Mid-South Bridge Conference Board of Delegates Zoom Meeting
June 2, 2026

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on June 2, 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: Thomas Guffin**
Unit 161 Arkansas: Elizabeth Farris**
Unit 170 Shreveport: Paula Johns
Unit 179 Central TN: Annie Bartlett
Unit180 MS Gulf Coast: Gary Meece
Unit 182 Baton Rouge: Vicki Kellum
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana: Lou McWhorter
Unit 214 Hattiesburg: Joseph White
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
Tournament Oversight: Mickey Groggel**
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. Phil Bridges noted a typo in the minutes in the treasurer's report 6th paragraph. Suzanne will review the recording and update the typo. The revised minutes from February 3, 2026 were approved and Suzanne will forward the revised minutes to Jim Daugherty to be uploaded on the District 10 website

Before the Treasurer's report was presented, Larry Sealy announced that during the St Louis NABC, Charlie McCracken was awarded the Distinguished ACBL Employee Award and he is only the 2nd person to ever receive that reward.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Williams (Attachment #1-4)

Pat Williams presented 4 treasurer's reports. The first report was the D10 (Profit & Loss) income statement 24 vs 25 (12 month comparison). In 2024, net revenue over expenses was just over $7,000 vs 2025 net revenue over expenses of just over $31,000 and this is on a cash basis not accrual basis. The second report was the Balance Sheet PY Comparison (as of 5/31). District is in a strong cash position with $113K PY compared to the current year of $147k. The third report was Profit & Loss PY comparison (1-1-5/1/26 period). For the first 5 months of the year, the District has $10,800 vs PY $5000. Paula asked about the report ledger of Regionals specifically the other category and what that meant. Pat explained that when District members go on bridge cruises, the District receives $10/person who is on a bridge cruise. The fourth report was the Balance Sheet PY Comparison (2024 - 2025).

Tournament Coordinator Report - Charlie McCracken (Attachment #5)

Charlie covered the schedule of tournaments for the next year. The district is allowed 5 NLM regionals and 4 open regionals annually and we currently have an opening for a NLM and an open regional respectively for 2027. He presented the 2027 sanctioned tournaments up to the last quarter of next year. Charlie will review the pending requests in the upcoming months. A tournament is given protection up to 200 miles from another tournament both in our district and surrounding districts. In the sanctioned tournament document, Charlie has noted other tournaments that may impact our sanctioned tournaments but are farther than 200 miles away. Charlie urges any units that would like to schedule a 2027 tournament, to submit their paperwork utilizing this document to select dates minimizing conflicts.

Tournament Oversight Committee Report - Mickey Groggel (Attachment #6)

Mickey submitted the report for everyone's review but is out of the country so could not attend the meeting. There were no questions but Larry noted that it was good to see Memphis is back on the calendar for a regional. Charlie provided an update and Memphis will have a sectional vs a regional during the noted week. Patrick asked if the TOC made an exception to allow the 2 April regionals so close together. Vickie is on the TOC but does not remember the discussion around the scheduling. Charlie explained that Huntsville had applied for an NLM regional and it was approved but reconsidered converting it to an open regional after the success of the 2026 regional and it was approved. Larry indicated that there is a tool that Jay Whipple developed that can identify where tournament participants reside. Larry speculated that if you input the information into the report for the Metairie and Huntsville tournaments, there would be minimal overlap of the participants. Huntsville has opted for a 3 day open regional in 2027 and Charlie noted that several units are adopting the practice of 3 day regionals vs 7 day regionals. Patrick mentioned that he hadn't noticed 3 day regionals in other Districts but agreed that a 3 day regional is better than no regional. With that said, units should be encouraged to have 5 day regionals. Phil noted that Huntsville's issue is scheduling at

the tournament venue. Since it's at a large active church, it limits the time slots. Another challenge is finding volunteers to staff the tournaments. Members recognize that it may limit folks coming from out of town if it's a 3 day tournament but it was successful in 2026. Patrick is concerned about the future if we have more units that want to host regionals and limiting the number of days for a tournament may impact decisions about sanctioning tournaments.

STAC/NAP/GNT Report - Sherrie Goodman (Attachment #7)

Sherrie was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a report. Larry asked if Vickie would relay comments to Sherrie and she agreed. Sherrie noted that the Director was not able to speak with her until April. Larry mentioned that if Sherrie has an issue with receiving communication timely, she should reach out to Larry for assistance and support. Comments were made about the GNT scheduling and games appearing disorganized with last minute date changes resulting in some teams dropping out of the competition. Phillip asked if the NAP championship is currently scheduled for 1/2/27 which abuts the holidays and suggested that we may want to consider rescheduling for more participation. Vickie indicated that it required TOC approval and Vickie will relay to Mickey. Patrick indicated that this has previously not been under the purview of the TOC. A suggestion was made that Sherrie as NAP/GNT coordinator consult with the TC on 2027 scheduling.

Education Report - Karen Jennings (Attachment #8)

Reimbursement requests were made by Hot Springs for class expenses for $68 and a $38 education reimbursement expense request from The Village Club.

In February, Karen spoke with Michelle Coop about a tournament that they would be hosting with the JumpStart Bridge participants but hadn't heard back about the status of that.

Karen is on a committee for JumpStart Bridge with Patty Tucker and other Education chairs from other Districts. One outcome is that committee members will travel to teacher conferences in their respective states to introduce the JumpStart Bridge program and the opportunities that it will provide for students and also provide a teacher stipend for teaching the program. JumpStart Bridge provides all of the teaching materials for the students and instructors including instructional videos. Karen will be attending a teacher conference in Louisiana. A JumpStart flyer was sent to all unit secretaries within our District and the intent was for the secretaries to share the information with the clubs within their units. There are many ways to support JumpStart Bridge beyond teaching classes. Karen and other members of the JumpStart bridge committee reviewed 25 essays submitted by 3rd through 6th grade students in the program detailing what they liked about bridge. This was part of a contest with the winner receiving a trip to the Summer NABC and every participant getting some reward. The prevailing theme was that the students liked spending time with their friends and making new friends.

Phil Bridges mentioned that Huntsville hosted their 2nd annual JumpStart Bridge competition and had 96 participants. If anyone has questions about the program Phil and Susan Bridges are a great resource. The best advice is that it takes a village to get this program up and running.

Recorder Report - Karen Jennings (Attachment #9)

There have been 4 recorder reports since January including 2 from Unit 232 and 2 from Unit 179. The ACBL website contains a list of all persons who are under suspension, on probation, or not in good standing status.

ACBL BOD Update - Spring '26 (Attachment #10)

Larry included the Spring National Board Report in his email with his presentation and if you have any questions, Larry included his email on the front page of that report. Larry also asked Jim Daugherty to post both reports on the District website.

While ACBL had revenues under projection, expenses were much lower resulting in $750k gain over the last 12 months and net assets increased by almost $1.5 mil.

Membership is down again by 5% with total membership at 117,813 members.

The tournament task force is focused on how to appropriately staff tournaments and tournament schedules. The task force has updated the Regional Tournament Planning guide and is scheduled for distribution. There were organizational changes as a result of task force findings. An example is that the area manager position was eliminated and responsibilities of that position were centralized in ACBL headquarters with Rob Meier. The focus is to improve overall player experience while ensuring financial viability for tournaments.

The Real Deal is a game being hosted on RealBridge.com. The advantage of Real Bridge is you can connect your microphone and camera and can talk with table mates. LBA (Sherrie Goodman) is running Swiss Teams on RealBridge. Real Bridge will soon be hosting teaching programs.

A new agreement was reached with the World Bridge Federation. ACBL contributed $50K to the North American Bridge Federation operating budget. It is the organization that funds the US, Canadian and Mexican Bridge Federation. The WBF has raised the surcharge on NABC+ events ($3/person/session) and it is based on the number of members. The USBF is staffed by all volunteers.

The new format for the Spring and Fall NABCs will start in Fall 2028 with more NABC event focus with 4 different flights and no Regional rated games. The Competitions and Conventions Committee (Larry is a member of this committee) is currently developing event schedules. The most recent NABC site approvals were for 2031 and 2035 and both will be in Washington, DC at the Washington Hilton. Because of the format change, the venue footprint is smaller and it broadens potential venues.

EDGAR Update for all players that have played online bridge since 2020 through the beginning of 2024. As of February, they had finished running all but 20k player numbers but have since finished all of the players and are currently processing the final results. As of February 2026, there were 1800 reds which were players that would have been given warnings or charged. The overall rate of reds was driven by Player Memos. About 30% of the Player Memos submitted have resulted in a red finding. EDGARs functionality is assessing when someone does something strange, does it always work for them. If it does, that is an indicator. The overall red rate is approximately 3%. ACBL will continue to monitor all of the online games. ACBL has been submitting 10k player numbers per month through EDGAR for the last 6 months. Karen J asked if EDGAR is only used on BBO and what about the other platforms. Ultimately yes it will apply to other platforms but since most have just started up with the new contracts, there isn't enough data yet.

The Institute of Bridge Arbitration had no new cases finalized between November '25 and February '26. One case was awaiting verdict (since rendered) and 3 cases pending.

New Business - All members

Stipend for GNT - Pat raised the topic of the stipend for the Grand National Teams going to Minneapolis. Historically, the stipend for GNT was $3000/team and it has been that amount for many years. Patrick did not have a recommendation to raise the amount but wanted to introduce the topic for discussion. Phil B suggested that it be raised to $4000/team and Patrick understood inflation and keeping up with the rising costs but mentioned that our District does not have good participation in GNTs so we are spending a lot of money on something that is of little interest to our District membership. Larry shared that in the 2010s, the stipend was $2400/team for the first place team and $1200 for the second place team for Flight B and C. The question was raised if there was a second place team in any of the flights this year. Sherrie (she was able to join the call from her car) shared that there were 8 Teams in Flight B (lost 2 teams because of the change in date), 8 Teams in Flight A, 4 Teams in Flight C and 4 Teams in the Championship Flight (lost 1 team because of the change in date) scheduled. Final Team Participants:

3 Championship Flight Teams
8 Flight A Teams
7 Flight B Teams
4 Flight C Teams

Larry noted that the final number of Flight B and C teams didn't meet the requisite number of teams needed for a second team which was 8.

Phil made a motion to raise the GNT stipend from $3000 to $4000/team and it was seconded. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.

District Newsletter - Our District Newsletter editor has resigned and we need to recruit for a Newsletter Editor. Vickie asked if anyone wanted to take on this role or knows of anyone that wanted to take on the role. There were no volunteers. Larry mentioned that District 8 gives a stipend to their District Newsletter Editor and suggested that we consider a stipend. Vickie asked that members ask their unit folks if anyone would consider taking this role. We can circle back at the next meeting.

Old Business - Vickie Willis

Charles Durrin was not able to gather information from committee members for creative use of District funds to promote and grow bridge within the District. This will be moved to the next meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday October 20th 6:30PM

APPENDIX

Attachment #1-4 – Treasurer's Reports

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Accrual Basis

Mid South Bridge Conference - District 10
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of December 31, 2025

	Dec 31, 25	Dec 31, 24	$ Change	% Change
	136,404.87	105,183.05	31,221.82	29.7%
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	136,404.87	105,183.05	31,221.82	29.7%
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
General Checking	-1,774.19	-1,933.48	159.29	8.2%
Regions Checking	445.22	4,208.43	-3,763.21	-89.4%
Regions Money Market	137,733.84	102,908.10	34,825.74	33.8%
Total Checking/Savings				
Total Current Assets				
TOTAL ASSETS				
	136,404.87	105,183.05	31,221.82	29.7%
	136,404.87	105,183.05	31,221.82	29.7%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity				
Retained Earnings	105,183.05	98,117.67	7,065.38	7.2%
Net Income	31,221.82	7,065.38	24,156.44	341.9%
Total Equity				
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY				

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Accrual Basis

Mid South Bridge Conference - District 10
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of May 31, 2026

	May 31, 26	May 31, 25	$ Change	% Change
	147,384.09	113,001.58	34,382.51	30.4%
	147,384.09	113,001.58	34,382.51	30.4%
	147,384.09	113,001.58	34,382.51	30.4%
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
General Checking	-1,774.19	-3,083.48	1,309.29	42.5%
Regions Checking	1.94	2,352.40	-2,350.46	-99.9%
Regions Money Market	149,156.34	113,732.66	35,423.68	31.2%
Total Checking/Savings				
Total Current Assets				
TOTAL ASSETS				
	147,384.09	113,001.58	34,382.51	30.4%
	147,384.09	113,001.58	34,382.51	30.4%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity				
Retained Earnings	136,404.87	105,183.05	31,221.82	29.7%
Net Income	10,979.22	7,818.53	3,160.69	40.4%
Total Equity				
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY				

Mid South Bridge Conference - District 10
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
Accrual Basis — January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25	Jan - Dec 24	$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
GNT/NAOP	13,353.08	13,435.03	-81.95	-0.6%
Interest Income	1,255.74	10.53	1,245.21	11,825.4%
NABC Funds	1,072.00	13,174.00	-12,102.00	-91.9%
Regionals				
Birmingham	5,651.00	0.00	5,651.00	100.0%
Hot Springs	0.00	1,475.87	-1,475.87	-100.0%
Huntsville	2,089.00	0.00	2,089.00	100.0%
Nashville	6,516.00	0.00	6,516.00	100.0%
New Orleans	2,308.00	0.00	2,308.00	100.0%
Shreveport	4,474.00	0.00	4,474.00	100.0%
Regionals - Other	30.00	45.00	-15.00	-33.3%
Total Regionals	21,068.00	1,520.87	19,547.13	1,285.3%
STaCs/Natonals	23,110.25	12,822.00	10,288.25	80.2%
Total Income	59,859.07	40,962.43	18,896.64	46.1%
Cost of Goods Sold				
Education	959.48	485.78	473.70	97.5%
GNT/NAOP Expense	14,133.25	13,986.60	146.65	1.1%
Hospitality Fund (Nationals)	-10,000.00	10,000.00	-20,000.00	-200.0%
STaC Expense	16,543.80	4,853.07	11,690.73	240.9%
Web Site	1,912.04	1,186.25	725.79	61.2%
Total COGS	23,548.57	30,511.70	-6,963.13	-22.8%
Gross Profit	36,310.50	10,450.73	25,859.77	247.4%
Expense				
Bank Charges	0.00	14.95	-14.95	-100.0%
Miscellaneous	443.07	160.50	282.57	176.1%
Postage/Communication	645.61	9.90	635.71	6,421.3%
Professional Fees				
GNT/NAOP	750.00	600.00	150.00	25.0%
Secretary	1,250.00	1,000.00	250.00	25.0%
Tournament	750.00	600.00	150.00	25.0%
Treasurer	1,250.00	1,000.00	250.00	25.0%
Total Professional Fees	4,000.00	3,200.00	800.00	25.0%
Total Expense	5,088.68	3,385.35	1,703.33	50.3%
Net Ordinary Income	31,221.82	7,065.38	24,156.44	341.9%
Net Income	31,221.82	7,065.38	24,156.44	341.9%

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Accrual Basis

Mid South Bridge Conference - District 10
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January 1 through May 1, 2026

	Jan 1 - May 1, 26	Jan 1 - May 1, 25	$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense Income				
GNT/NAOP	5,100.00	2,392.00	2,708.00	113.2%
Interest Income	1,026.03	3.59	1,022.44	28,480.2%
NABC Funds	0.00	1,072.00	-1,072.00	-100.0%
Regionals				
Birmingham	5,685.00	5,651.00	34.00	0.6%
Regionals - Other	100.00	25.00	75.00	300.0%
Total Regionals	5,785.00	5,676.00	109.00	1.9%
STaCs/Natonals	2,035.50	5,082.50	-3,047.00	-60.0%
Total Income	13,946.53	14,226.09	-279.56	-2.0%
Cost of Goods Sold				
Education	0.00	524.98	-524.98	-100.0%
GNT/NAOP Expense	1,058.85	1,796.05	-737.20	-41.1%
STaC Expense	0.00	4,321.20	-4,321.20	-100.0%
Web Site	360.00	720.00	-360.00	-50.0%
Gross Profit	12,527.68	6,863.86	5,663.82	82.5%
Expense				
Miscellaneous	0.00	443.07	-443.07	-100.0%
Postage/Communication	-219.57	-85.97	-133.60	-155.4%
Professional Fees				
GNT/NAOP	0.00	300.00	-300.00	-100.0%
Secretary	250.00	500.00	-250.00	-50.0%
Tournament	150.00	300.00	-150.00	-50.0%
Treasurer	250.00	500.00	-250.00	-50.0%
Total Professional Fees	650.00	1,600.00	-950.00	-59.4%
Taxes & Fees	1,294.50	0.00	1,294.50	100.0%
Total COGS	1,418.85	7,362.23	-5,943.38	-80.7%
Total Expense	1,724.93	1,957.10	-232.17	-11.9%
Net Ordinary Income	10,802.75	4,906.76	5,895.99	120.2%
Net Income	10,802.75	4,906.76	5,895.99	120.2%

Attachment #5 - Tournament Coordinator Report

5/25/2026 D-10 6-26 – 12-31-2027+

Each year D-10 is allowed to run four Open Regionals and five NLM Regionals (under 750). A sanctioned sectional has some protection against encroachment, but only if it is under one year in advance. Regionals have three years. I have sanctioned the third quarter 2027 Sectionals (so they do not yet have that protection) and will sanction the fourth quarter in August. All sanctions must be approved by the Unit T. C. before I can approve them

Please carefully read the following cautions.

 If you are not one of the above-named Unit Officers, please forward this to the one who is and request ACBL be notified of your Unit's current officers.

 These days most of us are wary of opening links / attachments. If you wish, please feel free to email me cmaccrac@yahoo.com and I will send the Excel file.

 ACBL requires a 200 mi. distance between tournaments. We are surrounded by Districts 7, 8, 9, 11, 15 & 16. I have tried to include regionals from those that might affect turnout at your tournament, but your knowledge is better than mine, so please carefully check for your area.

 D-10 prohibits me from sanctioning NLM Regionals until Jan 1 of the prior year, so Jan 1, 2027 for 2028 NLMS.

 ACBL sanctions tournaments every day, so it is likely this is already out of date. Please find a date you want and one that works, get the Unit T.C. OK and submit it.

 When I was younger, I never made a mistake! Sadly, that is no longer true, so check.

Thank you for wading through all this, Charlie

D-10 2026, 2027 &2028 tournaments and important dates					
5-Jun	7	Gulfport MS	Open Sect		
6-Jun		D Day			
8-Jun	14	STaC			
11-Jun	13	Birmingham AL	Open Sect		Cincinnati Open Reg'l 6/7-13
19-Jun		June Teenth			
21-Jun		Father's Day			
19-Jun	21	Flowood (Jackson)	I/N Sect		
24-Jun	27	Nashville TN	Open Sect		
4-Jul		Independence Day			Austin Open Reg'l 6/29-7/5
8-Jul	19	Minneapolis MN	NABC		
17-Jul	18	Montgomery AL	I/N Sect		
16-Jul	18	Little Rock AR	I/N Regl		
16-Jul	18	Little Rock AR	Open Sect		

22-Jul	25	Metairie (New Orl)	Open Sect		Tyler TX NLM Reg'l 7/23-25
7-Aug	8	Birmingham AL	I/N Sect		Bentonville AR Open Reg'l 7/27-8/01
6-Aug	8	Memphis TN	Open Sect		
21-Aug	23	Hot Springs Vill AR	I/N Sect		Oklahoma City NLM Reg'l 8/13-15
20-Aug	22	Baton Rouge LA	I/N Regl		
28-Aug	30	Meridian MS	Open Sect		S. Louis Open Reg'l 8/24-30
7-Sep		Labor Day			Dallas Open Reg;l 9/2-7
7-Sep	13	STaC			Alana Open Reg'l 9/1-7
25-Sep	27	Gulfport MS	Open Sect		
12-Sep	21	Rosh Hashanah / Yom Kippur			
17-Sep	19	Huntsville AL	Open Sect		
30-Sep	2	Lafayette LA	I/N Regl		
5-Oct	11	Nashville TN	Open Regl		Wichita KS Open Reg'l 8/6-10
12-Oct		Columbus Day			Houston NLM Reg'l 10/15-17
16-Oct	17	Memphis TN	Open Sect	Downgraded	
23-Oct	25	Flowood (Jackson)	Open Sect	Downgraded	
28-Oct	30	Metairie (New Orl	Open Sect		St. Louis 10/27-31
28-Oct	30	Monroe LA	Open Sect		
11-Nov		Veterans Day			
11-Nov	14	Hot Springs AR	Open Regl		Louisville KY Open Reg'l 11/10-14
18-Nov	20	Baton Rouge LA	Open Sect		
19-Nov	21	Birmingham AL	Open Sect		
26-Nov		Thanksgiving			
26-Nov	6	San Diego CA	NABC		
		No D-10 Dec 2026 tournaments sanctioned			
		D-10 is surrounded by D-7, 8, 9, 11, 15 & 16.			
		Note: sectional applications for 2026 now have 200 mile protection from nearby Districts			

		I have sanctioned 2027 sectionals through the third quarter. I will start on fourth quarter				
		applications later next month, but none will have the 200 mile protection until their date is				
		Under 1 year in advance. They are shown in green				
		The 2027 NLM Regionals have been sanctioned.				
2027						
						Orlando Open Reg'l 1/4-10
8-Jan	10	Gulfport	Open Sect			Pigeon Forge TN NLM Reg'l 1/6-9
14-Jan	16	Metairie (New Orl)	Open Sect			S. Louis NLM Reg'l 1/15-17
15-Jan	16	Montgomery AL	I/N Sect			
27-Jan	24	Jackson	NLM Regl			Houston Open Reg'l 1/25-31
22-Jan	24	Jackson	Sectional			
18-Feb	20	Birmingham	Open Sect			
26-Feb	27	Hattiesburg MS	Open Sect			
March						
5-Mar	7	Fairhope AL	Open Sect			Dallas NABC 3/11-21
2-Mar	6	Nashville TN	Open Sect			
11-Mar	13	Baton Rouge	Open Sect			
April						
1-Apr	3	Huntsville AL	Open Reg'l			
8-Apr	11	Gulfport	NLM Reg			Longview TX Open Reg'l 4/6-10
12-Apr	17	Metairie (New Orl)	Open Reg'l			
						Gatlinburg Open Reg'l 4/19-25
May						
30-Apr	1	Birmingham	I/N Sect			
30-Apr	2	Hot Springs Village	Open Sect			
6-May	7	Flowood (Jackson)	Open Sect	Downgraded		
12-May	16	Montgomery	Open Sect			
19-May	22	Cordova (Memphis)	Open Sect			Tulsa OK 5/10-15

		June			Oklahoma City NLM Reg'l 6/10-12
10-Jun	12	Birmingham	Open Sect		
11-Jun	13	Gulfport	Open Sect		
18-Jun	20	Flowood (Jackson)	I/N Sect		Cincinnati 6/13-19 Open Reg'l
22-Jun	26	Nashville	Open Sect		
					San Antonio TX Open Reg'l 6/28-7/4
		July			
7-Jul	10	Metairie (New Orl)	Open Sect		Greenville SC Open Reg'l 7/7-13
16-Jul	17	Montgomery	I/N Sect		Las Vegas NABC 7/15-25
		Aug			
6-Aug	8	Hot Springs Village	I/N Sect		
13-Aug	14	Birmingham	I/N Sect		
19-Aug	21	Baton Rouge	NLM Regl		S. Louis Open Reg'l 8/16-22
27-Aug	28	Meridian MS	Open Sect		
		Sep			Atlanta Open Reg'l 8/31-9/6
10-Sep	12	Gulfport	Open Secl	requested	S. Louis Open Reg'l 9/13-18
23-Sep	25	Huntsville	Open Sect		
4-Oct	10	Nashville	Open Reg'l		
					Dallas I/N Reg'l 11/3-6
					Louisville Open Reg'l 11/9-13
					Seattle NABC 11/25-12/5
18-Nov	20	Birmingham	Open Sect	requested	
			There are zero D-10 Tournaments in December, 2027'		
		'January 2028			
					Jan 1-2 Myrtle Beach Open Regional
					Jan 3-9 Orlando Open Reg'l

						Jan 17 - 23 Houston Open Reg'l
						Feb 7-13 Hilton Head SC Open Reg'l
						Feb 21-27 Indianapolis Open Reg'l
29-Feb	3/4	Birmingham		Open Reg'l		
						Reno NABC 3/9-19
						April 3-9 Coral Springs FL Open Regional
						May 15 -17 Dallas Open Regional
						June 5-11 Greensboro NC Open Regional
						June 11-17 Cincinnati Open Regional
						Jul 5-8 Oklahoma City NLM Regional
						July 3-9 Austin TX Open Regional
					Orlando NABC 7/27-8/6	
						Aug 14-20 St. Louis Open Regional
						August 29-Sept 4 Atlanta Open Regional
						Sept 11-16 Collinsville (St. Louis) Open Regional
						Oct 16-22 Ft. Myers FL Open Regional
9-Oct	15	Nashville		Regional		
					Austin NABC 11/23-12/3	

Attachment #6 - Tournament Oversight Committee Report

The District 10 Oversight Committee met on April 16, 2026. Members included:

Vicki Willis Homa, Louisiana Priscilla Carleton Baton Rouge, Louisiana Terry VanDyke Brentwood, Tennessee

Mickey Groggel Mobile, Alabama

Charles MacCracken ACBL Coordinator was not present but provided many hours of work and support to the committee.

The remaining sectionals and regionals for 2026 were discussed. Please see the attached schedule.

The budget and schedule were approved for the Nashville Regional October 5-11-2026. The committee for the Nashville regional has relocated the tournament to a hotel in downtown Nashville. Previous tournaments have been held at the Nashville Bridge Club. Parking was a problem and the size of the bridge club limited the number of tables. The bridge club is hoping to "grow the tournament" by providing a bigger venue in the downtown area. The TOC agreed with the change and supported their effort in improving tournament growth and attendance.
The budget and schedule for the Hot Springs regional November 11-14 was also approved by the TOC.

District 10 Regionals slated for 2027
Huntsville 4-1-4-3 2027
Metairie 4-12-4-17-2027
Nashville 10-4-10-10-2027
Memphis 5-19-22-2027

District 10 NLM Regionals 2027
Jackson 1-22-24-2027
Gulfport 4-8-4-11-2027
Baton Rouge 8-19-8-21-2027

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District 10 Sectionals and Regionals March- December 2026

March	10-14	Open Regional	Birmingham, Alabama
	13-15	Open Sectional	Hot Springs Village, Arkansas
	24-28	Open Sectional	Nashville, Tennessee
	26-28	Open Sectional	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
April	4	GNT/NAP	Real Bridge
	9-11	Open Regional	Huntsville, Alabama
	14-16	Open Sectional	Shreveport, Louisiana
	17-19	Open Sectional	Flowood (Jackson), Mississippi
	23-26	NLM Regional	Gulfport, Mississippi
	30-2	Open Sectional	Metairie, Louisiana
May	1-2	NLM Sectional	Birmingham, Alabama
	9	GNT/NAP	Real Bridge
	15-17	Open Sectional	Montgomery, Alabama
	16	GNT/NAP	Real Bridge
June	5-7	Open Sectional	Gulfport, Mississippi
	8-14	STAC	District 10
	11-13	Open Sectional	Birmingham, Alabama
	19-21	NLM Sectional	Flowood (Jackson), Mississippi
	24-27	Open Sectional	Nashville, Tennessee
July	16-18	NLM Regional	Little Rock, Arkansas
	16-18	Open Sectional	Little Rock, Arkansas
	17-18	NLM Sectional	Montgomery, Alabama
	22-25	Open Sectional	Metairie, Louisiana
August	6-8	Open Sectional	Memphis, Tennessee
	7-8	NLM Sectional	Birmingham, Alabama
	20-22	NLM Regional	Baton, Rouge
	21-23	NLM Sectional	Hot Springs Village, Arkansas
	28-30	Open Sectional	Meridian, Mississippi
September	7-13	STAC	District 10
	11-13	Open Sectional	Gulfport, Alabama
	17-19	Open Sectional	Huntsville, Alabama
	30-2	NLM Regional	Lafayette, Louisiana
October	5-11	Open Regional	Nashville, Tennessee
	16-17	Local	Memphis, Tennessee
	23-25	Open Sectional	Flowood (Jackson), Mississippi
	28-30	Open Sectional	Metairie, Louisiana
November	11-14	Open Regional	Hot Springs, Arkansas
	12-14	Open Sectional	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
	19-21	Open Sectional	Birmingham, Sectional
December		No Tournaments	

Attachment #7 - STAC/NAP/GNT Report

GNT

Our GNT dates were cleared early in September and in late February I found out that Regionals had been scheduled at the same time. It seemed easier for me to change my dates than for Regionals to move their dates. At this time there were only 2 Saturdays left that did not conflict with a sectional or Regional in D10. So I moved our dates to April 4 and May 9. I changed the CoC to reflect these dates. Some of the early planners had already planned on playing on the first set of dates and were very upset over the change.

The director in charge was not available to talk to me until the week before the April tournament. He told me we would work out these conflicts and he would take care of it. He assured me he would check with everyone and find a mutual time that everyone agreed to. As it turns out, the only ones he checked with were the ones with the conflicts. He never let the other registrants know. On the day of the Flight A playoffs, 2 teams of Flight B players showed up with no knowledge of the changes. So we lost two teams in the Flight B and 1 team in the Championship Flight. I highly recommended to ACBL that this Director should not be assigned to GNT District games. I do not know the outcome, but I know they were dealing with it.

Results: Championship Flight had 3 teams (one dropped out over the date change) The winners were Art Lowen, David Birnbaum, Mark Jones and Clay Hall.

Flight A had 8 teams participating and the winners were Philip Vest, Chris Sloan, Karen Kendrick, and Kevin Clark. I understand that one member isn't able to go to the NABC and Linda Murdock will be joining their team.

Flight B had 8 teams registered but 2 teams dropped out after the date change. The winners of Flight B were Ritambhar Burman, Nadia Brenska, Dan Lustig, YD Wang, & Dave McDonald. I understand that one member of the team is dropping out, but I think they will still have 4.

Flight C had 3 teams participating. The winners were Debbie Culler, Paul Snow, Randy Steil and Wilhelmina Allen.

NAP

The Nap qualification period of June 1-August 31 began yesterday. The District competition for Flights A and C will be held on Realbridge Saturday, November 7, 2026, pending approval of our tournament oversight chair, and ACBL approval of our CoC. Flight B and the Championship Flight will be Saturday, January 2, 2027 pending the above approvals.

STAC

Our first Royal STAC for this year is next week. We are running the STAC with District 7 participating. We get the income from this STAC. On December 7-13, we will participate in our 2nd Royal STAC of 2026. District 7 is the host and District 11 will also participate. District 7 will receive the proceeds for this STAC. We have our 2nd regular STAC on September 7-13.

Attachment #8 - Education Liaison Report

Treasurer asked to pay $68.00 to Hot Springs Club and $37.50 to Village Club. (Unit 161)

In February, I spoke with Michelle Coop about a tournament they will hold soon for JumpStart Bridge. Waiting to hear more from her.

JumpStart Bridge: We begin with attending Teacher's Conferences to provide information to the teachers about the benefits of teaching bridge during school hours or after school. This program provides all materials the teacher may need, i.e. teacher's manual, student workbooks, bidding boxes, cards, etc. Teacher take no expenses out of the pocket and they can earn a stipend per semester.

Flyer provided to all clubs. Flyer is asking for your assistance in who you might know that can get us into a school, or perhaps you can assist at a teacher's conference, help assist the teachers when they have questions, or donate to the program.

Please distribute the flyer to your members, bring them to tournaments, and post on your bulletin board.

Attachment #9 – Recorder Report

Recorder Report

June 2, 2026

Since our last meeting January 27, 2026 four members of District 10 received suspension letters:

Mary Reynolds	Unit 232
Robert Reynolds	Unit 232
Tammy Gray	Unit 179
Michael Weinzimer	Unit 179

ACBL's website contains information: Microsoft Power BI

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Jennings

Recorder D10

January 29, 2026

NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	Mary Reynolds		**ACBL#**	7845375	**District**	10	**Unit**	232
ACBL Case	2026-ACBL-75		**Membership Status**		Not in Good Standing			
Online Platform	BBO	**IBA Case**	N/A		**Award Date**	N/A		

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.

Discipline Imposed	**Start Date**	**End Date**
Suspension	02/13/2026	08/12/2026
Probation (prohibited from playing online with complicit partner during probation)	08/13/2026	08/12/2028
Forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints		

January 29, 2026

NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	Robert Reynolds		**ACBL#**	7845383	**District**	10	**Unit**	232
ACBL Case	2026-ACBL-59		**Membership Status**		Not in Good Standing			
Online Platform	BBO	**IBA Case**	N/A		**Award Date**	N/A		

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.

Discipline Imposed	Start Date	End Date
Suspension	02/13/2026	08/12/2026
Probation (prohibited from playing online with complicit partner during probation)	08/13/2026	08/12/2028
Forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints		

February 18, 2026

NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	Tammy Gray	**ACBL#**	7224591	**District**	10	**Unit**	179
ACBL Case	2026-ACBL-62	**Membership Status**			Not in Good Standing		
Online Platform	BBO	**IBA Case**	N/A	**Award Date**		N/A	

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.

Discipline Imposed	Start Date	End Date
Suspension	02/17/2026	08/16/2026
Probation (prohibited from playing online with complicit partner during probation)	08/17/2026	08/16/2028
Forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints		

February 27, 2026

NOTICE OF DECISION

Disciplined Party	Michael Weinzimer	**ACBL#**	6499066	**District**	10	**Unit**	179
ACBL Case	2026-ACBL-48	**Membership Status**			Not in Good Standing		
Online Platform	BBO	**IBA Case**	N/A	**Award Date**		N/A	

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.

Discipline Imposed	Start Date	End Date
Suspension	02/19/2026	08/18/2026
Probation (prohibited from playing online with complicit partner during probation)	08/19/2026	08/18/2028
Forfeiture of 10% of total Masterpoints		

Attachment #10 - ACBL BOD Update

ACBL BOD Update
District 10 Board Meeting
June 2, 2026

Larry Sealy
Region7Director@ACBL.org

Agenda

- Saint Louis BoD Meeting Highlights
- EDGAR Status/Results as of Feb 2026

Spring 2026 NABC BoD Meeting Highlights

Key Items from Spring NABC (1 of 2)

- **Finance**
  - FY25 performance
    - Revenue under projection, but expenses much lower – result: net gain of $757K (vs. budget of $234K)
    - Net assets increasing by ~$1.4M to $12.6M
- **Membership down by 5% YOY from 124,076 to 117,813**
- **Tournaments Task Force**
  - Focused on how to achieve appropriate tournament staffing, scheduling of tournaments, and schedules of events for regional tournaments of all sizes.
  - Created updated Regional Tournament Planning Guide for distribution to Districts and Units
  - Organizational changes reflecting input from the task force were enacted by Mgmt
    - Focused on improving overall player experience while helping to ensure financial viability for ACBL and tournament organizers.

Key Items from Spring NABC (2 of 2)

- **Real Deal**
  - BoD received an update on The Real Deal (hosted on RealBridge.com)
    - RealBridge uses integrated Audio and Video
    - Will include bridge games and teaching programs
- **New agreement with World Bridge Federation**
  - Continued contribution of $50,100 from operating budget to North American Bridge Federation - used for USBF, CBF, FMB (Mexico)
  - Surcharge for NABC+ events ($3/player/session) added to support WBF Zone 2 (North America) dues
- **New Format Spring/Fall NABCs**
  - NABC event focused
  - Beginning in Fall 2028
  - Competitions and Conventions Committee (C&C) working with Mgmt on schedules
- **NABC Site Selection**
  - Approved Washington, DC for Fall 2031 and 2035 NABC

Computer-Based Cheating Detection/Discipline Update (EDGAR)

CBCD* Statistics (Nov 2025)

	Requested	Primary Reds[1]	Secondary Reds[2]	Total Reds	% of Primary Reds	% of Total Reds[3]	Charged Plus Warnings	% Charged Plus Warnings	Warnings	FTDs	MGT	NRs[4]	IBA[5]	Dismissals	Deceased	Expulsions[6]	RPCs	Pending[7]
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	268	546	1.42%	2.80%	536	2.75%	236	163	0	0	0	0	8	0	3	134
Totals	31,057	898	610	1508	2.89%	4.86%	1462	4.71%	431	719	7	48	44	4	30	7	35	139

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

*Computer-Based Cheating Detection

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* Statistics (Feb 2026)

	Requested	Primary Reds[1]	Secondary Reds[2]	Total Reds	% of Primary Reds	% of Total Reds[3]	Charged Plus Warnings	% Charged Plus Warnings	Warnings	FTDs	MGT-EDP	NRs[4]	IBA[5]	Dismissals	Deceased	Expulsions[6]	RPCs	Pending[7]
2/1/2024 - 8/26/2025	11,542	620	342	962	5.37%	8.33%	92.6	8.02%	1.95	556	10	53*	44	4	22	7	32	5
8/27/2025 - 2/24/2026	39,253	444	408	852	1.13%	2.17%	85.5	2.18%	3.03	383	0	1	0	0	18	0	9	149
Totals	50,795	1064	750	1814	2.09%	3.57%	1781	3.51%	498	939	10	54	44	4	40	7	41	154

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 - 2/24/2026	427	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 Three of the 54 NRs were 301(A)(4) cases (misuse of hand records/self-kibitzing director; two were Expulsions. The number of NRs reported for 2/1/2024-8/26/2025 was an error and has been updated.
5 Two of the IBA decisions were Expulsions.
6 Eight pending before IBA.
7 One outstanding run (20260206), that includes 9,868 individuals requested, is not included in the total number of requested for this date range. The results have not been finalized.

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CBCD Update Summary (Feb 2026)

- **We are submitting 10,000 player numbers per month to The EDGAR Association (TEA)**
  - **Just over 60K numbers have been run**
  - **The remainder will be submitted in the next 2 months**
  - **Processing should be complete by ~May**
- **Overall rate of Reds dominated by Player Memos (PM)**
  - **Has lowered by over 1% since November (there is no backlog of PMs)**
  - **We estimate final rate with be ~3%**
- **IBA update**
  - **No new cases finalized since last update (November 2025)**
  - **1 case (2 players) awaiting verdict**
  - **3 cases (6 players) pending**
    - **1 case (1 player) withdrawn after SF**
    - **1 new case (2 players) filed since SF**

ACBL NATIONAL BOARD REPORT: SPRING 2026

The ACBL Board of Directors held its spring in-person meetings in St. Louis from Monday, February 23, through Thursday, February 26. The Board, Committees, and Task Forces continue to meet regularly online via Microsoft Teams and Zoom.

FINANCE

The ACBL concluded the 2025 fiscal year in a stable position, with net assets increasing by $1.367 million to a year-end total of $12.58 million.

While operating revenue of $17.98 million finished slightly below budget (primarily due to a $1.1 million shortfall in club table fees) this was offset by strong NABC performance (+$358k) and steady membership dues. Disciplined cost management across operations and administration resulted in total expenses finishing $992k under budget, ensuring a positive bottom line.

Strategic reinvestment remains a priority, with $640k dedicated to capital projects. Most of these funds ($553k) were used to continue the modernization of the AS400 back-office system, securing the foundation of the membership and scoring infrastructure for the future.

MEMBERSHIP

The February 2026 report indicates a 5% decline in total membership, falling from 124,076 last year in February to 117,813.

This is accompanied by a slight dip in new member acquisition; year-to-date (YTD) sign-ups reached 701, down from 1,508 in 2025. However, these figures are balanced by a significant expansion in new guest memberships, which rose from 914 last year to 2,482 this year—a growth of 171.55%. This interest provides a path for growth as guest members transition to longterm commitment.

Strategic Alignment & Execution

For 2026, the primary strategic focus remains centered on membership growth and retention. The Board and Management are collaborating on a framework that synchronizes strategic oversight with the effective delivery of member-facing programs.

Growth Framework & Reporting

Management's approach to expanding the membership base focuses on the 5-5-5 program and specific membership pathways. Key strategic pillars include:

- **Retention-First Strategy:** Prioritizing the retention of existing members as the most sustainable engine for growth.
- **Funnel Expansion:** Broadening participation by opening the funnel to new players, ensuring a more diverse entry point into the organization.
- **Systems Integration:** Improving tracking by reconciling legacy and back-office reporting data to ensure outreach to lapsed members is based on accurate metrics.

Engagement & Recognition

Updates were provided on the Sapphire program, which serves as the primary vehicle for tracking and recognizing member engagement. Management highlighted several critical areas for program scaling:

- **The 60-Day Conversion Window:** Data indicates that engagement within the first 60 days is the single most critical factor in converting guest members into permanent members.
- **Grassroots Coordination:** Focus is on strengthening communication with clubs and units to improve recruiter tracking and scale mentor involvement.
- **Strategic Outreach:** Refined tracking to allow for more targeted communication with members at risk of lapsing, ensuring they remain connected to the community.

ONLINE ETHICAL OVERSIGHT

The ACBL continues to utilize EDGAR (Everyone Deserves a Game Above Reproach) to detect online cheating. Since December, the processing of approximately 20,000 additional player numbers was completed, with another 10,000 currently nearing completion. Two final large batches will be submitted to EDGAR to finish screening all individuals who have played online since 2020. These final runs and their subsequent processing are expected to conclude by May.

Processing Statistics & Outcomes

Since February 2024, 50,795 players have been submitted for screening and fully processed.

- **Total Screened:** 50,795.
- **Disciplinary Actions:** 1,812 players identified by EDGAR have been charged or issued Official Warnings.
- **Current Cheating Rate:** Approximately 3.5%. This figure includes members, nonmembers and inactive accounts.

The online cheating rate is expected to decrease as the pool of players subject to Player Memos (PM) for purported ethical violations has been fully screened. The estimated final rate is projected to be approximately 3%.

Disciplinary actions have included Official Warnings (498); Fast Track Discipline (FTD) (939); Negotiated Resolutions (NR) (54); Management Adjudications (10); Institute of Bridge Arbitration (IBA) resolutions (44); with 41 resignations with charges pending, and 154 pending cases.

APPEALS & CHARGES COMMITTEE

The Committee Chair reported that there were no hearings and no Negotiated Resolutions (NR) or IBA Consent Offers to review. Two players were given a Suspension Pending Hearing (SPH) by Management, as they were repeat offenders (having previously served a suspension for online cheating). They subsequently resigned from the ACBL.

To view Hearing Reports and the Under Discipline List, go to the ACBL's ethics page: https:// www.acbl.org/ethics/. This information is updated several times daily.

BRIDGE COMMITTEE

The Bridge Committee and Management are collaborating on a suite of operational and membership initiatives for 2026. These efforts prioritize the refinement of the Masterpoint system to rationalize the awarding of Masterpoints across all events and to motivate players to increase their participation in clubs, tournaments, and online; the restructuring of NABCs to create a championship experience for players of all levels, and the modernization of recruitment pathways for new players in support of our strategy and growth framework.

TOURNAMENT TASK FORCE

Efforts in 2024 and 2025 were a comprehensive evaluation of the ACBL competitive play landscape that focused on how to achieve appropriate tournament staffing, scheduling of tournaments, and schedules of events for regional tournaments of all sizes.

Working closely with Management, the flagship accomplishment of this task force in 2025 was the creation of an updated *Regional Tournament Planning Guide*. This comprehensive "nuts and bolts" guide includes checklists and best practices for sponsoring organizations and Tournament Chairs and is currently being distributed to district and unit host organizations.

Organizational changes reflecting input from this task force were enacted by Management. These changes redefined Tournament Director and staff responsibilities at headquarters and in the field to help achieve the ongoing objectives of improving the overall player experience while helping to ensure financial viability for both ACBL as a whole and tournament organizers.

To help ensure that recommendations and regulations are readily available to those who need them, the task force will continue to work closely with Management on the development of Tournament *Trails*. This initiative aims to gather all

tournament-level information into a centralized, user-friendly website space—like a Club Corner for tournaments—to improve accessibility for players, organizers, and teachers alike.

Also in 2026, this task force will continue its forward-looking efforts to ensure that the current mix of Sectionals, Regionals, and NABC-level events meet player needs. This will include understanding how Local Sectionals, Sectional-Tournaments-at-Clubs (STaCs), Non-life Master Sectionals and Regionals, and other hybrid tournaments contribute to encouraging player participation through ACBL. Key to this focus will be ensuring flexibility to accommodate geographic differences across ACBL while retaining the high standards of the ACBL brand.

REAL DEAL UPDATE

The Board received an update on The Real Deal digital initiative, which transitions the ACBL from a transactional gaming model to a community-centric Digital Clubhouse.

Utilizing the RealBridge platform, the program replicates the social interaction of in-person play through integrated audio and video, eliminating the isolation of traditional online bridge and providing a high-quality home club experience.

With over 1,200 unique players engaged in a single month, the initiative has already demonstrated strong interest. Current efforts focus on streamlining technical onboarding and developing teaching programs to build a long-term player pipeline.

For more information, visit: https://www.acbl.org/portfolio/realdeal.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Newly formed in 2026, the Committee is dedicated to enhancing procedures and optimizing communication across the ACBL. Initial efforts focus on the following initiatives, with additional priorities to be identified as the year progresses:

- **Organizational Synergy:** Refining the existing communication channels between the Board, Advisory Council (AC), and membership to ensure more consistent information sharing.
- **Member Engagement:** Implementing a structured process to collect and review member, club and teacher feedback.
- **Digital Neutrality:** ACBL now sanctions games across multiple online platforms, including BBO (Bridge Base Online), Funbridge, IntoBridge, OKbridge, RealBridge, RSVP Bridge (new) and Shark Bridge. The Committee in collaboration with management will create a promotional framework that strives for equitable promotion and provides members with clear definitions of benefits.
- **AI Strategy:** Drafting policy language regarding AI-driven usage to ensure organizational guidelines remain current with this growing technology.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee introduced its 2026 work plan, which prioritizes the modernization of governing documents and procedural efficiency.

- **Codification Review:** Ongoing efforts to refine our regulations and organizational policy include:
  - Revising the membership chapter.
  - Relocating the awards and trophies section.
  - Revising the Committee section.
  - Reviewing and consolidating the unit and district chapters.
  - Updating international content and site selection procedures.
- **Bylaws Amendment:** A motion (253-BY01), providing the AC greater freedom to structure and eliminate committees, is progressing through the required publication and approval stages.
- **Language and Consistency:** Updates are being implemented across the Bylaws, Codification and Board Resource Manual to ensure gender-neutral language and uniform terminology.

Streamlining Election Procedures

Motion (261-GV01), placed on the consent calendar, optimizes the candidacy process by requiring all documentation to be received and acknowledged by the ACBL before a name is added to the official Elections Chart. It further clarifies that AC candidates are not required to submit a photo or biography, ensuring a more efficient and uniform application process.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee report highlighted ongoing audit work and confirmed that no whistleblower complaints have been filed since 2022. Key updates included a review of fraud safeguards and follow-ups regarding conflict-of-interest forms. The Board formally received the report.

INTERNATIONAL

Motion (253-INT01) restructures financial contributions to international bridge organizations and World Bridge Federation (WBF) dues. With WBF discussions now concluded, implementation is set for March 31, 2026.

The motion directs the ACBL to maintain its $50,100 annual contribution to the North American Bridge Federation (NABF) from operating funds. Additionally, it stipulates that specific entry charges from North American Bridge Championship+ (NABC+) events will be remitted to the NABF, earmarked specifically for Zone 2 WBF dues. This action is contingent upon the approval of a pending multi-party agreement between the NABF, the three Zone 2 national bridge organizations (NBOs) - the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), the Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF), the Federación Mexicana de Bridge (FMB) - the ACBL, and the WBF.

NABC SITE SELECTION & FISCAL OVERSIGHT

The NABC Site Selection Committee presented a comprehensive review of the current selection process, focusing on the infrastructure required for future NABCs. Key considerations included:

- **Operational Requirements:** Evaluating technical and logistical needs for modern tournament play.

- **Space & Hospitality:** Assessing venue capacity and hotel infrastructure to ensure highquality player experiences.
- **Strategic Alignment:** Ensuring future sites reflect projected attendance trends and evolving event delivery models.

The Board reviewed a proposal for upcoming fall NABCs. Following a friendly amendment to adjust the second hosting year from 2036 to 2035, the Board unanimously approved Washington, D.C. as the host city for the fall NABCs in 2031 and 2035.

The Finance Committee provided a briefing on the long-term economic strategy tied to these selections. The discussion centered on:

- **Optimizing Venue Footprints:** A commitment to selecting facility sizes that remain proportional to projected attendance. This strategy is designed to protect margins and eliminate unnecessary overhead while maintaining a premium player experience.
- **Long-Range Budgeting & Risk Management:** By securing contracts for 2030 and beyond, the ACBL mitigates the risk of rising venue costs and provides a stable framework for future fiscal planning.

APPOINTMENTS

Three-Year Term (end of spring 2026 NABC – through end of spring 2029 NABC)

- Competition and Conventions Committee: Sabine Auken (D24), Owen Lien (D7)
- Hall of Fame Committee: Iftikhar Baqai (D23), Bart Bramley (D16), Kerri Sanborn (D9)
- Ethical Oversight Committee: Cheri Bjerkan (D13), Marty Fleisher (D24), John Fout (D24), Rick Roeder (D22), Kevin Wilson (D7)
- ACBL Disciplinary Committee: Bob Glasson (D3), Christal Henner (D24), Eric Stoltz (D20), Jeff Brown (D22)

Five-Year Term (spring 2026 NABC – spring 2031 NABC)

- Laws Commission: Doug Couchman (D17), Howard “Howie” Weinstein (D9)

One-Year Term (Effective February 23, 2026)

- NABC Seeding Committee: David Berkowitz (D9, Chair)

Masterpoint Committee Appointments

The following appointments are effective from the end of the spring 2026 NABC through the end of the spring 2027 NABC (one-year term):

- Presidential Appointments: Dennis Carman (D5), Jeff Overby (D8)
- At-large Presidential Appointments: Bob Heller (D7) and Lee Lin (D23)
- Management Appointments: Rob Maier and David Metcalf; Sol Weinstein (non-voting advisor)

Kyle Rockoff (D17) was appointed to a three-year term, effective from the end of the spring 2026 NABC through the end of the spring 2029 NABC.