

# ACBL Unit 179 Board Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Information

**Date:** February 17, 2026

**Location:** Online via Zoom

## Attendance

**Members Present:** Annie Bartlett, Michelle Coop, Ann Gibson, Karen Kendrick, Marilyn Leathers, Carol Schnaars, Gale Srulevich, Patrick Williams, Aissa Wayne, Tom Wilson, and Jon Young

**Absent:** Mary Pepper

## Proceedings

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

## Administrative Business

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the board meetings held on January 15, 2026, and January 19, 2026, were reviewed by the members present. After examining the records for accuracy and completeness, the board confirmed the content of both sets of minutes.

A motion was made to approve these minutes, and the motion passed. The minutes were officially approved.

## Tournament Coordinator Report

**Tournament Coordinator:** Patrick Williams

Patrick Williams presented the regional budget for approval. Pat budgeted a 3% decrease in tables which comes out to roughly \$8500 as a budgeted profit. The most significant increase in expenses is due to the need to bring in an additional director. Since we can save by using a local director, Patrick will speak with Mary Margaret Hamlett to see if she is available to direct.

A motion was made to approve the budget, and the motion was approved.

Patrick presented the regional tournament schedule for review. Monday night will kick off with a “life master/non-life master” game with the only criteria being one of each pair is a non-life master. There will be free games for 0-20 and 0-50 to attract students from new classes. Pat budgeted 15 entries across those games.

## Committee Appointments and Reports

### 2026 Committees (Ann Gibson)

**Tournament Coordinator:** Patrick Williams

Patrick Williams had previously been nominated and approved to serve as Tournament Coordinator.

**Tournament Committee Chair and Regional Committee Chair:** Karen Kendrick was nominated and approved for both positions.

**Membership Chair:** Carol Schnaars was nominated and approved for the position.

**League Development and Special Events Co-Chairs:** Marilyn Leathers and Carol Schnaars were nominated and approved for these roles.

**Education Committee Co-Chairs:** Michelle Coop and Jon Young were nominated and approved for these positions.

**Goodwill Committee Chair:** Aissa Wayne was nominated and approved for the position.

The awards ceremony was approved and will be held April 15, 2026.

**Research and Marketing Chair Committee:** Tom Wilson was nominated and approved for the position.

### League Development Report

Carol Schnaars suggested hosting "Learn Bridge in a Day." She spoke with the author Patty Tucker and found that attendee books are priced at \$5.00 each, while teaching materials cost \$100.00. Carol will coordinate with the education committee and Vanderbilt regarding this event.

Marilyn Leathers has contacted Janice Gardina, who teaches a bridge class at Vanderbilt, to see if she can provide a face-to-face schedule so people will know where they can play after the class is completed.

Ann Gibson suggested holding an all-club social. She proposed that the event could coincide with a game run on Friday and Marilyn offered to send an email to all members of Unit 179.

### Education Committee

Michelle Coop is coordinating a "Let's Play Bridge" event, scheduled to take place at Station Camp Middle School on March 21, 2026, from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. This event is designed to engage middle school students, their families, and friends, providing an opportunity for all to learn and enjoy the game of bridge together.

In preparation for the event, Michelle requested a budget allocation of \$250.00 to cover the cost of refreshments and \$300.00 to purchase card holders necessary for gameplay. The board reviewed and approved these funding requests.

Additionally, Michelle sought to supplement the event's funding by requesting additional support from District 10 and/or the national education league. As a contingency plan, Ann volunteered to contact these organizations if needed to secure the requested funds.

## Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 4:45 PM.

## Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.