

Dear Bridge Lovers,

Welcome to the Asheville Bridge Room Annual Meeting! Due to the pandemic, we again will not be meeting in person. Instead, this email summarizes the past year, and offers a slate of candidates for open positions on the ABR Board. Attached you will find year-end financial statements, as well.

This has been another hard year, as the virus has limited our ability to get together in person. Fortunately, we have been able to play face of face many times, and that will hopefully continue. Although many in the area are no longer wearing face masks, the Board has decided that, at least for April, we will continue to require that masks be worn. We supply free N95 masks to all who request them. Although we have previously shut down after a player has tested positive, the Board has decided to continue live play if only a single person has a positive test. We do request that any player testing positive immediately notify the director or a Board member, at which time we will send a notification that this has occurred.

Membership dues will remain at \$1.00 for 2022. Dues will be collected in April at Beth Israel. Membership allows you to receive Members Only emails, and to vote in next year's board election.

This slate of candidates for the Board have been nominated by the Nominating Committee of the ABR Board:

Rob Rich, President

Ed Euler, Vice President

Elaine Colokathis, Board Member

We feel confident that the new Board will continue to serve the membership as we keep bridge alive in Asheville.

Please vote for or against this slate of nominees: For____ Against ____

Special thanks and our gratitude go to Jonathan Friedel, who, despite his serious health issues, has worked tirelessly to continue both face to face and online bridge in Asheville. We would have been hard pressed to succeed as well as we have without him. Especially brilliant and prescient was his idea to make an agreement with Beth Israel to only pay rent for days when we actually play face to face, rather than a monthly rental. Because of the great savings involved, we were actually able to earn a small profit since we resumed live play in July, despite declining table counts.

We also want to thank Paul Westervelt, retiring Vice President, for his hard work on behalf of the club.

We thank you for participating in our annual meeting. Feel free to add your comments/requests/complaints etc. in your reply. To cast your vote, simply mark your desired response above (For or Against) and reply to the email.

Hope to see you both live at Beth Israel, and online on BBO.

Rob Rich, President, on behalf of the ABR Board.

[2021 Year End Profit and Loss](#)

[2021 Year End Balance Sheet](#)

Email sent to all ABR Members April 6, 2022 by Rob Rich, President

Results of Vote: 33 members voted; all approved the slate of candidates.

And a final thanks to retiring board member and VP, Paul W.

Rob