

District 10
Mid-South Bridge Conference
Board of Delegates Meeting
September 17, 2024

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on September 17, 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 Charles Kelly**
Unit 161 Arkansas Dan Graham
Unit 170 Shreveport Deborah Grand**
Unit 179 Central TN David Smithfield**
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast Gary Meece
Unit 182 Baton Rouge Jan Galey**
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana Linda Dorries
Unit 214 Hattiesburg Sherry Kinkopf
Unit 215 S. Alabama Sue Wood
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana Karen Jennings/Melinda Voorhies
Unit 232 N. Alabama Phil Bridges
**Unable to attend and no 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
Past District 10 President Charles Durrin
**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 Board meeting. The minutes from June 24, 2024 were approved and uploaded on the District 10 website.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Williams (Attachment #1)

Pat Williams presented that we have \$113,000 in the bank as of Sept '24. There has been little activity since the last meeting. The June STaC profit was \$5,351 and the most recently completed STaC profit in August was \$1,700 but it hasn't been received yet. The Grass Roots Fund distribution has been received for the last year ending in May and was \$10,731. There was a disbursement to support the GNT Teams in the Summer NABC which was \$11,200

Tournament Coordinator Report - Charlie McCracken (Attachment #2)

This year, we filled all 5 Non Life Master Regional slots. We struggled to get to 3 open Regionals with 2 of them being 3 day tournaments.

In 2025, we have 1 slot available for a NLM Regional and we have filled 3 Open Regionals with Huntsville being a 3 day tournament. New Orleans Regional is going over Passover and their caterer is serving kosher lunches. Sherrie Goodman wanted to provide additional information about the New Orleans Regional. The host hotel has also allowed the \$119 rate to be available for the weekend before the Regional which is French Quarter Festival. There is 1 slot available for an Open Regional in 2025.

In 2026, we have 4 applications for NLM Regionals but they can't be sanctioned until January 2025 in accordance with the regulations. If we have more than 5, the TOC committee will apply the regulations to decide which are sanctioned. We only have 1 Open Regional request.

STAC/NAP Report - Jerry Burford (Attachment #3)

Jerry was unavailable for the meeting but provided the report. The representatives were given an opportunity to review the report before and during the meeting. They were asked to refer any questions to Jerry. Larry Sealy clarified the new flights for NAP stating that Flight C qualifications will now be 0-750 **and** Non Life Masters. If you have less than 750, you must be a NLM to participate in Flight C. Phil Bridges asked when that took effect and Larry said it was in effect as of September 1, 2024. Larry will cover it in detail during his presentation later in the meeting. It was passed during the ACBL BOD meeting in Toronto. There was a request from the Advisory Council to reconsider that initial proposed stratification and that was completed on August 27, 2024 and changed from Flight C 0-750 unrestricted to Flight C 0-750 Non Life Master. Sherry Kinkopf asked if the STaC dates listed in the report are final because she wanted to include this information in the upcoming newsletter. GNT dates are under review for the ACBL. Sherrie Goodman asked which STaC week was Royal STAC. The question will be forwarded to Jerry for clarification. The District is allowed 2 Royal STACs annually.

Patrick stated that traditionally, our District does the first Royal STAC earlier in the year and the December Royal STAC is run by District 7.

Education Report - Karen Jennings (Attachment #4)

There is nothing new since the last meeting in June. Karen had some reminders for financial assistance. Reminders about the new ACBL programs: ACBL Ambassador Program; Come Play Cards with Us program (a way to get folks into the bridge clubs to introduce them to the bridge community) and PickleBridge.

Recorder Report - Karen Jennings (Attachment #5)

There were 4 Discipline incidents in 3rd Quarter 2024. The four reports have been shared with the Unit Secretaries. All of these disciplinary reports are on the ACBL website under Ethics and Discipline and it is public information.

ACBL Board of Directors Report - Larry Sealy (Attachment #6)

Larry covered a few key items from the Toronto meeting and post-meeting.

ACBL had a net gain in assets over \$1M this year and \$400k was from investments. There was a gain of \$775K which exceeds the initial budget of a small loss by almost \$1M. Most of this was generated from an issue that Bronia uncovered. In the contract that ACBL signed with BBO pre-pandemic before folks were playing online as much as they do now, ACBL received \$.25 per entry for each game and we were only allowed a 10% increase every year. It turned out that the 18 board games that BBO had been running were not giving any proceeds to ACBL. They were excluded from the original contract. BBO has raised rates 3 times since the pandemic and ACBL requested a raise in the ACBL share per the contract. When BBO realized that the 12 board games that awarded 60% of master points were being underutilized, BBO agreed to an increase of \$4/table for those games.

Change in NAP stratification: There were motions for the NAP and GNT to add a 4th flight to the NAP and have the same definition for flights for the NAP and GNT and to start at the next cycle. NAP for the next year was already underway so it will start for next year. Both motions passed. At the Advisory Committee meeting, the board was asked to reconsider allowing Life Masters to compete in Flight C. Flight C was defined as 0-750 NLM. Flight B upper limit was changed from 2500 to 3000. Clarification was requested on the date of the NAP flight changes. Larry stated that since the NAP qualifying games had already started with the existing flights, the NAP District Finals that are coming up will be utilizing prior flights. The new flights will apply to the 2025 GNT and the 2026 NAPs.

Membership continues to decline but the decrease is slowing. Strategic goals are around membership recruitment and retention. Also, ACBL is redefining the direction for online bridge, VACBs and NABCs. There are 3 task forces established to address these items. There are still some issues with IT infrastructure and migrating off the old platform (AS400).

The Board approved a motion to reduce penalties to players who agreed to Negotiated Resolution for online cheating during the first 3 months of EDGAR usage which aligns the May 8th changes to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

There was a clarification of what qualifies as concurrent games for master point calculation. If a club has a F2F limited game running concurrently with an open game, the table count of the limited game can be stacked for the calculation of the total masterpoint awards for the open game.

ACBL plans to migrate most online pigmented point games to the ACBL Clubhouse. There was an agreement that red points will increase masterpoint awards for NAP qualifying games in virtual clubs from 1 to 1.5 awards. There is a strong push to bring all online pigmented point games to ACBL Clubhouse.

Tournament schedule policy change effective 9/1/24, states that for any newly sanctioned sectional or regionals, the minimum permissible interval between session start times is 4.5 hours. It only applies to tournaments staffed by ACBL Directors and does not apply to local tournaments. If the start time is less than 5 hours, then the maximum boards allowed to be played is 24. This change allows ACBL Directors to their entitled break between sessions and not work 9.5 hours straight.

EDGAR statistics as of 7/24 were covered. There is a possibility that the CDR and discipline levels will be modified. ACBL Management has a desire to lower discipline levels and bring more people into fast track discipline. There were 5250 players that were examined and a total of 242 red players were identified so less than 2%. There were 189 yellow players identified which means that further investigation is needed. 44 people agreed to Fast Track Discipline, 36 people agreed to Negotiated Resolution and there are 11 cases pending before the IBA. ACBL anticipates that screening of all online players will be completed within 18 months. Phil Bridges asked for clarification on the differences between the Fast Track Discipline and Negotiated Resolution. Larry explained that Fast Track applies to players with less than 2500 mps, fewer than 5 platinum points and isn't identified as a heightened scrutiny player. Heightened Scrutiny players are players in ACBL administration, District or Unit Officers (not board members) or players who were caught cheating with multiple partners. Negotiated Resolution is for players who did not qualify for FTD and if they did not agree to that, they have the option of Arbitration.

TOC Report - Susan Bridges (Attachment #7)

Susan covered the TOC report. There was a summary of the 2023 Regional outcomes and the 2024 Regionals to date. The Shreveport Regional was a 3 day tournament and there were a lot of learnings including that it is imperative to set up Direct Deposit with ACBL to make the money flow easier when ACBL collects the monies. Pat Williams and Susan Bridges noticed on the Shreveport financial report, that Shreveport had a lot of money contributed in cash (\$4563) which raised the question about whether that money that was contributed to the unit should be included in the profit share with the District.

Their thought was that direct cash contributions should not be included in the profit share with the District since it was contributed to the unit. If it was not included, it would reduce the profit share from \$6756 to \$4474. Discussion ensued. Sherry Kinkopf asked what the cash was from (i.e. split the pot, etc.). Susan thought that it was from the Unit request to contribute money. Linda Dorries and Sherry K felt that they should stay with the unit because it was donated to the unit to help with expenses. Sherri Goodman mentioned that during their upcoming Regional they are soliciting naming rights for each of the days that will generate funds and Sherri asked if that would be included in the Profit Share. Pat Williams felt that was different from cash contributions that were not attached to anything like naming rights/marketing.

Susan felt there were 2 issues on the table. The first issue is how to proceed with the cash contributions specific to Shreveport. The other issue is a proposed clarification to the TOC policies. The change in wording would include the wording: not including direct cash contributions. There is nothing in the current policy that addresses direct cash contributions. More research is needed for the second issue based on discussions today. On the Shreveport cash contributions, Dan Graham wanted more information on member solicited donations. He wanted to know how the members were asked (verbal vs in writing). Patrick suggested a clarifying question of whether the members' donations were in support of the tournament or the club. Susan will ask Shreveport for more detailed information on cash donations. Also, Shreveport did not ask that the money be excluded from the profit share. It was something Susan and Patrick noticed on the tournament financial statement. Both issues will be deferred until the next meeting.

The Huntsville Regional and the New Orleans Regional in April 2025 violate District policy time constraints. The TOC reviewed the tournament schedule and granted the variance because the tournaments will draw from different player populations.

New/Old Business - Vicki Willis

Old Business - none

New Business - Sherry Kinkopf is the 2024 District Newsletter Editor and asked for input on what folks want included in the newsletter. She would like to do a section about the District Board Members and asked everyone to send her a bio and picture. Send to Sherri by 9/30 at skinkopf@yahoo.com

Next Meeting Scheduled for **Tuesday January 21, 2025 at 6:30PM CT**

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Torrence

Appendix

Financial Report – September '24

Attachment #1

Balances:

- Checking - \$2,718
- Savings - \$ 112,904

Significant activity since last meeting:

- June STaC profit - \$5,351
- Yearly Grass Roots Funds Distribution - \$10,731
- August STaC profit - \$1,699 (not yet rec'd)
- GNT Teams Support - (\$11,200)

Tournament Report – September ‘24

Attachment #2

Here are the Regionals that have been sanctioned or, in the case of 2026 NLM Regionals, those with sanctions pending. D-10 rules require the District Tournament Coordinator to refrain from sanctioning 2026 NLM Regionals until 1/1/2025. If there are more than five application the D-10 Oversight Committee determines which are to be approved, based on criteria set down by this Board.

2024 NLM City Date Open City Date

Gulfport MS 4/4-7 Shreveport LA 6/26 – 28

Huntsville AL 5/9-11 Nashville TN 9/23-29

Little Rock AR 7/11-13 Birmingham AL 11/12-17

Lake Charles LA 7/11-13

Baton Rouge LA 8/22-24

2025 Jackson MS 1/23-25 Huntsville AL 4/3-5

Gulfport MS 4/3-6 New Orleans LA 4/14-18

Lake Charles LA 7/1-19 Nashville TN 10/13-19

Baton Rouge LA 8/21-24

2026 Jackson MS 1/23-25 Nashville TN 10/5-11

Huntsville AL 4/9-11

Gulfport MS 4/9-12

Lake Charles LA 7/17-19

Thus, in 2024 we scheduled our full allotment of NLMs, but we had only three Open Regionals and two of those were three days. In 2025 we have room for one more NLM and one more Open Regional. In 2026 we can schedule one more NLM and three more Open Regionals.

STaC/NAP Report – September '24

Attachment #3

North American Pairs

The D10 Conditions of Contest for the 2024-25 North American Pairs Contest was recently issued to and reviewed by the ACBL. It is available on the ACBL website and has been transmitted to Jim (D10 Webmaster) for inclusion on the D10 site.

Of special interest at this point are the dates for the D10 Finals contest. Based on discussion at the last BOD meeting, the contest will again be conducted online. The dates for the D10 Finals for this cycle are:

- The District Final for NAP Flights A and C will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2024.
- The District Final for NAP Flight B will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2025.
- The final for each flight will be a two-session game.

Qualifying games for players in the district finals were conducted this summer at select face-to-face clubs and the online virtual clubs during May through July. The top four finishers in each Flight will be invited to represent the district at the Spring NABC to be held in Memphis, TN in March 2025.

ACBL has developed a list of players who have qualified at https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/NAP_Qualifiers/NAP_D10.htm Note that list is sorted by Unit, then alphabetically by player.

Pre-Registration for the district finals is required. Please encourage your Units and Clubs to be aware of the CoC and encourage your interested players to register for the Finals contest by November 15, 2024.

Grand National Teams

The D10 Conditions of Contest for the 2024-25 Grand National Teams Contest was recently issued to and is under review by the ACBL. It is available on the ACBL website and has been transmitted to Jim (D10 Webmaster) for inclusion on the D10 site.

D10 does not require Club- or Unit-Level qualification to participate in the district finals contest. The contest will again be conducted online; the dates currently proposed to ACBL are:

The initial two sessions of the District Finals for each Flight will be conducted on:

- Flights A and C initial sessions - March 15, 2025, and
- Flights B and Championship - April 12, 2025.

For any flight for which there are 8+ teams participating, those initial sessions will serve as qualifying rounds to narrow the field to 4 teams in that flight. Those 4 teams will move on to a two-session round robin competition to determine the final ranking for that flight. The final two-session event, if required, will be held on:

- Flights A and C - May 3, 2025, and
- Flights B and Championship - May 10, 2025.

Pre-Registration for the district finals is required. Please encourage your Units and Clubs to be aware of the CoC and encourage your interested players to register for the Finals contest by February 15, 2025.

Note - New for this year: The top of the stratification for Flights B and C have been changed from 2500 mps to 3000 mps for Flight B and from 500 mps to 750 mps for Flight C.

Sectional Tournament at Club (STaC)

We still have one more STaC in which we can participate this year and that will be in December. The STaC will be hosted by D7 (and, I believe, it will be a Royal STaC.)

We have received sanctions for three STaCs next year:

- February 10-16, 2025
- June 2-8, 2025
- September 1-7, 2025

And again we will be participating in the D7 STaC to be conducted December 8-14, 2025.

If there are any questions, you may call Jerry at 601-925-0506 or email him at

jerryburford6@gmail.com.

Education Report – September '24

Attachment #4

Reminders for assistance:

1. CAP program
2. Tutorial on ACBL's site for using Facebook to advertise.
3. Consider other social media platforms, i.e. Nextdoor
4. Consider grants available from ACBL, i.e. LBIAD
5. BOOST Program

Obtained information below from ACBL's website under Resources:

New! Programs to Introduce Your Community to Bridge

ACBL Bridge Ambassador Program: Download a helpful packet to share with your club's Bridge Ambassador, a volunteer eager to introduce your neighbors to bridge. The packet has information and resources for the club, the bridge ambassador and a possible teacher. Showcase the fun of trick-taking games!

Come Play Cards with Us/Come Play Spades with Us: Capitalize on your community's interest in card games and funnel them into the world of bridge. See an example flier. Full packet with customizable flier coming soon!

PickleBridge: Combine a pickleball clinic and a simple trick-taking game to take advantage of a popular trend while demonstrating the similarities of bridge. Both are made of two competing partnerships; one challenges you mentally, the other physically. Full packet coming soon!

Recorder Report – September '24

Attachment #5



August 12, 2024

NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	Jerry Leake		MP Total	562	ACBL#	9136800	District	10	Unit	157
Online Platform	BBO	IBA Case	N/A		Award Date	N/A	ACBL Case	2024-ACBL-186		

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	8/12/2024	11/11/2024
Probation, 2 years	11/12/2024	11/11/2026
Member Not in Good Standing	8/12/2024	11/11/2026
Prohibition from playing with specific partner in ACBL online sanctioned games ¹	11/12/2024	11/11/2026
Forfeiture of 10% 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

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(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 or engage in fiduciary activities 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.

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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	Jerry Leake	ACBL Board of Directors	BOD
Disciplined Party	N/A	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 157
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.



August 16, 2024
NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	William Wall		MP Total	506	ACBL#	9228969	District	10	Unit	157
Online Platform	BBO	IBA Case	N/A		Award Date	N/A	ACBL Case	2024-ACBL-208		

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Suspension, 3 months	8/12/2024	11/11/2024
Probation, 2 years	11/12/2024	11/11/2026
Member Not in Good Standing	8/12/2024	11/11/2026
Prohibition from playing with specific partner in ACBL online sanctioned games ²	11/12/2024	11/11/2026
Forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints		

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June 25, 2024

NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	Jane Clark	MP Total	1966	ACBL#	9557717	District	10	Unit	157
Online Platform	BBO	IBA Case	N/A	Award Date	N/A	ACBL Case	2024-ACBL-79		

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Suspension, 1 year	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Probation, 2 years	7/1/2025	6/30/2027
Member Not in Good Standing	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Prohibition from playing with specific partner in ACBL online sanctioned games ³	7/1/2025	6/30/2027
Forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints		

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Member Services Manager	Sherry Terraciano	WBF	WBF

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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.



June 28, 2024

NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	Amelia Lee	MP Total	360	ACBL#	8090742	District	10	Unit	182
Online Platform	BBO	IBA Case	N/A	Award Date	N/A	ACBL Case	2024-ACBL-108		

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, 9 months	7/1/2024	3/31/2025
Probation, 6 years	4/1/2025	3/31/2031
Member Not in Good Standing	7/1/2024	3/31/2031
Prohibition from playing with specific partners in ACBL online sanctioned games ⁴	4/1/2025	3/31/2031
Forfeiture of 30% 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

⁴ Partners’ identities will remain anonymous until the matters against the individual are resolved.
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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 or engage in fiduciary activities 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	Amelia Lee	ACBL Board of Directors	BOD
Disciplined Party	N/A	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 182
Member Services Manager	Sherry Terraciano	WBF	WBF

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ACBL BOD Report – September '24

Attachment #6



ACBL BOD Update District 10 Board Meeting September 17, 2024

Larry Sealy
Region7Director@ACBL.org
Agenda

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- Update from Summer NABC (Toronto)
 - Post-Toronto Activities
 - EDGAR Status/Results



Key Actions from Toronto NABC (1 of 3)

- Finance: YTD (thru June 30) Gain of Assets of almost \$1.2M ◦
 - Included gain from investments of \$400K ◦ Gain from Operations was \$775K – exceeds budget by \$915K. ◦ Much of this is due to increase in ACBL share of BBO 18-table games.
 - Net assets: \$9.9M
- Considered 2 Motions Dealing with North American Pairs (NAP) and Grand National Teams (GNT) ◦
 - Added 4th flight to NAP
 - Same definition of flights for NAP and GNT
 - Flight C: 0-750 Masterpoints® (including Life Masters)
 - Flight B: 750-3000
 - Flight A: 3000-6000
 - Championship Flight: 0-Unlimited – 10 start
 - for next cycle (2025 GNT, 2026 NAP) – Both passed 12-1. I voted in favor.
 - At post-NABC Advisory Council meeting, we were asked to reconsider letting LMs plan in Flight C



Key Actions from Toronto NABC (2 of 3)



- **Membership Continues to Decline, but has Stabilized** ◦ As of July we have 128,604 members (as decline of 0.27% from July 2023)
- **Strategic Goals:**
 - Membership recruitment and retention ◦ Establishment of a Social Bridge Initiative ◦ Looking at refining direction for online bridge (BBO contract ends June 30, 2025), VACBs, and future direction of NABCs
 - Task forces addressing these have been working since January and should be complete by end of year ◦ Each gave a status report in Toronto
 - Continue to try to provide a clean game (F2F and Online) ◦ Stabilizing and modernizing IT structure
- **Update on Computer-Based Cheating Detection (CBCD) Tool (EDGAR) Statistics**
 - Details to follow



Key Actions from Toronto NABC (3 of 3)



- **We Unanimously Approved a Motion to Retroactively Reduce Penalties to Players who agreed to a "Negotiated Resolution" (NR) for Online Cheating during the first 3 Months of EDGAR usage.** ◦ Before May 8 Change to Code of Disciplinary Regulations, CDR
 - May 8 CDR changed definition of ACBL Officials (who are subject to enhanced discipline): Unit/District Board members who are not officers (Pres, VP, Sec'y, Treasurer, District Recorder) are not now included
 - Those who received "Fast Track Discipline" (FTD) had their suspensions reduced in June. Typically, these are people with fewer than 2500 MPs,
- **We Clarified what Qualifies as "Concurrent Games" for MP calculation of Club games** ◦ F2F games may count F2F concurrent limited tables at the same location with the same club sanction, ◦ Online games may count online concurrent tables with the same club sanction that start within 30 minutes of each other
 - F2F venues may not count online tables, and online venues may not count F2F tables.
- **Mgmt plans to Migrate most Pigmented Point (Gold, Red, Silver) Online Games to ACBL Clubhouse in 2025** ◦ I argued against this. Was really a lone voice.
 - I got agreement to keep red points and increase MP awards for NAP Qual. Games and for them to consider having some silver point weeks. We will see.



Post-Toronto Update



- **NAP/GNT Flights Reconsideration**
 - Based on the requirement to reconsider the motions passed in Toronto, we looked at the impact in detail ◦ Mgmt provided data on who would be affected by the changes ◦ We also looked at participation at District-level ◦ Though I voted for the motions in Toronto, I voted to against the motion we passed in Toronto. They failed 2-11.
- **Mgmt and a few of us on the Board felt we needed to defer to Las Vegas to get a better handle on the higher Flts.**
- **A Motion from the Floor was made to just Pass what was Approved in Toronto but Eliminate LMs from Flight C. It passed 10-3. I was one of the No votes.**
 - I felt we needed more time to ensure we had to right structure for all flights. Maybe the 3000 upper limit on Flt B is too high.
 - We felt we need all the NABC limited MP National events use the same general MP limits
 - **Tournament Schedule Policy (effective Sep 1)** ◦ Minimum permissible interval between session start times is 4.5 hours. If less than 5 hours, no more than 24 boards may be played. Applies to newly submitted schedules.



CBCD Discipline Summary - Feb-June -



- **Players Requested: 5250**
- **Players Examined: 17501 (includes partners of players requested and some redundancy)**
- **242 Reds**
- **189 Yellows (Needing further Investigation)** ◦ ~1.3-2.0% Red - numbers not exact - do not have a firm count of players run due to redundancy in statistics
- **44 People Received Fast Track Discipline (FTD)**
- **36 Negotiated Resolutions (NR)**
- **11 Cases Pending before Institute for Bridge Arbitration (IBA)** ◦ 8 pairs ◦ 3 individuals
- **At Current Rate, we expect to Complete Screening of ~83K Online Players in about 18 Months** ◦
Between 4Q 2025 & 1Q 2026



EDGAR Statistics as of 7/10/24



	Source of Players (see key below)	Requested	TEA Result	Players Requested	Players Examined ²	Players (not pairs) ¹					Notice							Resolution to Date																					
						Red	Stripe R/G	Strip e Y/G	Yellow	Yellow w/ Red partner ³	Green	IBA/Mgt NR Offer	FTD L1	FTD L2	FTD L3	Warning	Multiple Partner s	Reds Not Charged ⁴	FTD	Expelled	IBA	Mgt	NR	RTAD	Warning														
1	AE (155), GLD (11), IBA (33)	1/31/24	2/14/24	199	858	2	0	0	0	0	858	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	N/A	N/A	0	2	N/A	2	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	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	2	2	7	11	3	0	3-P	0	13	4	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	18	4	6	16	2	37	0	3-P	1	7	0	6														
6	AA - Hall of Fame Nominees (9)	3/7/24	3/8/24	9	34	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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	26	13	14	4	8	44	0	7-P	3	7	0	12														
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	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	6-P	0	1	0	0														
9	AA (19), AE (3), DU 14-16 (420), GLD (7), SS (1110)	6/13/24	6/20/24	1559	4784	54	2	0	48	2	4732	13	9	10	10	10	5	2																					
TOTALS						242	4	22	172	17	17265	69	32	57	29	32	32	25	85	2	0	4	30	4	20														

¹ Players, 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
³ One or both of the players in the "yellow" partnership have been identified as "red" in a different partnership.

4REDS NOT CHARGED

Request Date	Reds	Reason
1/31/2024	0	N/A
2/1/2024	0	N/A
2/9/2024	2	RTAD Prior to Run
2/14/2024	11	2 Duplicates (Charged on Prior Run), 1 Medical, 8 of 11 Charged on 5/21 Run
2/22/2024	2	RTAD Prior to Run
3/7/2024	0	N/A
4/8/2024	8	7 Duplicates (Charged on Prior Run), 1 Deceased
5/21/2024	0	N/A
6/13/2024	2	2 Duplicates (Charged on Prior Run)

Legend

- AA: Awards & Appointments
- AC: Advisory Council
- AE: ACBL Employees
- AM: Automatic Monitoring
- EX: Previously disciplined since 2020
- DU: Districts & Units
- GLD: Governance, Leadership, & Discipline
- IBA: Institute for Bridge Arbitration
- OC: Other Committees
- PM: Player Memo
- RD: Reciprocal Discipline
- RTAD: Resigned to Avoid Discipline
- SS: Standard Selection
- TEA: The EDGAR Association

Tournament Oversight Committee Report – September '24

Attachment #7

District 10 Tournament Oversight Committee Report

D10 Tournament Oversight Committee (TOC) Members: Susan Bridges (Chair), Priscilla Carleton, Vicki Willis, Mickey Groggel, Terry VanDyke, Charlie McCracken (ACBL Advisor)

Summary of 2023 D10 Open Regionals

Location	Date	Tables	D10 Profit Share
Nashville	October 2-8, 2023	771	\$6516
Hot Springs Village	December 4-9, 2023	417	\$2476

Summary of 2024 D10 Open Regionals

Location	Date	Tables	D10 Profit Share
Shreveport	June 26-28, 2024	314	\$6756 (see below)
Nashville	September 22-28, 2024		
Birmingham	November 12-17, 2024		

Shreveport Regional

Shreveport had a very successful 3-day tournament this spring resulting in a profit of \$13,511.

Shreveport members solicited donations in a variety of forms including \$4563 in direct cash donations. Both Pat Williams and I decided that the contributors were providing this money to their club to support the tournament and not to support D10. We recommended to the TOC that the total reported profit be reduced by this amount and the amount of profit shared with D10 be reduced from \$6756 to \$4474. The TOC has approved this recommendation and would like approval from the Board.

If the Board approves this recommendation, the TOC suggests the following revisions to the TOC Policies for the Board's approval.

Current

4. District fees for single site regionals are ½ of the net profit, or for split sites, \$1 per table. One half of the collected District fees are distributed to all units not hosting a full or split regional within the year, based equally upon unit membership and unit participation in that year’s district regionals.

Proposed

4. District fees for single site regionals are 1/2 of the net profit (**not including direct cash contributions**), or for split sites, \$1 per table. One half of the collected District fees are distributed to all units not hosting a full or split regional within the year, based equally upon unit membership and unit participation in that year's district regionals.

Scheduled D10 Open Regionals for 2025 & 2026

Location	Dates
Huntsville	April 3-5, 2025
Metairie	April 14-18, 2025
Nashville	October 13-19 2025
Huntsville	April 9 – 11, 2026

Note that the Huntsville and Metairie tournaments violate the D10 policy that states: “There will be no D-10 regional scheduled within six weeks of another D-10 regional.” The TOC approved a variance for this rule in this case because the two tournaments are not likely to draw from the same player populations.