

**ACBL UNIT 160  
BOARD MEETING  
COLUMBIA REGIONAL  
JUNE 22, 2022**

Call to Order: The Unit 160 Board meeting was called to order by President, Betsy Stanton at 1:22 PM. A quorum was met; in attendance were:

President: Betsy Stanton (BS)  
Vice President: Lee Webb (LW)  
Past President: Richard Smith (RS)  
Secretary: Kathy Kimmerling (KK)  
Treasurer: Blondelle Grant (BG)

Piedmont: Nancy Russell (NR), Hugh Brown (HB) and Richard Brown (RB)  
Southern: Martin Johnson (MJ), Tom Musso (TM), Dan Osburn (DO) and Paul Wright (PW)  
Central: Chris Webb (CW)  
Eastern: Jack Gurley (JG)

Absent: Jim Villanueva (P), Sally Dix (P), Cheryl Scott (S,) Scott Dunn (C), Francine Moring (C), Karen Galleher (E), and Louise Burns (E)

Also in attendance: George Russell (proxy for Scott Dunn) and Francis Robinson (proxy for Sally Dix)

Approval of the Minutes from the March 24, 2022 Meeting

Motion was made of LW and a second by JV to accept the minutes as written. The Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Documents that were sent to the Board, prior to the meeting, were reviewed by Blondelle Grant.

A brief discussion was held and a motion was made by TM and a second was received by PW to accept the Report. The Motion passed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Grant Monies for Pawleys Island

Blondelle Grant presented a request for Unit funds for Pawleys Island Bridge Club (PIBC). She explained that Karen Galleher is asking for Unit financial support in addition to monies from the new District 7 Growth & Development Program to run Educational Programs.

RS noted that the PIBC is a for profit club. BG countered that while it is for profit, they are holding games and not making a profit due to running limited masterpoint games. They are asking for the D7 grant to rebuild and reclaim f2f clubs.

They are requesting that the Unit write a letter to the District on behalf of the PIBC and also give money to PIBC to show the District that the Unit is in support of PIBC's proposal.

RS questioned that PIBC already received \$500.00 from the Unit for Education. BG answered the D7 can give \$500.00 for Education, but there are other categories where they can grant monies. Karen Galleher would like to have \$500.00 - \$1000.00 under this program. There were questions how the funds would be used.

BG summarized that the funds would be used for Operation RETURN: Reconnect, Energize, Train, Unite, Retain and Nurture. They have about ~100 players. ~60 at 0-100 masterpoints (mps) and ~52 at 100-400 mps. They are planning to offer 7 weeks of lessons (at a charge to the student).

BG also stated that if they were granted the funds from the District, they would be required to submit a report as to how the funds were spent.

A motion was made by PW to write a letter of approval to the District. RS seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Nominees for Goodwill Membership

BS requested that nominees for Goodwill membership be submitted for the Fall meeting.

#### Items from the Floor:

- A discussion as to if a change in the by-laws needed to be considered, for how long a term for President can be held.
- GR suggested that the Unit do some kind of recognition for Change in Rank players. After some discussion it was decided to award a Sectional Free Play, that would be valid for one year.  
PW made a motion to award a Sectional free play to players who achieve a change in rank and TM made the second. The motion passed.
- A discussion was held about Louise Burns in the capacity of securing tournament sanctions. BS was going to call Louise and see if she still wanted to be in this position.

The next Unit 160 Board meeting will be held on Zoom on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by DO and a second by HB. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted –

Kathy Kimmerling  
Unit 160 Secretary

## UNIT 160 BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2022 12:45 PM

Call to Order

Introduction of Members

Approval of the Minutes from the March 24, 2022 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Grant money for Pawleys Island - Educational

Nominees for Goodwill Committee – will need these in the Fall

Items from the floor -

Next Unit Meeting: ZOOM – November ??

Adjournment

SOUTH CAROLINA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
ACBL UNIT 160  
PO BOX 1084  
PAWLEYS ISLAND SC 29585

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Account Title: SOUTH CAROLINA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
ACBL UNIT 160

NON PROFIT		Number of Enclosures	0
Account Number	@XXXXXXXXXX@7801	Statement Dates	5/02/22 thru 5/31/22
Previous Balance	24,913.60	Days in the statement period	30
Deposits/Credits	.00		
Checks/Debits	.00		
Service Charge	.00		
Interest Paid	.00		
Current Balance	24,913.60		

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Daily Balance Information  
Date           Balance  
5/02           24,913.60

**Current Account Information**

**12 MTHS 0002 / SOUTH CAROLINA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

Other names on this account:

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Current balance	7,222.73	Interest rate	0.030000%
Accrued interest	1.42	Maturity date	10/19/22
YTD interest	0.00	Last renewal	10/19/21
Per diem	0.00593		
Next payment date	10/19/22		
Last payment date	10/19/21		
Original balance	7,000.00	Issue date	10/19/18
		Last deposit	10/19/18
Term	12 M		
Interest term	12 M		

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## Current Account Information

### 24 MTHS 0003 / SOUTH CAROLINA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Other names on this account:

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Current balance	7,247.78	Interest rate	0.300000%
Accrued interest	14.29	Maturity date	10/19/22
YTD interest	0.00	Last renewal	10/19/20
Per diem	0.05957		
Next payment date	10/19/22		
Last payment date	10/19/21		
Original balance	7,000.00	Issue date	10/19/18
		Last deposit	10/19/18
Term	24 M		
Interest term	12 M		

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## Current Account Information

### 36 MTHS 0004 / SOUTH CAROLINA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Other names on this account:

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Current balance	7,365.61	Interest rate	0.180000%
Accrued interest	8.72	Maturity date	10/19/24
YTD interest	0.00	Last renewal	10/19/21
Per diem	0.03632		
Next payment date	10/19/22		
Last payment date	10/19/21		
Original balance	7,000.00	Issue date	10/19/18
		Last deposit	10/19/18
Term	36 M		
Interest term	12 M		

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Current Account Information

48 MTHS 0005 / SOUTH CAROLINA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Other names on this account:

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Current balance	7,387.38	Interest rate	1.810000%
Accrued interest	87.92	Maturity date	10/19/22
YTD interest	0.00	Last renewal	10/19/18
Per diem	0.36633		
Next payment date	10/19/22		
Last payment date	10/19/21		
Original balance	7,000.00	Issue date	10/19/18
		Last deposit	10/19/18
Term	48 M		
Interest term	12 M		

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**Current Account Information**

**60 MTHS 0006 / SOUTH CAROLINA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

Other names on this account:

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Current balance	7,417.92	Interest rate	1.950000%
Accrued interest	95.11	Maturity date	10/19/23
YTD interest	0.00	Last renewal	10/19/18
Per diem	0.39629		
Next payment date	10/19/22		
Last payment date	10/19/21		
Original balance	7,000.00	Issue date	10/19/18
		Last deposit	10/19/18
Term	60 M		
Interest term	12 M		

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End of Report

**ACBL UNIT 160**  
**ANNUAL UNIT MEMBERSHIP**  
**(ZOOM)**  
**MARCH 24, 2022**

Call to Order: The Unit 160 Annual Membership meeting was called to order by President, Betsy Stanton at 6:45 PM. A quorum was met; in attendance were:

President: Betsy Stanton (BS)

Past President: Richard Smith (RS)

Secretary: Kathy Kimmerling (KK)

Treasurer: Blondelle Grant (BG)

Piedmont: Barbara Borkgren (BB), Hugh Brown (HB), Richard Brown (RB) and Jim Vellanueva (JV)

Southern: Martin Johnson (MJ), Tom Musso (TM), Dan Osburn (DO) and Paul Wright (PW)

Central: Francine Moring (FM)

Eastern: Karen Galleher (KG), Elaine Gordon (EG) and Jack Gurley (JG)

Absent: Alan Brooks (DiR), Sally Dix (P), Cheryl Scott (S) Greg Roberts (C), Lee Webb (C) and Louise Burns (E)

Unit 160 Membership: Jackie Brown (McCormick), Shirley Brown (Easley), Scott Dunn (Columbia), Jean Gabriele (Conway), Eleanor McIntyre (Conway), Dana Osburn (Summerville), George and Nancy Russell (Spartanburg), Ruth Vallery (Pawleys Island) and Rich Valpey (Longs)

A quorum was met.

Election of Officers and Board Members

Paul Wright, the head of the Nominating Committee, began the meeting by reading the Slate of Officers and Board Members for the upcoming year:

President: Betsy Stanton

Vice President: Lee Webb

Past President: Richard Smith

Secretary: Kathy Kimmerling

Treasurer: Blondelle Grant

The Slate for Board Members was presented:

Piedmont: (5 members – no change in members) Hugh Brown, Richard Brown, Sally Dix, Nancy Russell and Jim Vellanueva

Southern: (5 members – loss of 1 member) Martin Johnson, Tom Musso, Dan Osburn, Cheryl Scott and Paul Wright

Central: (4 members – gain of 1 member) Scott Dunn, Francine Moring, Chris Webb and Lee Webb

Eastern: (3 members – loss of 1 member) Louise Burns, Karen Galleher and Jack Gurley

Betsy Staton asked for a motion to accept the proposed slate. DO made the motion and Ruth Vallery seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### 2021 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Club Winners

The list was read by Richard Smith; see attachment for list

Due to Covid, the awards will once again be mailed to the winners.

#### Questions from the Floor

The meeting was opened to questions from the floor:

Dan Osburn stated that for this year's GNT, there was no need to prequalify this year.

#### Adjournment of Annual Meeting

Betsy Stanton asked for a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting. PW made the motion and RS made the second. The meeting was adjourned by Betsy Stanton at 6:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted -

Kathy Kimmerling

Unit 160 Secretary

**ACBL UNIT 160  
BOARD MEETING  
(ZOOM)  
MARCH 24, 2022**

Call to Order: The Unit 160 Annual Membership meeting was called to order by President, Betsy Stanton at 6:36 PM. A quorum was met; in attendance were:

President: Betsy Stanton (BS)  
Vice President: Lee Webb (LW)  
Past President: Richard Smith (RS)  
Secretary: Kathy Kimmerling (KK)  
Treasurer: Blondelle Grant (BG)

Director in Residence: none

Piedmont: Barbara Borkgren (BB), Hugh Brown (HB), Richard Brown (RB) and Jim Vellanueva (JV)

Southern: Martin Johnson (MJ), Tom Musso (TM), Dan Osburn (DO) and Paul Wright (PW)

Central: Francine Moring (FM)

Eastern: Karen Galleher (KG), Elaine Gordon (EG) and Jack Gurley (JG)

Absent: Bob Bowen (S), Alan Brooks (DiR), Sally Dix (P), Cheryl Scott (S) Greg Roberts (C), Lee Webb (C) and Louise Burns (E)

A quorum was met.

Paul Wright began the meeting with the list of Nominees for the upcoming year, announcing that the Current Officers would be put forward for another 1-year term:

President: Betsy Stanton  
Vice President: Lee Webb  
Past President: Richard Smith  
Secretary: Kathy Kimmerling  
Treasurer: Blondelle Grant

There will be no Director in Residence, due to the fact that Alan Brooks is retiring and it is not a required position per the bylaws.

Due to changes in the ACBL membership in the Unit, there are now changes in the number of representatives:

The Slate for Board Members was presented:

Piedmont: (5 members – no change in members) Hugh Brown, Richard Brown, Sally Dix, Nancy Russell and Jim Vellanueva

Southern: (5 members – loss of 1 member) Martin Johnson, Tom Musso, Dan Osburn, Cheryl Scott and Paul Wright

Central: (4 members – gain of 1 member) Scott Dunn, Francine Moring, Chris Webb and Lee Webb

Eastern: (3 members – loss of 1 member) Louise Burns, Karen Galleher and Jack Gurley

PW then opened the floor for questions from the floor and none were received.

DO made the motion that the slate of Officers and Board Members be approved as read; TM seconded the motion. The motion passed.

This part of the meeting was recessed at 6:43 PM to move to the Unit 160 Annual Meeting

Continuation of the Board Meeting at 6:55 PM

#### Approval of the Minutes from the October 21, 2021 Meeting

Motion was made of PW to accept the minutes and a second by JV. The Minutes passed as written.

#### Treasurer's Report

Documents that were sent to the Board were reviewed by Blondelle Grant.

A brief discussion was held on what to do with the CDs when they are due to renew.

A motion was mad by PW and a second was received by DO. The Report passed.

Old Business:

NAP – Will be held in Spartanburg in November

GNT – Will be held in Columbia on May 14 and 15 for Flights A/B and Championship. Flight C will be held online.

Tournament Schedule – Sectional in Columbia in May; Regional in Columbia in June

New Business:

#### Charity Requests:

PALSS for 2021 was \$1700.00 (\$500. 00 from the Unit, the other was Matching gifts, primarily from the Columbia Bridge Club)

Motion made by SD for the donation of \$500.00 for PALSS, seconded by RS. The motion passed.

Wreaths Across America - KK said that this will be the third year for this Charity. As in the past, a donation of \$300.00 is requested. KK made the motion and SD was the second. The motion passed.

Betsy Stanton asked if there were any other charities to be considered for this year. There were no comments from the floor.

#### Name Tags for Board Members

KK will be ordering name tags for the Unit 160 Officers and Board members and will be sending out an email to have members to verify their information

#### Mailing McKinney and Ace of Clubs Awards

#### Next Unit Meeting

Aiken Sectional - September

#### Items from the Floor

Francine Morning presented data on Covid – her documents are attached.

A motion was made by PW to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by DO. None were opposed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM by Betsy Stanton.

Respectfully Submitted -

Kathy Kimmerling

Unit 160 Secretary

**From:** Betsy STANTON <baha23@bellsouth.net>  
**Date:** November 25, 2022 at 3:40:48 PM EST  
**To:** Kimmerling Kathy <kkimmerling@sbcglobal.net>  
**Subject: Endorsement letter**

This was sent on June 28, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

I, Betsy Stanton, South Carolina Unit 160 President, highly endorse Karen Galleher's grant proposal. In my opinion, programs such as hers are essential for not only the growth of bridge but for the very life of duplicate bridge. We must have attractive programs that will entice and retain players to our game. Karen has successful in the past and had a large population of beginning and non life. After players. She offers four limited games, the only limited games in the area.

At the board meeting last week it was decided to endorse Karen's proposal and consider financial support once the district approved it.

Sincerely yours,

Betsy Stanton