

Mid-South Bridge Conference Board of Delegates Zoom Meeting  
February 3, 2026

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on February 3, 2026 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: Randi Belisomo\*\*  
Unit 157 Alabama: Charles Kelly  
Unit 161 Arkansas: Elizabeth Farris  
Unit 170 Shreveport: Paula Johns  
Unit 179 Central TN: Annie Bartlett  
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast: Gary Meece  
Unit 182 Baton Rouge: Vicki Kellum  
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana: Lou McWhorter  
Unit 214 Hattiesburg: Sherry Kinkopf\*\*  
Unit 215 S. Alabama: Jayne Murphy  
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana: Karen Jennings  
Unit 232 N. Alabama: Phil Bridges

\*\*Unable to attend

District 10 and Unit Officials in Attendance:

President: Vicki Willis

Vice President: Karen Jennings

Treasurer: Pat Williams

Secretary: Suzanne Torrence

Tournament Coordinator: Charles MacCracken/Larry Hurias

Tournament Oversight: open

STAC/NAP Coordinator: Sherrie Goodman

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 August 26, 2025 were approved and Suzanne will forward the minutes to Jim Daugherty to be uploaded on the District 10 website

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

Pat Williams presented the treasurer's report. There hasn't been a lot of financial activity since the last meeting and the District remains in a strong cash position with a total of \$140,000 in the two accounts. Since the last meeting, we had grass root funds added totaling \$9,169, which is down slightly over last year. There was a significant increase in NAP participation with 85 pairs registered between the 4 flights yielding a profit of \$3,000. Larry S asked if the increase in NAP participation was a result of the addition of the 4th flight this year. There were 19 pairs in Flight A and 11 pairs in the Championship Flight with many of the pairs, participating in Flight A, also competing in the Championship Flight. There were 33 pairs in Flight B and 20 pairs in Flight C. There were several things that may have factored into the increase in participation including the addition of the Championship Flight and District marketing the NAP event.

Patrick changed the money market account, which is generating \$300/month more in interest. Patrick suggested that the board consider treasurer candidates to replace Patrick when the time comes.

Jerry B asked what the typical District expenses are. Patrick indicated that annually expenses include: Stipends for Treasurer, Secretary, Tournament Coordinator, NAP/STAC coordinator and Webmaster totaling \$4500/annually. Support GNT teams representing the District totally \$13,500/annually. Education Reimbursement Program. The District receives money from STACs, Grass Root Funds and Regionals.

During COVID, the treasurer stopped collecting dues from the units of \$100/unit annually if the unit didn't host a Regional but if the unit hosted a Regional the dues were \$200/annually. When the treasurer distributed the revenue share from the Regionals to the units, the treasurer would deduct the annual dues owed the District from the revenue share amount. The treasurer suggested that the board consider not retroactively collecting dues before 2025 and establish a date when to begin collecting unit dues moving forward. Patrick suggested beginning the dues for 2024-2025 forward. Paula Johns asked how revenue sharing worked. Patrick explained that the Regionals are owned by the District and the Regionals are assigned to the interested units willing to hold a Regional. The host unit retains 50% of the profit from the Regional and the other 50% goes to the District. Half of the District money (or 25% of the total profit) is distributed to all of the units who do not host a Regional in that year. The unit distribution is based on 2 things: 1. Unit Membership at the time the Regional was held and 2. The members from the Unit who attended the Regional. Most of the time, the revenue share was enough to absorb the annual Unit Dues.

There was discussion around whether to continue with dues given the overall membership decrease and other cost factors. And if it was decided to continue, would the District start from 2024 forward or another year. The initial motion was made to begin distributing the revenue share from the past Regionals and deduct the unit dues from that amount and begin in the calendar year 2026. Patrick clarified that the revenue share is occurring and there is a process in place. A revised motion should address the unit dues payments that were suspended during COVID. Before moving forward, a question was raised about the purpose of the unit dues. Historically, there was no stream of income for the District and the unit dues help support the District expenses. Larry S suggested that the Board consider eliminating the unit dues given the District's strong financial position. Patrick confirmed that unit dues are not part of the District bylaws. After this discussion, the initial motion to move forward with the unit dues beginning in this calendar year was not approved. A new motion was made to eliminate annual Unit dues effective 2020 and forward and the motion was approved.

In a sidebar, Sherrie mentioned that she had applied and received a grant to assist with expenses related to Learn Bridge in a Day (75 participants), which proved to be valuable for their club as they acquired several members from that event. Their club currently has about a 3:1 ratio of novices to open players. Larry S shared that the average ACBL member age is 74+ years old. ACBL created an age progression across the ACBL membership which is approximately 120,000 members and the 10,000 youngest members are 64 or younger.

In the last meeting, a question was raised about what to do with the District funds to support the Units. Patrick suggested that we form a committee to address that and create some out of the box ideas. Patrick then said that we could address further in the old business portion of the meeting.

The previous treasurer was Lynn Logan and her husband had a CPA firm who filed the tax returns for the district. Patrick submitted the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 tax returns to the CPA and the CPA was paid \$200 to handle the returns. Patrick then took over filing the tax returns and has requested to be paid for the returns since then. A motion was made to reimburse Patrick for the tax return filing fees incurred since 2018 and the motion was approved.

### **Tournament Coordinator Report - Charles McCracken (Attachment #2)**

For 2026, we are allowed 4 open Regionals and 5 NLM Regionals and the District has filled all slots for the 2026 Regionals. For 2027, there are 3 open Regionals and 2 NLM Regionals scheduled. All of the 2027 Sectionals scheduled are provisional until June '26 as the League protects neighboring Districts who are scheduling Regionals. The Sectionals will be sanctioned after June. Charlie encouraged units to submit their 2027 tournament applications.

### **Tournament Oversight Committee Report - Mickey Groggel (no report)**

Mickey will be assuming the role of Tournament Oversight Committee Chair and will attend the next meeting

### **STAC/NAP Report - Sherri Goodman (no report)**

NAP has been completed but collecting the funds for NAP has been challenging. Sherrie asked if the bank, where the District banks, accepts Zelle or something similar, as that would be the process easier than holding all of the checks from the NAP participants.

GNT dates have been changed because there was a tournament schedule conflict so the GNT qualifier dates are in May. STAC numbers for January are not available yet.

Charles D raised a concern about STAC games and how they are structured. Previously, it was required that all folks play the same hands for STAC games but in 2016, that requirement was made optional. The concern raised was how to compare results between clubs that aren't playing the same hands in the same game. One suggested approach is that someone could make the same hands, upload them to the district website and clubs could download the hands from there. Jerry provided perspective and explained that all clubs don't have Duplimate machines so those clubs had to manually deal the hands. Jerry offered that if it's decided that everyone should play the same hands, we can make a request to ACBL to provide a file. Agreement is needed with District 7 since District 10 and District 7 co-sponsor 2 STACs annually. Sherrie offered that at one time, their club made all the boards for their unit and let the clubs borrow the boards and returned the boards to their club. Larry offered that units may have clubs in different cities so this wouldn't be an option for all units with geographic diversity. Charles stated that the ACBL does allow boards to be manually dealt with the only restriction that the person that makes the boards manually can't play in the games that those boards are used. Larry would prefer that everyone play the same boards but it raises some issues including security issues if the games utilizing the same boards don't play at the same time (one game starts at 12 and one game starts at 2). The second issue is what happens if someone fouls the boards, what would be the remedy in that case - would they go into the club games and not qualify for STAC? Patrick mentioned that Rob Meyer from ACBL sent his opinion on STAC boards about why he didn't think it mattered whether everyone played the same boards. Patrick agreed that it's more "fair" for everyone to play the same boards but he mentioned that it can't be completely fair because the differences in the strength of the field is different in different clubs across the District. The argument was made that there are variables that we can control and ones that we can't and we can control playing the same boards. Patrick stated that any of the clubs that utilize Common Game files are playing the same hands and it would only impact clubs that aren't using Common Game files. The question was raised about how many clubs within the unit utilize Common Game files

but no data was available. Charles mentioned that District 7 changed their bylaws to allow random shuffling. Karen raised another question about differences in boards - what if one club plays 21 boards and other clubs play 24 boards, they aren't playing the same boards. (Note: the minimum number of boards required for a STAC is 18). After the discussion, a motion was made that the STAC games that District 10 sponsors require hand records (ACBL will provide the files to play) and the motion passed.

### **Education Report - Karen Jennings (no report)**

No activity to report since the last meeting.

### **Recorder Report - Karen Jennings (Attachment #3)**

We received 2 notice of decisions from Unit 157 and Unit 215 since the last BOD. Discussion was had about one of those members playing in the LBA online games. Larry indicated that if a suspended person is playing online, then this should be reported to the National Recorder. Suspended persons can play in face to face club games with the approval of the Club Manager but not online. A question was asked about if it's possible to have suspended member's BBO accounts flagged. Larry explained that this would be something that BBO would have to institute as ACBL has no authority over BBO systems requiring a software change. BBO is now owned by 52 Entertainment.

### **ACBL BOD Meeting Update - Larry Sealy (Attachment #4)**

Larry provided the highlights from the ACBL Board of Directors Meeting in San Francisco. ACBL had over \$1mil profit through Oct '25 vs the budgeted expected loss. Much of the profit was from expenses being lower than expected. There were several open positions that were unfilled for several months. The approved budget for 2026 is to break even. There is a capital budget item of \$780k for system migration from AS400 (an 80's computer platform) to Back Office to be completed in Fall '26.

Membership dropped almost 9000 members from '24 to '25 (7% decrease). While we gained 5700 members and new guest membership increased significantly, we continue to lose more members than we gain. A question was asked about why ACBL eliminated the 4 month limitation on guest memberships (now a guest member can stay in guest member status until they win 20 master points) and the thought is that ACBL wants to continue to keep folks engaged and interacting with ACBL.

A motion to eliminate online events at F2F Regionals was brought up for discussion. The concern was that the online events were too costly and labor intensive but after the discussion it was agreed that it should be at the discretion of the Unit that is sponsoring the Regional. ACBL will work directly with the sponsoring unit to support them and help evaluate the best platform to host the online regional event.

Larry further discussed the new structure of the Spring and Fall NABCs that will focus on NABC and NABC+ events and eliminate Regional events. With the change, pre-

registration and tiered pricing will be explored. The structure change will require less conference space, allow for optimized staffing and lower cost. This will be introduced as an experiment beginning the Fall '28 in Austin and assessed after a year. Summer NABCs will remain the same format.

GNT Funding allows for the first 2 days of Flights A through C to be free for players with the cost billed back to the Districts. Grass Root funding should cover much of that expense. ACBL covers expenses for the first 2 days of the Championship Flight. Days 3-5 are charged to the players. ACBL will cover days 1-2 for the Championship flight. The reason for the bill back was because it was believed to be in the codification so it had to be charged back to the District. After the meeting and further research it was determined that it was not in the codification but had been used since the 90s. The charge back has only been half of the actual charges but this year ACBL wanted to charge back the full amount. After discussion, it was agreed to charge back half of the cost to the Districts. In 2027, the full cost amount for GNTs will be charged back to the Districts. ACBL would like units/clubs to run more Grass Root games which generates funds to cover this expense. Units can run additional Grass Roots games at Sectionals (up to 2 days and \$1 more for those games) - it's a Sectional event that pays at a Regional event level.

Two new sites were approved for upcoming NABCs. The Unit President's Handbook is complete and available on the ACBL website. New officers were installed. Susan Bridges was appointed ACBL Volunteer of the Year and Noel Stewart was appointed as Goodwill Member of the Year both from District 10. For 2026, Larry is chairing the Appeals and Charges committee, Chair of the NABC Site Selection committee and a member of the competitions and conventions committee.

EDGAR results were shared. As of November, 19,000 members have been analyzed through the EDGAR program and averaging about 10,000/month. A primary red (red is high likelihood of cheating) is the person that flagged as red, Secondary red is the partner of the primary red or a partner of a partner that was red. The total reds through November was 1500 and the percentage of primary reds was 3%. Most primary reds came from player memos. The goal is to finish the analysis of online players by April 2026. Player memos can be submitted online and it goes directly to the National Recorder.

### **New Business**

Patrick suggested a committee to discuss Funding for Projects around the District and suggested that Charles lead the committee. Charles agreed that this an opportunity to utilize funds for supporting bridge initiatives in District 10. Charles will discuss with some folks and present ideas at the next meeting.

## **Old Business**

In the last few meetings we've discussed changing the frequency of meetings which would require a bylaw change. Suggested wording was discussed and final wording was approved as outlined: Regular meetings shall be held in person or remotely at a minimum of twice annually. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

## **Election of Officers**

President: Vicki Willis  
Vice President: Karen Jennings  
Secretary: Suzanne Torrence  
Treasurer: Patrick Williams

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday June 2nd at 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18PM

# Appendix

## **Attachment #1 – Treasurer’s Report**

District 10  
Treasurer's Report  
January 27, 2026

I have been traveling extensively in January, and I have not updated the financial records to the end of 2025. Following is our cash position as of January 19, 2026.

Money Market account - \$137,734  
Checking account - \$2,729

That is a lot of money: \$140,463.

Activity since the last report:

StaC proceeds - \$2,035 (bank deposit January)  
Grass Roots funds received - \$9,169 (bank deposit September 10)  
Participation in NAP had a significant increase to 85 paid pairs over the four flights. This is a gross of \$5,100. This indicates a profit of about \$3,000. No deposits or payments (for director expenses) have been made yet.  
In September, I was able to change our Money Market account to earn real levels of interest. So far, this is earning over \$300 per month.

## **Attachment #2 - District 10 Tournament Coordinator Report**

### D10 2026 Tournaments

3-Jan		Online D-10 NAP Champ & Flt B		
	1		I/N	
9-Jan	0	Montgomery AL	Sectional	Orlando Open Regional 1/5-11
	1		Open	Pigeon Forge TN NLM Regional
8-Jan	0	Metairie (New Orleans)	Sectional	1/7-10
16-	1		Open	
Jan	8	Fairhope AL	Sectional	S. Louis NML Regional 1/16-18
15-	1		Open	
Jan	7	Memphis TN	Sectional	
19-				
Jan		MLK Jr Day		
22-	2		I/N	
Jan	4	Little Rock AR	Sectional	
23-	2		I/N	
Jan	5	Flowood (Jackson)	Regional	Houston Open Regional 1/19-25
23-	2		Open	
Jan	5	Flowood (Jackson)	Sectional	
				Hilton Head Open Regional 1/26-2/1
2-Feb	8	D-10 STaC		
16-				
Feb		President's Day		Alana Junior Regional 1/31-2/1
20-	2		Open	
Feb	2	Gulfport MS	Sectional	
26-				
Feb	8	St. Louis MO	NABC	
8-				
Mar		Daylight Savings		
10-	1		Open	
Mar	4	Birmingham AL	Regional	
13-	1		Open	
Mar	5	Hot Springs Vill AR	Sectional	
28-	2		Open	
Mar	8	Baron Rouge LA	Sectional	
25-	2		Open	
Mar	8	Nashville TN	Sectional	
1-Apr		Passover		
3-Apr	5	Good Friday / Easter		
	1		Open	
9-Apr	1	Huntsville AL	Regional	
14-	1		Open	
Apr	6	Shreveport LA	Sectional	
17-	1	Flowood (Jackson)	Open	

Apr 9			Sectional	
23-	2		I/N	Gatlinburg Open Regional 4/20-
Apr 6		Gulfport MS	Regional	26
30-			Open	
Apr 2		Metairie (New Orleans)	Sectional	
1-			I/N	
May 2		Birmingham AL	Sectional	
10-				
May		Mother's Day		Dallas Open Regional 5/11-17
15-	1		Open	Oklahoma City Open Regional
May 7		Montgomery AL	Sectional	5/11-16
25-				
May		Memorial Day		Atlanta NLM Regional 5/21-25
			Open	
5-Jun	7	Gulfport MS	Sectional	
6-Jun		D Day		
	1			
8-Jun	4	STaC		
11-	1		Open	
Jun 3		Birmingham AL	Sectional	Cincinnati Open Regional 6/7-13
19-				
Jun		Juneteenth		
21-				
Jun		Father's Day		
19-	2		I/N	
Jun 1		Flowood (Jackson)	Sectional	
24-	2		Open	
Jun 7		Nashville TN	Sectional	
4-Jul		Independence Day		Austin Open Regional 6/29-7/5
	1			
8-Jul	9	Minneapolis MN	NABC	
	1		I/N	
17-Jul	8	Montgomery AL	Sectional	
	1		I/N	
16-Jul	8	Little Rock AR	Regional	
	1		Open	
16-Jul	8	Little Rock AR	Sectional	
	2		Open	
22-Jul	5	Metairie (New Orleans)	Sectional	Tyler Tx NLM Regional 7/23-25
			I/N	
7-Aug	8	Birmingham AL	Sectional	Bentonville AR Open Regional
			Open	7/27-8/01
6-Aug	8	Memphis TN	Sectional	
21-	2		I/N	Oklahoma City NLM Regional
Aug 3		Hot Springs Village AR	Sectional	8/13-15

20- Aug	2		I/N	
28- Aug	3	Baton Rouge LA	Regional Open	
	0	Meridian MS	Sectional	S. Louis Open Regional 8/24-30
7-Sep		Labor Day		Dallas Open Reg;l 9/2-7
	1			
7-Sep	3	STaC		Alana Open Regional 9/1-7
11- Sep	1		Open	
12- Sep	3	Gulfport MS	Sectional	
	2	Rosh Hashanah / Yom		
	1	Kippur		
17- Sep	1		Open	
30- Sep	9	Huntsville AL	Sectional	
	2	Lafayette LA	I/N Regional	
	1		Open	
5-Oct	1	Nashville TN	Regional	Wichita KS Open Regional 8/6-10
12- Oct		Columbus Day		Houston NLM Regional 10/16-18
16- Oct	1		Open	
23- Oct	7	Memphis TN	Sectional	
	2		Open	
	5	Flowood (Jackson)	Sectional	
28- Oct	3		Open	
	0	Metairie (New Orleans)	Sectional	
11- Nov		Veterans Day		
11- Nov	1		Open	Louisville KY Open Regional
12- Nov	4	Hot Springs AR	Regional	11/10-14
	1		Open	
19- Nov	4	Baton Rouge LA	Sectional	
	2		Open	
26- Nov	1	Birmingham AL	Sectional	
		Thanksgiving		
26- Nov	6	San Diego CA	NABC	
<b>D10 2027 Tournaments</b>				
	1		Open	Pigeon Forge TN NLM Regional
8-Jan	0	Gulfport	Sectional	1/6-9
14- Jan	1		Open	
15- Jan	6	Metairie (New Orleans)	Sectional	S. Louis NLM Regional 1/15-17
	1		I/N	
27- Jan	6	Montgomery AL	Sectional	
	2			
Jan	4	Jackson	NLM Reg	Houston Open Regional 1/25-31

22- Jan	2 4	Jackson	Open Sectional	
18- Feb	2 0	Birmingham	Open Sectional	
26- Feb	2 7	Hattiesburg MS	Open Sectional	
March				
2- Mar	6	Nashville TN	Open Sectional	
April				
1-Apr	3 1	Huntsville AL	Open Regional NLM	Longview TX Open Regional 4/6-10
8-Apr	1	Gulfport	Regional	
12- Apr	1 7	Metairie (New Orleans)	Open Regional	Gatlinburg Open Regional 4/19-28
May				
30- Apr	1	Birmingham	I/N Sectional	
30- Apr	2	Hot Springs Village	Open Sectional	
14- May	1 6	Montgomery	Open Sectional	
19- May	2 2	Memphis	Open Sectional	
June				
11- Jun	1 3	Gulfport	Open Sectional	
10- Jun	1 2	Birmingham	Open Sectional	
22- Jun	2 6	Nashville	Open Sectional	San Antonio TX Open Regional 6/28-7/4
7-Jul	1 0	Metairie (New Orleans)	Open Sectional	Greenville SC Open Regional 7/7-13

16-Jul	1 7	Montgomery	I/N Sectional	
		Aug		S. Louis Open Regional 8/16-22
6-Aug	8	Hot Springs Village	I/N Sectional	
13-Aug	1		Open	
Aug	4	Birmingham	Sectional	
		Sep		Atlanta Open Regional 8/31-9/6 S. Louis Open Regional 9/13-18
23-Sep	2		Open	
Sep	5	Huntsville	Sectional	
23-Sep	2		Open	
Sep	5	Gulfport	Sectional	
	1		Open	
4-Oct	0	Nashville	Regional	
18-Nov	2		Open	
Nov	0	Birmingham	Sectional	

**Attachment #3 - District 10 Recorder Report**

Recorder Report  
February 3, 2026

Since our last meeting in August 2025, two persons received disciplinary letters in the district:

Dorothy Norwood Unit 157  
David Scott Unit 215

Letters issued are attached.

October 27, 2025

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

<b>Disciplined Party</b>	David Scott	<b>ACBL#</b>	6737358	<b>District</b>	10	<b>Unit</b>	215
<b>ACBL Case</b>	2025-ACBL-755	<b>Membership Status</b>		Not in Good Standing			
<b>Online Platform</b>	BBO	<b>IBA Case</b>	N/A	<b>Award Date</b>		N/A	

<b>CDR Violation</b>	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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<b>Discipline Imposed</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Suspension	11/06/2025	11/05/2026
Probation (prohibited from playing online with complicit partner during probation)	11/06/2026	11/05/2028
Forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints		

October 22, 2025


**NOTICE OF DECISION**

<b>Disciplined Party</b>	Dorothy Norwood	<b>ACBL#</b>	5513294	<b>District</b>	10	<b>Unit</b>	157
<b>ACBL Case</b>	2025-ACBL-867	<b>Membership Status</b>		Not in Good Standing			
<b>Online Platform</b>	BBO	<b>IBA Case</b>	N/A	<b>Award Date</b>		N/A	

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Forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints		

**Attachment #4 - ACBL Summer BOD Meeting Update Report**



**ACBL BOD Update**  
**District 10 Board Meeting**  
**January 27, 2026**

**Larry Sealy**  
**Region7Director@ACBL.org**



## Agenda

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- San Francisco BOD Meeting Highlights
- EDGAR Status/Results



## Fall 2025 NABC BOD Meeting Highlights



## Key Items from Fall NABC (1 of 4)



- **Finance**
  - Oct YTD profit of \$1.3M (vs budget of -\$97K) – much of difference due to expenses \$1M lower than budget
  - Approved Budgeted 2026 that shows projected profit of \$20K
  - Capital budget: \$780K (mostly for continuing migration from AS400 to Back Office) – *est. completion is Fall 2026*
- **Balance Sheet is Strong**
  - Net Assets Increase: \$12.5M (Oct 2025) vs. \$10.7M (Oct 2024)
- **Membership down from 128,622 (Nov 2024) to 119,618 (Nov 2025): 7% YOY decrease**
  - Added 5,663 new members (vs. 6,181 for same period 2024)
  - However, new Guest Members increased significantly: 7524 (vs. 2813)
  - *Continue to lose more members than we add, however*



## Key Items from Fall NABC (2 of 4)



- **Continuing online events at F2F Regionals**
  - Eliminated the Codification requirement that permitted online events to be held in conjunction with in-person regionals.
  - Now: the final determination to host this online event will rest with the local sponsoring organization.
  - Management Consultation: Management will work directly with sponsors to evaluate cost impacts and identify the most suitable, effective platform (BBO, RealBridge) for their needs.
- **New Paradigm for Spring and Fall NABCs**
  - Focus on NABC/NABC+ events
  - Something for everyone: Flights similar to GNT/NAP and possibly a lower flight (e.g., 0-100)
  - For those who do not qualify, there will be "Finals B," essentially a Consolation event.
  - No Regional or GR/IN games
  - Implementing pre-registration and tiered pricing to align fees with participation and facility costs.
  - Consolidating events, streamlining schedules, and right-sizing venues to optimize staffing and volunteer time.
  - Will require less space, so open up new venue possibilities



## Key Items from Fall NABC (3 of 4)



### • GNT Funding

- First 2 days of Flights A-C are free to players
  - Cost is billed back to Districts
  - Grass Roots funding expected to cover (though it does not for many Districts)
- ACBL will cover first 2 days of Championship Flight, this year
- Days 3-5 are charged to the players
- The chargeback was said to be in the ACBL Codification (turns out it is not). Research showed it had been used as early as the 1990s.
  - The charges have been only half what the cost is. Originally, Mgmt wanted to charge the “correct amount” this year.
  - Several of us pushed back on this. Any previous undercharge was forgiven and this year will still be charged at half.
  - For 2027, it will double – unless a change is made.
  - Management will implement an education and communication plan to assist Districts in expanding grassroots fundraising and the sharing of best practices.
  - Goal: to support the continued growth of the GNTs while maintaining a sustainable financial balance for both the ACBL and the Districts.
- I hope to revisit this in St. Louis



## Key Items from Fall NABC (4 of 4)



### • NABC Sites Selected

- Austin (Marriott Marquis) was previously approved (Oct) for Fall 2028
- Las Vegas (Rio Hotel and Casino) was approved for Summer 2031 (also site of 2027 Summer NABC)

### • Unit Presidents Handbook is complete

- Available at: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/units/unitpresidenthandbook.pdf>

### • Key Elections and Appointments

- Cindy Shoemaker elected President for 2026 by acclamation
- Dennis Carman was elected Vice-President
- Joann Glasson was elected Treasurer
- James Holzhauser was appointed ACBL Honorary Member of the Year by Mgmt
- Susan Bridges (D10/U232) was appointed ACBL Volunteer of the Year by the 2025 President (Margot Hennings)
- Noel Stewart (D10/Hot Springs Village) was approved as Goodwill Member of the Year

### • My Committees for 2026

- Appeals and Charges (Chair)
- Site Selection (Chair)
- Competitions and Conventions



# Computer-Based Cheating Detection/Discipline Update (EDGAR)



## CBCD Summary (Nov 2025)

	Requested	Primary Reds <sup>1</sup>	Secondary Reds <sup>2</sup>	Total Reds	% of Primary Reds	% of Total Reds <sup>3</sup>	Charged Plus Warnings	% Charged Plus Warnings	Warnings	FTDs	MGT	NRs <sup>4</sup>	IBA <sup>5</sup>	Dismissals	Deceased	Expulsions <sup>6</sup>	RPCs	Pending <sup>7</sup>
2/1/2024 - 8/26/2025	11,542	620	342	962	5.37%	8.33%	926	8.02%	195	556	7	48	44	4	22	7	32	5
8/27/2025 - Present	19,515	278	266	546	1.42%	2.80%	536	2.75%	236	163	0	0	0	0	8	0	3	134
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31,057</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>1508</b>	<b>2.89%</b>	<b>4.86%</b>	<b>1462</b>	<b>4.71%</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>139</b>

### Primary Red Breakdown

Primary Reds	Random Selection	Player Memo	PUD List Monitoring	D/U Officials	Leadership	Pre-Appointment/Honor Review
2/1/2024 - 8/26/2025	112	457	2	46	2	1
8/27/2025 - Present	261	17	0	0	0	0

### Notes

- 1 Primary Reds are from Player Numbers requested
- 2 Secondary Reds are from partners of requested or partners of partners
- 3 Not an accurate predictor of overall rate of reds
- 4 Two of the 48 NRs were 301(A)(4) cases (Misuse of Hand Records)
- 5 Two of the IBA decisions were Expulsions
- 6 Two Expulsions were from IBA decisions
- 7 Seven pending before IBA; One 301(A)(4) case pending

### Legend

- FTD = Fast Track Discipline
- NR = Negotiated Resolution
- IBA = Institute for Bridge Arbitration
- RPC = Resigned Pending Charges
- PUD = Player Under Discipline
- D/U = District/Unit



## CBCD Update Summary (Nov 2025)



- **Goal: submit ~10,000 player numbers per month**
  - Should finish running/analyzing all online players by Spring 2026
- **Overall rate of Reds dominated by Player Memos**
  - Will come down - there is no backlog of Player Memos (PM)
  - We estimate final rate with be ~3%
- **IBA update**
  - 5 Cases (9 players) resolved since Phila
    - 4 found Guilty
    - 1 found Not Responsible
  - 0 Cases awaiting verdict
  - 4 Cases (7 players) pending



**Questions?**



# Review of CDR Changes - Jul 2025



- **Allow Suspended members to play in select Club games with Club Mgr. approval**
  - Requires completion of Ethics Certification/Fair Play Pledge (EC/FPP)
  - Must notify Club Mgr. in writing of their status and request to play
  - May not play with complicit partner nor earn Masterpoints
  - Does not apply to those who Resigned Pending Charges (RPC), expelled players, or those suspended under CDR Section 301(A)(4) (Misuse of Hand Records)
- **Players who only cheated between 2020-2021**
  - Official Warning for those with fewer than 5000 MPs at time cheating stopped, 60-day Suspension for those 5000+
  - Requires *clear and convincing evidence* they stopped cheating before 2022
  - Excludes those who: have previously been disciplined for an ethical violation, are Grand Life Master (GLM)-eligible, had multiple complicit partners, resigned or were expelled, are/were in a position of significant influence
  - Appeals and Charges (A&C) Committee to review list prior to finalization
- **Retroactive reductions in discipline for 2020/2021 cheaters who have previously been disciplined - for Fast Track Discipline (FTD) cases only**
- **Modification of EC/FPP to remove admission of guilt**
- **EC/FPP not required for players receiving Official Warning**
- **Extended grace period for good cause**