

ACBL UNIT 160

BOARD MEETING APRIL 5, 2025

Tri City Leisure Center – West Columbia, SC

Call to Order:

The Unit 160 Board Meeting was called to order by President, Lee Webb at 1:21 PM. A quorum was met and attendees were introduced:

President: Lee Webb (LW)

Vice President: Bernetha Henry (BH)

Secretary: Kathy Kimmerling (KK)

Treasurer: Blondelle Grant (BG)

Piedmont: Richard Brown (RB)

Southern: Martin Johnson (MJ) and Paul Wright, Jr (PW)

Central: Scott Dunn (SD), Susan McFadden (SM) and Christopher Webb (CW)

Eastern: Jack Gurley (JG) and Bobbie Stricklin (BS)

Absent: Betsy Stanton, Dan Osburn, Nancy Russell (P), Richard Smith (P), Teri Smith (P), Jim Villanueva (P), Audrey Cadwallader (S), Tom Musso (S), Dana Osburn (S) and Karen Galleher (E).

Ron Cowen was proxy for Jim Villanueva (P) and Howie Huynh was proxy for Dana Osburn (S).

Next Board Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Zoom in the fall, date and time, tbd.

Minutes: Kathy Kimmerling

The minutes for the February 4, 2025, board meeting were delivered by email for review and corrections. No corrections were needed.

Treasurer's Report: Blondelle Grant

The report was sent to all board members prior to the meeting, by email.
No comments or questions were voiced.

Old Business:

Voting Privileges for Unit 160 Officers

President Webb reviewed the prior discussion on the intention to make the change to the bylaws. Publication on the Unit 160 webpage of proposed changes to the bylaws to grant all officers and board members voting privileges and edit the bylaws to reflect these changes was done after the February 2025 board meeting.

The motion to present the proposed changes to the bylaws to the membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting (April 6, 2025) made by Scott Dunn. Second – Richard Brown
Motion passed and will be presented to the full membership. See Attachment

Sectional Tournaments

There was a brief discussion on the budgets and financial results for the Myrtle Beach, Charleston and Columbia Sectionals. No action was needed.

Local Sectionals were discussed. The Columbia Bridge Club held this new format in January 2025. Scott Dunn, Lee Webb and Kathy Kimmerling shared their experiences and answered questions about the event and the mechanics with running this type of sectional.

New Business:

Presentation of Officers and Board Members for 2025-26

Nomination Chair, Paul Wright, Jr, presented the slate of officers and board members for the upcoming year to the board for approval.

Sectional Tournament Growth

Repeated discussion on how to grow sectionals in the area, both in attendance and number held. It was stressed how the Unit will support sectionals if the holding party submits a budget in advance for approval.

Charities for 2025

We have been supporting 2 charities: Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS) and Wreaths Across America (WAA). Scott Dunn explained what PALSS does for the community. Bernetha Henry suggested that we may want to support the Alzheimer's Association, but it was explained that this is already an ACBL/club charity.

Motion to accept the PALSS and WAA as the charities for 2025 was made by Bernetha Henry. Second – Paul Wright, Jr. The motion carried.

President Summary for 2024

Lee Webb touched on the highlights of the past including \$10 coupons recognizing rank changes, supporting GNT games with reimbursements for holding qualifier games and that there is educational monies available for clubs.

Items from the Floor:

Growing Bridge in area colleges

Bobbie Strickland brought up that there is a course being taught using Bridge at the University of Georgia and wondered if this could be done in our area. A discussion followed.

Scam Alert

Tom Musso stressed again about scams asking for money from board members to help other board members.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Lee Webb at 1:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted -

Kathy Kimmerling

Unit 160 Secretary

**Unit 160
Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 5, 2025
1:15 p.m.**

Agenda

Verification of Quorum

Establishment of Adjournment Time: 2:00 pm

Secretary's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Establish Next Meeting: September, 2025

Old Business

- a) Voting Board Members
- b) Budget submitted from Myrtle Beach, Charleston, and Columbia Sectionals

New Business

- a) Welcome.
- b) 2025-2026 Slate of Officers and Board Members
Board member changes: Paul Wright.
- c) Sectional tournament needs upcoming and any new venues: The unit will sponsor any club that hosts a sectional. Each tournament chair must send a budget to the President for consideration prior to the tournament. Our unit will reimburse losses as long as the budget is submitted in advance for approval.
- d) Voting privileges for Unit 160 officers.
- e) How can we help local clubs? Please all board members, share with local clubs the ACBL as well as the unit will provide funds for educational programs.
- f) Charities for 2025, please submit your nominations: 2 so far: PAALS and Wreaths Across America.
- g) 2024 Unit 160 Masterpoint Races Winners

Summary from President Lee Webb 2024

- a) The Unit insured sectional tournaments against loses.
- b) We continue to recognize Change of Rank with a \$10.00 voucher to play in a sectional in a Unit 160 sectional.
- c) We offer reimbursement of \$6.00 per table to any club who will run a GNT qualifying event.
- d) We offer matching funds to any club who applies to District 7 for educational programs.
- e) Many thanks to all who continue to attend tournaments and volunteer in our unit and district.

Items from the Floor

Adjournment

Minutes from previous board meeting regarding topic (d) above.

Voting Privileges for Unit 160 Officers The current Unit 160 Bylaws (2013) do not permit the President, Secretary or Treasurer a vote. After a discussion it was decided that the Board felt that the time had come to revisit this issue and bring it in line with other unit boards.

Per the current bylaws:

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BY LAWS, an oral petition of 5 board members to change this process was initiated. The members were: BH, CW, BS, RB and SM. An amendment will be made to permit voting privileges for the Unit 160 officers and posted to the Unit 160 webpage. The unit membership will vote on this change at the annual meeting in April.

BS made a motion for the bylaws change to permit Unit Officers the ability to vote and PW seconded. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

UNIT 160 2025-26 OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

OFFICE	NAME	PIEDMONT	CENTRAL	SOUTHERN	EASTERN
President/Goodwill	Lee Webb	Richard Brown	Scott Dunn	Audrey Cadwallader	Karen Galleher
Vice President	Bernetha Henry	Nancy Russell	Bernetha Henry	Martin Johnson	Jack Gurley
Past President/Goodwill	Betsy Stanton	Richard Smith	Susan McFadden	Tom Musso	Bobbie Stricklin
Secretary/Hospitality	Kathryn Kimmerling	Terri Smith	Christopher Webb	Dana Osburn	
Treasurer/Finance	Blondelle Grant	Ron Cowen		Paul Wright Jr	
Director in Residence	Dan Osburn				