

LEE COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

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BE IT RESOLVED that the By-laws of the Lee County Bridge Association as adopted 12/20/87 and amended 3/28/90, 6/01/04 and 5/08/09 are amended as follows.

ARTICLE 1 Name

NAME: The name of the Association shall be the LEE COUNTY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, a Franchised Club Number 217364 as defined by the American Contract Bridge League.

ARTICLE 2 Purpose

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Association will be to hold duplicate bridge games as an Open and Invitational club on a non-profit basis.

ARTICLE 3 Membership

MEMBERSHIP: Any player is eligible for Membership on payment of dues and/or an initiation fee. A Member shall be considered an ACTIVE Member if s/he shall have played in twelve (12) games conducted by the Association during the previous twelve (12) months. Voting privileges shall be limited to the ACTIVE Members of the Association. All Members, active and inactive, shall have the right to participate in Association sponsored games on an equal basis. The Association Manager shall maintain a roster of ACTIVE and INACTIVE Members.

ARTICLE 4 Elections

- The activities of the Association shall be directed by a Board of Directors of five (5) members.

- The Board of Directors shall be elected by the Members casting ballots on three (3) consecutive Game Days as designated by the Board of Directors beginning no earlier than December 15, such that the transfer of responsibilities from one Board of Directors to its successor shall take place no later than January 15.
- To promote continuity, Board Members shall be elected on a staggered basis.
- Initially, of the five Board Members elected for the year 2005, the three (3) who receive the most votes shall serve a term of two (2) years, the remaining two (2) shall serve for a period of one (1) year.
- Thereafter, in each subsequent year, those candidates receiving the most votes for the available Board Member positions shall serve for a term of two (2) years.
- In the event of a tie, selection shall be made by random choice such as the turn of a card.
- The Board of Directors shall appoint an individual to be the operating executive of the Association who shall be designated as the Association Manager, among whose duties shall be the maintenance of a roster of all Members.
- The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee prior to the first week in November to submit candidates for election.
- The Nominating Committee shall submit its report two weeks before the first date set for casting ballots.
- Nominations may be made from the floor at any Association game following the time of appointment of the Nominating Committee.
- Nominees from the floor must state their agreement to serve if elected.
- For purposes of printing ballots Nominations will be closed one week before the first date set for casting ballots.
- Write-in candidates will be permitted, but no attempt will be made to print the names of such candidates on the ballots.
- The President shall appoint an Election Committee of two (2) or more Members to distribute, collect, and tally the ballots on the Game Days designated for balloting.

- Ballots will be distributed only to Members listed by the Club Manager and shall be returned to a member of the Election Committee.
- No ballots will be distributed after 2 pm on the final Election Day, nor shall Absentee Balloting be permitted.
- The Election Committee shall count the ballots and announce the results following the completion of the regular Association game.

ARTICLE 5 Officers:

- The Board of Directors shall elect a President, and a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer to serve for a period of one year.
- The officers may be elected to consecutive terms of office at the option of the current Board of Directors.
- The Secretary and Treasurer do not necessarily have to be Members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6 Duties of Officers and Board Members:

- The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Association Members; shall appoint whatever committees are necessary to the operations of the Association and shall be an ex-officio member of each such committee.
- The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President when the latter is absent.
- The Board of Directors shall meet upon call of the President or upon the demand of any Board Member. For all Board Meetings, a quorum shall consist of three or more Board Members.
- Board Meetings shall be announced on two (2) consecutive game days, and shall be open to attendance by all Association Members, however only Board Members shall have the right to vote on a motion, or to address the Board, unless formally recognized by the President.

- The Board Members shall have the authority, by majority vote of those attending a meeting, to establish a schedule of Association games (subject to Sanction by ACBL) as to site, time, Game Entry and Initiation fees; to fill vacancies occurring among officers and Board Members prior to annual elections; and to make other necessary decisions as to the policies and operations of the Association.

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ARTICLE 7 Membership Meetings:

- One or more general Membership Meetings must be held annually for the purpose of conducting Association business and for the election of Board Members.
- General Membership Meetings may be called by the Board of Directors from time to time for stated reasons.
- By petition signed by 15 or more Members and delivered to the Board Secretary, within 30 days the Board of Directors shall call a special Membership Meeting, restricted to an agenda consisting of consideration of the subject of said petition.
- The Membership must be notified, by announcement at two Association games prior to said meeting, of the date and agenda of such special Membership Meeting.
- The subject matter shall be resolved by majority vote of the Members who attend such special meeting .

ARTICLE 8 Fiscal Management:

- The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.
- All disbursements from Association accounts shall either be by checks signed by persons authorized by the Board of Directors, or by an Association Credit Card properly authorized for such use.

- The fiscal records of the Association shall be available for inspection by an Member at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE 9 Dissolution:

Upon dissolution and liquidation of the Association, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, the Board of Directors shall donate the remaining assets of the Association to one or more organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes.

ARTICLE 10 Amendments to the Bylaws:

- Any Member of the Association may propose changes to the Bylaws by written communication addressed to the Board Secretary.
- Such proposals will be referred to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.
- If a majority of the Board Members attending such a meeting approve the proposal in its original or amended form, said proposal will be brought up for vote at the next general or special Membership Meeting.
- A majority vote of those attending such meeting shall resolve the matter.
- The Bylaws may also be amended by petition as provided in Article 7.