

## **2026 Annual General Meeting – February 25, 2026**

Louie informed those present that the present board members have opted to continue serving in their roles for another year, and thanked them for their service:

President: Louie Roman

Vice President Jan Brosnahan

Treasurer Natalia Zapata

Membership Chair David McDougall

Tournament Chair Mary Seggerman

Hospitality Chair Lynn Chambers

Head of Directors Sandy Martin

Glen Okui will also continue to serve as the Club Manager and Website Manager.

The Bridge Studio lease is intended to be renewed for another year at the current location.

Louie then proceeded to acknowledge and thank the group of wonderful, dedicated members that have served as bridge instructors this past year, readily sharing their knowledge and love of the game with others. He specifically thanked Alan Greene, Ian Irving, Layne BenBen, David and Syndi McDougall, and also thanked Sherry McHarg as another member who has brought many wonderful tasty snacks numerous times for members to enjoy. Louie also recognized Dan Sondgeroth and Barbara Poole for the successful

bridge program held at the Casa de la Noche and the good growth in tables this past year.

David McDougall presented the following members with certificates related to the various ACBL Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Races for 2025:

Jan Brosnahan, Tim Fischer, Natalia Zapata, Ricky Arce, Sidney Emmer, Barry Viulker, Dan Sondgeroth, Sandy Martin, Mary Seggerman, Tom Smith, Misha Tomic

Mary Seggerman provided a recap of the February Sectional that was held February 12-14 at The Bridge Studio and at the Casa de la Noche. The table count was up 26%, likely due to the timing of the tournament, which had been held at the end of March last year. Over 180 masterpoints were awarded during the tournament, to over 50 different players, with a few people earning over 20 master points each! A small profit was generated, with a portion of the profit shared with the Bordello bridge group. A Margarita social was held after the Friday session at the Casa de la Noche and a luncheon was brought in for the Swiss Teams for the Saturday session at the Bridge Studio.

Glen Okui and Mary Seggerman briefly made a few comments regarding the upcoming Regional tournament that is coming up March 17 - 22, to be held at Hotel MX. Members are encouraged to play in the tournament and to help each other out (and to help those visiting from out of town) by sharing rides to/from Centro. Syndi McDougall is the tournament partnership chair, but players should be trying to find partners to play.

Natalia Zapata provided some highlights of the financials to those present. The financial position has improved this past year, partly due to the increase in playing fees to 150 pesos, but also from the increase in tables per month. We need to pursue setting up a separate business banking account.

Lynn Chambers provided some comments on some of the social events during the year. The Day of the Dead and Christmas party gatherings were well attended, with about 50 members present for the holiday party. The February monthly dinner at LaFrontera had about two dozen in attendance, with a similar number expected at the dinner after the annual meeting.

The floor was then open to member questions and comments. Roger Beck thanked the members for making him feel so welcome. Syndi McDougall brought up the idea of identifying those members that score 70% or better on a game during the month and posting it on the bulletin board at The Bridge Studio. Jan Brosnahan suggested that it would also be a nice thing to make members aware of in the monthly emailing of the board minutes to help everyone celebrate the good news. Glen Okui indicated that the ACBL automatically publishes any scores above 75% in the monthly Bulletin.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 and many members went to dinner at LaFrontera.