, it may be held via videoconference (e.g., Zoom). A Board Member desiring to include an item in meeting Agenda shall so advise the District Secretary in writing/email thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

SECTION B. Notice of such District Board meetings shall be made in writing/email to the President and Secretary of each Member Unit at least fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting by the District Secretary. The cost of the social hour and the meal will be borne by the District organization.

SECTION C. Special meetings may be called on not less than fifteen (15) days written (to include email) notice by the District President or upon his/her own initiative upon written request of not less than one-half of the Board Members or by the Presidents of more than one-half of the Member Units. Notification of such meetings will be accompanied by an Agenda stating the items to be discussed and the meeting shall be limited to such Agenda.

SECTION D. A quorum at any meeting shall consist of a majority of the voting Board Members.

SECTION E. Provided further, that in the event some circumstances should arise, action upon which is deemed by the President to be urgent and non-permissible of delay, the President may poll the membership of the Executive Committee by telephone, email, videoconference, or mail, and upon receipt of response from said Delegates, shall take action in accordance with the majority will of the Committee as fully as if such action had been determined by the Board at any duly called meeting.

SECTION F. Robert's Rules of Order will govern the proceedings of Board Meetings unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

ARTICLE VII ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION A. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and they shall be elected by the Board membership for a term of two years at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer need not be elected from Board Membership and will not be entitled to a vote on the Board of Delegate unless selected pursuant to paragraph (1) of Article IV, Section B. Officer selected at such meetings shall take office at the conclusion of the Regional Tournament then in progress and shall continue in office until their successors take office.

SECTION B. Nominations for each of the offices shall be made from the floor during the course of the meeting. A majority of votes is necessary for election and if no majority exists on a first ballot, the names of only those two candidates, including ties, receiving the largest number of votes will be placed on a second ballot.

SECTION C. The outgoing President shall automatically become Chairman of the Board and shall also serve on the Executive Committee.

SECTION D. The President is limited to a tenure of two successive terms.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Delegates. He/she shall supervise the management of the affairs of the District and perform all duties incidental to this office. He/she shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. He/she shall appoint such special committees as he/she shall, from time to time, consider necessary.

SECTION B. In the absence of the President or his/her inability to act, the Vice-President shall preside at meetings and succeed him/her in the performance of his/her duties. If both are unable to act, then the Board of Delegates shall choose a presiding officer from among their group.

SECTION C. The Treasurer shall have the care, custody and responsibility of all funds, securities and properties of the District. He/she shall deposit the funds of the district as may be authorized by its Board of Delegates. He/she shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and shall submit a report at the Annual Meeting and at such other time as may be required by the President or Board of Delegates.

SECTION D. The Secretary shall keep the records of the District and the minutes of its meetings and shall perform such other duties incidental to this office. The Secretary shall be a non-voting member ex-officio of all committees and shall keep a record of all member Units and their officers and representatives. The Secretary shall distribute copies to the Board of Delegates of the Profit and Loss Statements of Regionals upon receipt.

SECTION E. The Secretary and Treasurer may be paid such annual salary as shall be determined by the Board of Delegates. All Officers shall be reimbursed for one night's lodging and one day of per diem and shall receive two days of free plays for any BOD meetings they attend.

SECTION F. The Chairman of the Board shall serve as an advisor to the President; however, he/she will have no vote unless he/she is also a duly qualified Delegate in accordance with the Article IV, Section B (1).

ARTICLE IX MEMBER UNITS

SECTION A. All Member Units retain autonomy in the conduct of their affairs, as provided in the Regulations and bylaws of ACBL.

SECTION B. Each Member Unit Shall:

1. Submit names and addresses of Officers and Members of their Unit Board of Directors to the District Secretary promptly after their election.

2. Submit names and addresses of their Delegate and First Alternate Delegate to the District Board of Delegates immediately following their selection.
3. Submit dates, locations of its tournaments and sanction applications to the Tournament Coordinator for recommendation prior to submission to the ACBL for approval.
4. Submit within sixty (60) days after conducting a Regional tournament a detailed Profit and Loss Statement to the District Secretary.

ARTICLE X COMMITTEES

SECTION A. The Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) members, of which no Unit shall have more than one (1) member. The priority order of membership shall be: the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Chairman of the Board, and any other person or persons appointed by the Board. This Committee shall act in lieu of, and with the same power as, the Board of Delegates in emergency cases. Where it is not feasible or practical to hold a special or regular Board Meeting, the President may also poll the Executive Committee via email, telephone, videoconference, or mail. Written minutes of all such polls and/or meetings shall be prepared and placed in the records of the Board Meetings.

SECTION B. Should the Board of Delegates deem it expedient to form standing committees to expedite the affairs of the District, then it shall be the duty of the President to appoint each Chairman from the Board of Delegates. The balance of each committee shall be appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the President.

SECTION C. Immediately upon taking office the President must appoint one member from each Unit in the District to serve for a one-year term on the Judiciary Committee. Three members constitute a quorum at a Judiciary Committee Meeting. The District Secretary shall notify each Unit of the President's appointments.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Delegates providing that the notice of such meeting states the amendment to be considered and is mailed/mailed to each Member Unit at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. A concurrence of two-thirds of the votes present at any quorum meeting of the Board of Delegates shall be required for the passage of any amendment to these bylaws.