

The District 10 Board met on June 18, 2024 in a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Vicki Willis, District 10 President. District 10 Units were represented by the following **Voting Delegates:**

Unit 134 Louisiana Sherrie Goodman
Unit 138 Mississippi Jerry Burford
Unit 144 Tennessee Ed Davis**
Unit 157 Alabama Tom Guffin
Unit 161 Arkansas Dan Graham
Unit 170 Shreveport Deborah Grand**
Unit 179 Central TN Karen Kendrick
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast Gary Meece
Unit 182 Baton Rouge Vicki Kellum
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana Linda Dorries
Unit 214 Hattiesburg Sherri Kinkopf/Deanna Stewart
Unit 215 S. Alabama Sue Wood
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana Karen Jennings
Unit 232 N. Alabama Larry Sealy/Phil Bridges

**Unable to attend and did not send a replacement

District 10 and Unit Officials In Attendance

President Vicki Willis
Vice President Karen Jennings
Treasurer Pat Williams
Secretary Suzanne Torrence
Tournament Coordinator Charles MacCracken**
Tournament Oversight Susan Bridges
STAC/NAP Coordinator Jerry Burford
Webmaster Jim Daugherty**
Education/Recorder Karen Jennings
Assistant Recorder Melinda Voorhies**
ACBL BOD Region 7 Larry Sealy

**Unable to Attend

President's Welcome - Vicki Willis

The meeting was called to order by Vicki Willis, 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 - Vicki Willis

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the last District 10 meeting. The minutes from January 18, 2024 were approved and uploaded on the District 10 website.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Williams

Pat Williams presented 3 documents (**Attachment #1-3**) for the meeting including the Balance sheet through 5/31/24 compared to prior year, Income statement through 5/31/24 compared to prior year and the Income statement presented by activity class through 5/31/24. There are some significant events that have occurred so far in 2024:

- Receipt of NABC online fundraising of \$12,024
- Receipt of district share of profits from the Hot Springs Village regional - \$1,476 (50% to be revenue shared)
- February STaC netted \$920
- Online NAP and GNT events netted \$638 with additional expense of \$200 to be recorded in June

The District is in a good cash position with over \$100,000 with upcoming expenses including disbursement for the GNT Teams in the upcoming month totaling approximately \$8400.

Sherrie Goodman asked about Regionals and how money is distributed and whether the process is new. Patrick explained that the distribution of monies for *Stand Alone Regionals* is approximately half of the net income goes to the district and 1/2 of that amount is distributed to the units that do not hold a regional in that calendar year. The other half stays with the Unit that hosted the Regional. *Split Regionals* are different in that whatever is made locally, stays local with no revenue sharing with the District. The question was asked if this is a new process and Pat explained that 20 -25 years ago came up with the plan that not all units would hold regionals since it was in the district interest to hold regionals in larger cities so as a compromise, the smaller units would share in part of the proceeds in a revenue share. Larry Sealy mentioned that in March '24, the ACBL Board voted to eliminate Split Regionals unless the District was currently running them. District 10 has not run a Split Regional for several years. There are 3 districts that are still running Split Regionals including District 11 (Kentucky, Indiana) so they are grandfathered in. Split Regionals were originally designed where two smaller cities would have the pair games play the same deals and the results were combined from the two sites for one winner. Most districts have not been running Split Regionals.

Jerry Burford mentioned that Rob Maier asked where the proceeds from the June STAC should be going - to the unit or to District 10 and ACBL confirmed that proceeds would go to District 10 and ACBL will send a check to the District Treasurer as electronic fund transfer is not set up for the District.

A motion was made to update the District bank accounts and add Vicki Willis and remove Charles Durrin as authorized signatories. Motion was approved.

Pat explained that the District has had a money market account for years and is a low yield account and he suggested that we consider approval of certificates of deposit or other interest-bearing accounts as deemed advisable by the treasurer or the executive committee. A motion was made and approved for Pat to explore higher interest accounts and motion was approved.

Tournament Report - Susan Bridges

Susan covered the Tournament report (**Attachment #4**) as Charlie McCracken was unable to attend the meeting. There is an upcoming 3 Day Regional in Shreveport at the end of June. There are 2 Regionals planned for the fall in Nashville and Birmingham. The District is allotted 4 Open Regionals annually and we are having fewer Regionals that we are allocated. We are allocated 5 Non Life Master Regionals and those are taken and have become popular.

Susan asked the Board's feedback on 3 Day Regionals. Charlie has approved 3 Day Regional since we don't have enough Regional requests. Sherrie Goodman said that some folks in her club who travel to

tournaments would not travel for a 3 Day Regional. Since the 3 Day Regional is later this month, Susan said that attendance may be a measure for success. Larry Sealey mentioned that since we don't have enough units asking for open Regionals to fill the District allotment, a 3 day Regional is better than no Regional. One downside is that if there is competition with a 7 day regional during that time frame, players may not travel to a 3 day vs a 7 day Regional.

Larry said that tournament attendance has been flat. Gatlinburg was down slightly from last year, Cincinnati Regional was down slightly but there was a competing regional in Evansville which may have impacted attendance. Overall, tournament attendance is well below pre-pandemic levels at about 50-60% attendance.

Dan Graham asked about incorporating online games in conjunction with the face to face Regional. Pat Williams said there is an option to have one day of online games for District Membership for each District Regional. In the Fall '23 Nashville Regional, of the \$7000 netted, \$2000 came from the online portion of the Regional. If there is an option for one day of online games during a tournament and the hosting unit doesn't want to host the online game, one option may be to have the District host the online portion of the Regional. One hurdle for hosting Regionals is for clubs that have smaller club space and they have to find venues to house the tournament. Dan asked if the online portion of the tournament is limited on how many games can be held online.. The online portion of the Regional is limited to a 2 Session Game run either vertically (morning and afternoon session) or horizontally (2 evening sessions so it doesn't compete with the face to face Regional games). It is also only available for Regionals and not Sectionals.

Sherrie Goodman asked for the Board opinion. New Orleans is planning a 5 day Regional in April (4/14-18) but wanted feedback on whether they should change it to a 6 day Regional. New Orleans is piggybacking on French Quarter Fest and feel that it would help with attendance. They also limited it to 5 days because it was during Passover and Good Friday. General agreement was that any days for Regional is better than none.

NAP/STAC Report - Jerry Burford

The most recent STAC in June was the first one to be handled with the new ACBL process where ACBL collects the fees from the clubs and then ACBL will rebate to the District. It is an easier process and avoids the District from having to collect fees from different clubs.

We've had 2 STACs so far in February and June with another STAC request pending for 8/26-9/1/24. Jerry has 3 STAC requests pending for 2025. We will also participate in the District 7 Royal STAC in December (12/9-15). Clubs have to register to participate in the STACs so remind your Club Managers to register for the STACs.

NAP/GNT Contests. District 10 did participate at the NABCs in Louisville for the NAP and there will be District 10 representatives in Toronto for the GNT in July. Jerry is developing the conditions of the contest and once ACBL approves, it will be added to the District and ACBL webpage. For the NAP contest, the events have started. Clubs are allowed up to 2 events per month for June, July and August. For NAP, District 10 requires club level qualification placing in the top 50-60% of the club game to be allowed to participate in the District Finals in January or February. Since COVID, NAP Finals have been online and virtual games have improved participation since there was no travel. Since the Finals have been online, the funds from the games go directly to the District vs when the games were face to face, the proceeds would go to the club. Jerry asked for feedback on whether to have District Finals online or Face to Face. No preference was expressed one way or another.

Larry Sealey mentioned that there is a motion coming up at the next ACBL BOD meeting in July about changing the brackets for NAP. There are currently 3 flights: 0-500, 500-2500 and 2500+ Proposed new flights 0-500, 500-3000(3500), 3000-(3500)-6000 and 6000+ Brackets will be identical to the GNT. GNT will start in September. District 10 has not required club or unit level qualifications. Any team can participate in the District finals which has increased attendance in the Finals. If 8 or more teams

participate in the B or C flights, we can send 2 teams to NABC.

Education Report - Karen Jennings

There has been one request for reimbursement from Unit 161. The request will be presented to the Executive Committee shortly. Karen wanted to remind everyone about the ACBL CAP Program that offers assistance with advertising. Additionally ACBL has a tutorial on Facebook Webinars if units want to use Facebook to advertise. Consider using NextDoor as another social media platform for potential students. There is one club has applied for a Grant with ACBL to assist with LBIAD expenses.

Recorder Report - Karen Jennings

There were 2 Discipline incidents in 2nd Quarter 2024. (**Attachment #5-6**) All of these reports and others are on the ACBL website under Ethics and Discipline and it is public information. ACBL asks that the District shares the information with the Unit secretaries and is distributed. The two reports have been shared with the Unit Secretaries.

ACBL Board of Directors Report - Larry Sealy

Larry covered a few key items from the Louisville ACBL Board of Directors Meeting. (**Attachment #7**). Criteria was refined for Regional Tournament Sanctioning Conflicts which is when two units/districts apply for sanctions for Regionals with overlapping dates and they are within 425 miles: Within the same District, the District President has authority to sanction or not. Within the same Region but different Districts, the Regional Director has the authority to sanction after discussion with Presidents from both Districts. Between two different Districts, the Regional Directors will discuss with District Presidents and will sanction if everyone agrees.

There was a motion to have the Fall ACBL Board Meeting virtual vs in person as well as an increase in stipend. Motion for virtual meeting failed. Agreed that meeting was more effective in person. Increased stipend from \$1000 to \$2000 per trimester passed.

Summer 2027 NABC site is being reviewed. It will most likely be Las Vegas but it has not been finalized.

Membership is down from pre-pandemic but rate of decline has slowed. There are several initiatives to improve retention and growth including the 5/5/5 plan that went into effect 4/1/24.

Currently there are Life Masters and Life Members. Life members did not have to have a paid ACBL membership and could still accrue master points. Life Members were upgraded to full membership through the end of this year. At the end of the year, Life Members will have to renew their membership or they will no longer be able to accrue master points.

Usage of EDGAR (Everyone Deserves a Game Above Reproach) began 2/1/24. With a new roll-out, there were some learnings that led to some changes including discipline being formulated on each master point level, heightened scrutiny for Unit/District Officers, players who cheat with multiple partners will receive more discipline. Details on EDGAR categories, fast track discipline warnings and stats can be found in the attached ACBL BOD presentation.

New/Old Business - Vicki Willis

Old Business - none

New Business - Vicki had a suggestion that clubs start 8 is Enough games. New Orleans is very experienced with this type of game and it's been very successful so if you are interested in starting

these games, reach out to Vicki. The premise of 8 is Enough is that a team is built with 4 players in different Master point ranges. <100 mp = 1 point; 100-1000 = 2 points; 1000+ = 3 points. The total of the 4 players must equal 8 or less. The purpose is to get players comfortable playing in the Swiss Team game format.

Pat Williams mentioned that we need to seat a 5th member of the Executive Committee to replace Chuck Wilkinson. In the past, the executive Committee members consisted of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and a Board Member. The Secretary was nominated to be on the executive committee but currently, the Treasurer and Secretary are from the same Unit and bylaws prohibit two people from the same unit to serve on the Executive Committee. Dan Graham was nominated to be on the Executive Committee and appointed unanimously.

Sherri Kinkopf is the new editor of the D10 newsletter and asked the Units to send any news to Sherri. She has been checking Facebook units and club accounts, Unit websites, etc. for information. She wants to highlight successes around the District. Since a lot of clubs have newsletters, Dan Graham suggested that the clubs include Sherri on their newsletter distribution.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday September 17, 2024 at 6:30PM CT

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Torrence

Appendix

Attachment #1

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06/18/24

Accrual Basis

Mid South Bridge Conference - District 10
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of May 31, 2024

	May 31, 24	May 31, 23	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
General Checking	-2,120.18	-946.90	-1,173.28	-123.9%
Regions Checking	8,286.10	2,297.58	5,988.52	260.6%
Regions Money Market	105,701.83	78,712.74	26,989.09	34.3%
Total Checking/Savings	111,867.75	80,063.42	31,804.33	39.7%
Total Current Assets	111,867.75	80,063.42	31,804.33	39.7%
TOTAL ASSETS	111,867.75	80,063.42	31,804.33	39.7%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Retained Earnings	98,117.67	80,846.37	17,271.30	21.4%
Net Income	13,750.08	-782.95	14,533.03	1,856.2%
Total Equity	111,867.75	80,063.42	31,804.33	39.7%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	111,867.75	80,063.42	31,804.33	39.7%

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Accrual Basis

Mid South Bridge Conference - District 10

Profit & Loss by Class

January through May 2024

	Education	General	GNT/NAOP	Regionals	STaC/Nationals	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
GNT/NAOP	0.00	0.00	2,444.00	0.00	0.00	2,444.00
Interest Income	0.00	4.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.26
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	20.00
NABC Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,024.00	12,024.00
Regionals						
Hot Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,475.87	0.00	1,475.87
Total Regionals	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,475.87	0.00	1,475.87
STaC/Nationals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,772.50	5,772.50
Total Income	0.00	4.26	2,444.00	1,495.87	17,796.50	21,740.63
Cost of Goods Sold						
Education	361.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	361.28
GNT/NAOP Expense	0.00	0.00	1,805.80	0.00	0.00	1,805.80
STaC Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,853.07	4,853.07
Total COGS	361.28	0.00	1,805.80	0.00	4,853.07	7,020.15
Gross Profit	-361.28	4.26	638.20	1,495.87	12,943.43	14,720.48
Expense						
Miscellaneous	0.00	160.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.50
Postage	0.00	9.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.90
Professional Fees						
GNT/NAOP	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tournament	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Treasurer	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Total Professional Fees	0.00	650.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
Total Expense	0.00	820.40	150.00	0.00	0.00	970.40
Net Ordinary Income	-361.28	-816.14	488.20	1,495.87	12,943.43	13,750.08
Net Income	-361.28	-816.14	488.20	1,495.87	12,943.43	13,750.08

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Accrual Basis

Mid South Bridge Conference - District 10

Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

January through May 2024

	Jan - May 24	Jan - May 23	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
GNT/NAOP	2,444.00	0.00	2,444.00	100.0%
Interest Income	4.26	3.10	1.16	37.4%
Miso.	20.00	0.00	20.00	100.0%
NABC Funds	12,024.00	3,120.00	8,904.00	285.4%
Regionals				
Hot Springs	1,475.87	0.00	1,475.87	100.0%
Total Regionals	1,475.87	0.00	1,475.87	100.0%
STaCs/Natnals	5,772.50	5,917.00	-144.50	-2.4%
Total Income	21,740.63	9,040.10	12,700.53	140.5%
Cost of Goods Sold				
Education	361.28	0.00	361.28	100.0%
GNT/NAOP Expense	1,805.80	0.00	1,805.80	100.0%
STaC Expense	4,853.07	8,285.41	-3,432.34	-41.4%
Web Site	0.00	482.29	-482.29	-100.0%
Total COGS	7,020.15	8,747.70	-1,727.55	-19.8%
Gross Profit	14,720.48	292.40	14,428.08	4,934.4%
Expense				
Miscellaneous	180.50	-24.65	185.15	751.1%
Postage	9.90	0.00	9.90	100.0%
Professional Fees				
GNT/NAOP	150.00	300.00	-150.00	-50.0%
Secretary	0.00	250.00	-250.00	-100.0%
Tournament	150.00	300.00	-150.00	-50.0%
Treasurer	500.00	250.00	250.00	100.0%
Total Professional Fees	800.00	1,100.00	-300.00	-27.3%
Total Expense	970.40	1,075.35	-104.95	-9.8%
Net Ordinary Income	13,750.08	-782.95	14,533.03	1,856.2%
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Attachment #4**June24 Tournament Report D10 Board**

League Regulations require Open Regionals be sanctioned three years in advance to protect traditional dates. D-10 Requires six weeks between Open Regionals, but that has at times been relaxed by the Oversight Committee. Two NLM Regionals may be sanctioned on the same weekend if they are far enough apart. Each year D-10 is allowed four Open Regionals and five NLMs.

We are short of our allowable tournaments as you can see below.

2024 Open Regionals

6/26-28 Shreveport LA

9/23-29 Nashville TN

11/12-17 Birmingham AL

NLMs

4/4-7 Gulfport MS

5/9-11 Huntsville AL

7/11-13 Lake Charles LA

7/11-13 Little Rock AR

8/22-24 Baton Rouge LA

2025 Open Regionals

4/14-18 Metairie LA Note: Passover starts Saturday eve April 12 and ends Sunday, the 20th. The tournament will provide box lunches from Kosher Cajun.

10/13-19 Nashville TN

NLMs

1/24-26 Flowood (Jackson MS)

4/3-6 Huntsville AL

In 2026 Nashville TN is the only Regional scheduled 10/5-11

Attachment #5

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May 16, 2024

NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	Sheryl Bates			ACBL#	9788085	District	10	Unit	215
Disciplined Party	Carol Feuger			ACBL#	5190584	District	10	Unit	215
Online Platform	BBO	IBA Case	N/A	Award Date	N/A	ACBL Case	2024-ACBL-64		

CDR Violation	301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating: Online. "Online Collusive Cheating" is the exchange or transmission of information between two or more people, at least one of whom is a contestant in an online bridge competition, in any manner not expressly permitted by Law 73. The information need not be actually used by a player to prove a Violation under this section. This section includes agreements made by persons who are not partners or contestants, including, but not limited to kibitzers or teammates.
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Discipline Imposed	Start Date	End Date
Suspension, 3 months	5/18/2024	8/17/2024
Probation, 2 years	8/18/2024	8/17/2026
Member Not in Good Standing	5/18/2024	8/17/2026
Forfeiture of 20% of total Masterpoints		

CDR 404(A) Probation. A determination that a Disciplined Person has committed an offense such that any further violation of the CDR, whether similar or different, may result in Suspension or Expulsion. A Disciplinary Body may impose a prohibition on playing with a particular partner as a condition of the Disciplined Person's Probation.

CDR 404(B) Suspension. The Disciplined Person is ineligible to participate in any ACBL sanctioned event or activity for a specified period.

CDR 403(C) Limits on participation following discipline. While serving a Suspension or while expelled, a Disciplined Person may not participate in any online, national, District, Unit, club or other ACBL sanctioned activity, including, but not limited to (i) acting as non-playing captain, (ii) kibitzing any game or event, (iii) being physically present in the playing area of a tournament, or (iv) participating personally or through a corporation or other entity, agent, “doing business as” or other device in bridge-related affairs of the ACBL or of any ACBL affiliated organization.

However, the Disciplined Person may engage in volunteer activities as requested by their Unit or District Board while serving a suspension. Those Disciplined Persons must be “active” in that their dues are paid while volunteering.

Disciplined Persons may not be appointed to serve on either Unit or District Boards while serving their suspension and all prohibitions for a Member Not in Good Standing remain in place.

ACBL member not in good standing. An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in “good standing” when such member’s dues, if dues are required, are current and such member is not currently:

1. serving a term of Suspension;
2. serving an indefinite Probation;
3. serving a Probation, the initial term of which was 24 or more months; or
4. serving a term of Probation following a Suspension, the initial term of which was more than 90 days.

Players who (a) have been expelled, (b) have resigned to avoid possible disciplinary action, or (c) are ACBL members not in good standing (as defined herein) shall not be entitled to:

1. Serve in any elected or appointed position in ACBL;
2. Receive any subsidy or remuneration from ACBL;
3. Participate in Masterpoint races;
4. Receive recognition for Masterpoint rank promotion;
5. Publish an article in any ACBL publication;
6. Vote in any election in which general membership is electorate;
7. Serve as a club manager or director;
8. Participate in events where such participation is prohibited by Conditions of Contest;
9. Vote in a Hall of Fame election; and/or 10. Membership on the Goodwill Committee.

Notification to:

Disciplined Party	Sheryl Bates	ACBL Board of Directors	BOD
Disciplined Party	Carol Feuger	Advisory Council Chairman	Doug Couchman
Disciplined Party’s Advocate	N/A	American Bridge Association	ABA
Charging Party	Jeff Edelstein	Online Platform	BBO
Charging Party’s Co-Advocates	N/A	District President, Secretary, Recorder	District 10

Executive Director	Bronia Jenkins	Unit President, Secretary	Unit 215
Member Services Manager	Sherry Terraciano	WBF	WBF

District secretaries are requested to notify their member Units. Unit secretaries are requested to notify their member clubs.

It is the Disciplined Party's responsibility to be aware of all ACBL Rules and Regulations that may affect their rights to participate in ACBL sanctioned events and activities, including whether this discipline places the Disciplined Party in a "not in good standing" status with the ACBL. If you have questions regarding these rules and regulations, please contact the Office of National Recorder at Recorder@acbl.org.

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April 30, 2024

NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	Ernest Seger			ACBL#	6779999	District	10	Unit	144
Disciplined Party	Flo Seger			ACBL#	K022842	District	10	Unit	144
Online Platform	BBO	IBA Case	N/A	Award Date	N/A	ACBL Case	2024-ACBL-32		

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Discipline Imposed	Start Date	End Date
Suspension, 6 months	5/1/2024	10/31/2024
Probation, 2 years	11/1/2024	10/31/2026
Member Not in Good Standing	5/1/2024	10/31/2026
Forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints		

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Attachment #7
ACBL BOD Update

ACBL BOD Update

District 10 Board Meeting

June 18, 2024

Larry Sealy
Region7Director@ACBL.org

Agenda

- **Key Items from Louisville BOD Meeting**
- **Post-Louisville BOD Activities**
- **EDGAR Results/Status**

Key Actions from Louisville NABC (1 of 3)

- **Refined Criteria for Regional Tournament Sanctioning**

Conflicts (<425 miles, “as the crow flies”) ○ **If within the same District, the District President has authority to sanction or not** ○ **If within same Region, but different Districts, the Regional Director (upon discussing with the Presidents of the involved Districts will decide.** ○ **If involving 2 different Regions, RDs will discuss with District Presidents and sanction only if all agree.** ○ **Otherwise, the sanctioned tournament with the “traditional date” or the earliest previously sanctioned tournament prevails**

- **Board Expenses and Meetings**
 - It was proposed to hold Fall BOD Meetings virtually (rather than before the Fall NABC) and increase the BOD member stipends from \$1000 to \$2000 per trimester was proposed.
 - A motion to sever these two items was approved and they were voted on individually
 - The new motion to hold the Fall BOD Meeting virtually failed, as many thought it was too important to conduct this meeting (where the next year's budget is voted on) in person. ○ The motion to increase the stipend passed. ○ I voted against both motions.
- **Advisory Council Clubs and Teachers Committee**
 - This motion was to create and codify a Committee of the Corporation to advise Management and the Board of Directors on decisions that materially affect clubs and teachers
 - This motion failed unanimously, as Management thought it was redundant with the newly initiated Club Task Force.

Key Actions from Louisville NABC (2 of 3)

- **Summer 2027 NABC Site Narrowed down to Chicago or Las Vegas. Management (coordinating with Site Selection Committee) given Authority to decide.**
- **Finance:**
 - YTD results better than expected (>\$100K) ○ Budget for FY2024 projected net loss of \$313K. Hopefully, it will be a little better. ○ Balance sheet is strong

- **Membership is down to 130,000 but the rate of decline has slowed.**
 - Management has been working several initiatives to try to reverse, including the new 5/5/5 program that went into effect April 1.
- **We began tasking The EDGAR Association (TEA) to screen online players on Feb 1.**
 - Details will be shown in later charts
- **The Life Member Category will be eliminated at the end of this year**
 - Existing (unpaid) Life Members have been upgraded to full membership through the end of the year. At that point they will have to renew or will not earn Masterpoints®.
 - Many Life Members have not signed the Arbitration Clause, which is a possible issue with discipline.

Key Actions from Louisville NABC (3 of 3)

- **All Covid Protocols Eliminated as of May 13, 2024**
- **Possible addition of another Flight for NAP** ○
 We have 4 Flights for GNT. The thought was to mirror those with NAP. ○ The limits for each Flight may be increased somewhat (e.g., Flt B may go to 3000 or 3500).

- There would be an increase in expense due to the stipends given to 1st and 2nd place. It is hoped that some of this may be made up with increased attendance.
- It was desired to do this beginning next year (IT issues need to be worked). More work will be done for Toronto.

Post-Louisville Update

- Some unforeseen issues and lessons learned from the initial EDGAR roll-out resulted in a need to update the CDR again.
- We held 2 Informal Meetings (Apr 24 and May 2) to Discuss Possible Changes.
- Special BOD Meeting was held on May 8
 - New CDR was approved
 - Some penalties were modified
 - It was agreed that Management would retroactively modify some of the discipline levels to be consistent with penalties moving forward.
- Key Changes:
 - Discipline now based on each player's MP level (previously based on higher of theirs and their partner's)
 - Only Unit/District officers (Pres, VP, Sec'y, Treasure, District Recorder) will be subject to Heightened Scrutiny and accompanying discipline enhancement.

- Players who cheat with multiple partners will receive more discipline (50% increase) than those who only cheat with one.

Computer Based Cheating Detection Discipline (1 of 2)

- EDGAR (Everyone Deserves a Game Above Reproach) bins players/pair into 3 Categories
 - “Red”: Cheating beyond a ‘Comfortable Satisfaction:
 - “Yellow”: Very likely cheating but needing additional investigation by Office of National Recorder (ONR)
 - “Green”: Those not “Red” or “Yellow”
- ONR proceeds with Charges against “Red” Players/Pairs
- “Yellows” are to be Investigated further
- Fast Track Discipline (FTD) for Players with under 2500 MPs (including Eligibility Points) who do not have any of the following Aggravating Conditions:
 - Unit/District officers or previous member of ACBL BOD
 - Previously found responsible for an ethical violation under the CDR
 - Have 5 or more Platinum Points

- FTD is an automated process. The Player(s) either accept(s) the Discipline or Files with Institute for Bridge Arbitration (IBA)
- Warnings are given below 300 MPs. Suspensions range from 6 months to 2 years. Probation is 4 years for all.
- Players can get their FTD penalties reduced in half by Completing the Ethics Certification/Fair Play Pledge (EC/FPP).
- An Automatic 50% increase in Discipline is Applied for Cheating with Multiple Partners.

Computer Based Cheating Detection Discipline (2 of 2)

- **Players/Pairs not Eligible for FTD are taken to IBA*, unless they accept a Negotiated Resolution.**
 - * If a player/pair is unresponsive to emails/call, snail mail, Mgmt may hold an in-house Expedited Disciplinary Proceeding (EDP).
- **In most cases, Players will be Prohibited from Playing with any Partner with whom they Cheated during their Probation.**
- **NRs will Require Completion of EC/FPP and Admission of Responsibility.**
- **Players are Screened from 2020-on.**

EDGAR Statistics as of 5/30/24

	Source of Players (see key below)	Requested	TEA Result	Players Requested	Players Examined ²	Red	Stripe R/G	Stripe Y/G	Yellow	Yellow w/ Red partner ³	Green	IBA/Mgt NR Offer	FTD L1	FTD L2
1	AE (155), GLD (11), IBA (33)	1/31/24	2/14/24	199	858	2	0	0	0	0	858	2	0	0
2	AA (1), AE (189), GLD (1), IBA (4), TEA (4)	2/1/24	2/14/24	199	566	0	0	0	2	0	565	0	0	0
3	EX (204)	2/9/24	2/16/24	204	508	4	0	0	8	0	496	2	N/A	N/A
4	AE (8), DU 1-7 (819), GLD (2), OC (60), PM (6)	2/14/24	2/26/24	895	3239	36	0	6	25	0	3214	19	0	2
5	OC (5), DU 8-10 (277), SS (699)	2/22/24	3/9/24	981	3256	56	0	0	60	10	3201	11	15	*REDS NOT REQUESTED ¹ Requester's name
6	AA - Hall of Fame Nominees (9)	3/7/24	3/8/24	9	34	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	1/31/24 2/1/24
7	DU 11-13 (220), TEA (1), PM (124), SS (851)	4/8/24	5/2/24	1196	4239	82	2	16	29	5	4178	15	8	2/9/24 2/14/24
8	Updated reporting for pending reds from 2/14	5/21/24	5/21/24	8	17	8	0	0	0	0	12	7	0	2/22/24 3/7/24
	TOTALS			3691	12717	188	2	22	124	15	12533	56	23	3/7/24 4/8/24 5/21/24

KEY	
AA	Appointments/Awards
AE	ACBL Employees/Subcontractors/Contributors
AM	Automatic Monitoring
DU	District and Unit Officials
EX	Exclusion - previously disciplined for an Ethical Violation
GLD	Governance, Leadership, and Discipline: BOD, AC, OEOC, EOC, ADC, WBF Rep, NABF Rep
IBA	Institute for Bridge Arbitration
NR	Negotiated Resolution
OC	Other Committees - CF Trustees, EF Trustees and Staff, C&C, LC, HoF, GW Chair and Co-Chairs, MC, NABC Seeding
PM	Player Memo
RD	Reciprocal Discipline
RTAD	Resigned to Avoid Discipline
SS	Standard Selection
TEA	EDGAR Association

¹Players, which may include non-ACBL members, may be counted in all categories (red, stripe, yellow, green) due to a result with a different partner. ² Includes players requested and all partners

³One or both of the players in the "yellow" partnership have been identified as "red" in a different partnership.