

**ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, December 11, 2006**  
**4:30 PM**  
**The Bridge Center**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Hansell, Nominating Cmte Chair at 4:40.

Present: Jim, Dave, Barbara, Anne, Kay, MJ, Paul, Sigrid, Patsy, Mary Jo, Bob, Liz

Absent: Jeff

Patsy Whitehurst was appointed to serve out the term of Darleen Bates, who resigned in December.

The Board met briefly to elect officers and chair people:

President: Barbara Martin  
V-Pres: Dave Ashby  
Sec: Liz McGuffey  
Treas: Anne Hennessey, assisted by Paul Kobrin  
Alert Ed: Bob Boggs  
Holiday Party: MJ Weeks  
Discipline: Phil Erlenbach  
Education: Sigrid Olin  
Membership: Mary Jo Doherty  
District Reps: Jim Hansell, Paul Kobrin  
Mentoring: Kay Gruninger and Patsy Whitehurst  
Novice/Newcomer: Darleen Bates  
Partnerships: Open games during the day: Edy Bulthius  
Open games in evening: Maggie Lindquist  
Novice games: Kay Richardson  
Tournament Coordinator (Sectional & NLM): Jay Bates  
Unit Recorder: Harrison Brooke  
Webmaster: Jeff Puckett  
Electronic Contact: Mary Jo Doherty  
GNT-NAOP: Jay Bates  
Publicity: Darleen Bates  
Tournament Chairs: Sectional: Dave Ashby  
NLM: Liz McGuffey  
Unit Championships: Dave Ashby

The date for this year's Holiday Party/Annual Meeting will be Dec. 2, 2007. A \$500 deposit is due.

Because Milestones is out of business we need a site for the Sectional Tournament in July and the NLM in October. Barbara is to check with Northgate and Mary Jo is to check with the Chapel Hill Schools.

Paul will review the accounting for the Holiday Party and report his findings in January.

John Torrey has proposed teaching a class for advanced players on Tuesday mornings, site to be determined.

Next meeting will be Mon., Jan. 22.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

**ACBL UNIT 191 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, December 3, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Martin.

Thanks went out to the many unnamed Unit 191 members who give so much of their time in many ways. Specifically, the following members were recognized:

Paul Kobrin for coordinating the Holiday Party

Jay and Darleen Bates for chairing the July Sectional Tournament for 3 years

Nancy Stuart and Liz McGuffey for chairing the NLM Tournament

Jim Hansell for serving as a Board member for 5 years and President for 3 years. During his term, he gave new direction to the Board.

Jay Bates for providing technical assistance for 3 years

Pat Bodooh for serving as Unit Secretary for many years

Members who died during 2006 were recognized individually and were honored by a period of silence.

Harrison Brooke was recognized as Unit 191's new Good Will Ambassador.

Treasurer Anne Hennessey provided reported a balance of \$13, 895.57, an increase of more than \$400 over last year. A full financial statement is on file with the secretary. She also thanked Ed Bodooh for auditing the books last year.

Membership Chair Mary Jo Doherty reported a 9.5% increase over 2005, with 477 current members. Keith Starr was recognized for recruiting 16 members for his Roxboro game.

Kay Gruninger, Paul Kobrin, Jeff Puckett, and MJ Weeks were announced as newly elected Board members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz McGuffey

**ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, November 27, 2006**  
**4:30 PM**  
**The Bridge Center**

The meeting was called to order by President Martin.

Minutes from the October 30 meeting were approved with one spelling correction.

Paul Kobrin reported that 160 people had signed up to attend the annual meeting and unit championship. Jeff Puckett will take pictures and Jay Bates print name tags. Glen Marek will help Dave Ashby with tables.

The Nominating Committee was thanked for its work in recruiting 6 members to run for board positions. Jim Hansell reported that he would offer absentee ballots at Sue Torrey's game on December 1 because there was no game the previous week. Jim will announce the winners at the Annual Meeting.

The Milestones contract is still under review. Nancy Stuart and Mary Jo Doherty will look at alternative sites, particularly new schools, for future tournaments.

A discussion was held about tournament directors. It was agreed that the board should have input on choice of directors. A motion was made and seconded to ask Marie Killoran to direct the 2007 Non Life Master Tournament.

Sigrid Olin announced that Larry Honeywell will teach a defense class beginning in January. John Torrey will be urged to offer short lessons before the Wednesday morning game.

Anne Hennessey reported that she moved a matured certificate of deposit to the Harrington Bank.

The Board thanked Jim Hansell and Jay Bates for their years of board service.

The next meeting for election of officers will be on December 11, 2006.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Doherty



**ACBL Unit 191 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**September 25, 2006**  
**The Bridge Center, Durham**

Present: Darleen Boone, Anne Hennessey, Barbara Martin, Paul Kobrin, Bob Boggs, Jim Hansell, Mary Jo Doherty, Sigrid Olin

Absent: Liz McGuffey, Jeff Puckett, Jay Bates, Dave Ashby

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:45 PM.

The minutes from August 24, 2006 were approved with one correction.

**Old Business:**

Annual Meeting/Holiday Party-Paul Kobrin reported that the Sheraton will provide the same price and set up as last year's event. John Torrey will direct. Darleen Boone will direct the 0-99 section. Nick Marek will caddy. <sup>partner</sup> Dave Ashby will coordinate table delivery and set up. Other duties: name tags, Jay and Darleen; postcards, Bob Boggs; volunteer service recognition, Barbara; advertising poster, Mary Jo. Easy Bridge students will be offered the regular members' rate for the event. Charges to participants will be the same as last year, \$25 for unit members, \$ 33 for non-unit members.

Multiple Sclerosis Benefit Games: Bob announced the benefit games will be held the week of September 9-15. All games will be \$6.

Non Life Master Tournament: Players with under 5 masterpoints will play free at all events. Security at Northgate Mall has caused concern. Nancy Stuart will contact Mall Security to escort players and workers to cars on Friday night of the tournament. This service is offered by the Mall.

Raleigh Sectional: Bob Boggs announced the Bridge Center would be closed during the Raleigh Sectional Tournament.

**New Business:**

Nominating Committee-Pat Bodoh, Anne Hennessey, and Jim Hansell have been appointed to the Nominating Committee for this year. Four positions must be filled. Biographies of candidates will be published in the November "Alert". Absentee ballots will also be included in the "Alert".

Jerry Helms Workshop: Jerry Helms will be presenting a workshop from April 24-26 at The Governor's Club. One hundred participants will be needed. Cost for the three day workshop will be \$ 259 (\$ 239 for Governor's Club residents) and will include morning coffee, lunch and materials for all workshop sessions.

Ads in "Alert"-it was decided not to allow paid ads in the "Alert". However, Bob will allow unit members to post certain informational advertisements.

Packages for Overseas Soldiers-The flyers distributed by Jo Murray re sending food items and supplies to servicemen in Iraq were found to be confusing and incomplete. Mary Jo will check with the post office, get more information from Jo Murray, and write an article for the "Alert".

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership-466 as of September 1. Membership for January was 438.

Education-Sigrid reported that 12 people are taking Larry Honeywell's Tuesday class. Easy Bridge is also underway with 8-12 ~~players~~ *tables*.

Mentoring Program-There has been a problem recruiting enough mentors. It was suggested that it might be time to rethink the program. A new program leader will be needed for next year.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Doherty

**ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday August 24, 2006**

**4:30 PM**

**The Bridge Center**

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: June 29 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

New Business

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment



ACBL Unit 191 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 24, 2006  
The Bridge Center, Durham

Present: Bob, Barbara, Liz, Paul, Mary Jo, Anne, Darleen, Sigrid, Jim  
Absent: Dave, Jeff, Jay

The meeting was called to order by Barbara at 4:45pm.

The minutes from the July 31, 2006 Board Meeting were approved as emailed with corrections.

The Treasurer's report (on file with the secretary) showed a balance of \$13,008.25 as of August 24.

Old Business:

- Unit 191's letter nominating a local player for the national award has been received by ACBL.
- B. Martin signed liability insurance forms and returned them to ACBL.
- Customized stamps discussed at the last board meeting cost \$1 each! The program has been discontinued.
- B. Boggs suggested that the Unit keep tournament supplies on the LEFT side of the storage room and that leftover nonperishable food be served and not stored.
- P. Kobrin will conduct a cost assessment so that the contract for the Holiday Party can be finalized.

New Business:

- Harrison Brooke, Unit 191 Recorder, reported that a ruling, made by the ACLB Board of Directors at the Chicago NABC in July 2006, places the responsibility for enforcing zero tolerance for bad behavior on the Director of the game, not the local Unit. A copy of his complete report is on file with the secretary. He will send a letter (a copy of which will be published in *The Alert*) to Directors notifying them of this ruling.
- The Raleigh Bridge Club is interested in sponsoring a third Sectional tournament. The Board supports this proposal if it is held in December or January. The summer Sectional schedule is very tight already and another local Sectional might conflict with Unit 191's July Sectional. The Board is open to collaboration with Raleigh pending further discussion.
- J. Hansell will attend the District 7 Board meeting at the Atlanta Regional in September.
- J. Hansell will chair the Nominating Committee with assistance from A. Hennessey. Offices to be filled are J. Puckett (who is finishing out P. Bodoh's term), P. Kobrin (who is finishing out P. Schwenke's term), J. Hansell, and J. Bates. Hansell will be in charge of balloting and Boggs will produce the ballots.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Membership – Mary Jo reported that Unit 191 has 462 members. She will write an *Alert* article from the Quip Report. She suggested that we send *Alert* copies to Keith Starr at the Roxboro club.
- Education: Sigrid reported that Darleen's Tuesday night Easy Bridge classes resume Sept. 12. Joanne Vansuch will be teaching a class Monday mornings at the Senior Center in Chapel Hill. The Mareks continue their mini-lesson with the 0-199 game on Thursday mornings. Lissa Hobbs will be sponsoring classes by Jerry Helms at the Governor's Club in early May 2007. Classes will run for 3 days for a cost of \$235.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25 at 4:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

**ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Monday, July 31, 2006**  
**4:30 PM**  
**The Bridge Center**

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: June 29 Meeting

Special Reports

Jay Bates: July Sectional Tournament

Maggie Lindquist: July Sectional Hospitality

Anne Hennessey: Sectional Financial Report

Old Business

New Business

National Goodwill Nominee

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment



ACBL Unit 191 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 31, 2006  
The Bridge Center, Durham

Present: Bob, Dave, Barbara, Liz, Paul, Mary Jo, Anne, Jay  
Absent: Darleen, Sigrid, Jim, Jeff

The meeting was called to order by Barbara at 4:40pm.

The minutes from the June 26, 2006 Board Meeting were approved as emailed.

**Special Reports – July Sectional Tournament:**

**Hospitality** – Maggie Lindquist – Maggie presented a 6+-page typed report (on file with the secretary) that will provide helpful guidelines for future hospitality chairs. She orally responded to two problems she identified:

1. Too much food at the end of the tournament was caused by people who didn't sign up but brought food and many who brought more food than necessary. She suggests that we post a sign-up sheet on the drawing board at the front door and the large board in the playing room. Paul suggested that future food requests for tournaments be placed on printed score sheets.
2. The number of Sunday lunches that had to be pre-ordered from the vendor was based on projections from the last several tournaments. Numbers were down this year unpredictably creating unused lunches that were donated to the Durham Rescue Mission. It was also mentioned that the quality of the food was inferior to past tournaments. It was suggested that Unit volunteers prepare sandwiches on site or purchase them from Subway in the food court upstairs next year to save money.

The Board unanimously commended Maggie for her organizational and efficiency skills.

**Tournament Chair** – Jay Bates – Jay identified several problem areas and offered solutions. The major concern was that this year's tournament had 54 fewer tables (i.e., 216 fewer participants) than last year.

1. Jay suggested that flier distribution by Unit members playing in other tournaments was less active than in the past. He suggested starting flier distribution in January.
2. The tournament was scheduled to begin only two days after the Alexandria Regional ended. Unfortunately, tournament scheduling is done by ACBL two to three years in advance.
3. Jay suggested using a 3-session knock-out beginning on Friday evening instead of a 4-session event beginning on Friday afternoon.
4. Guaranteeing partners usually means that Tournament Chairs cannot play.
5. More chairs were ordered than needed, but at half the price of last year.
6. If a third room is necessary, a tournament assistant is needed.
7. The Hugo Germino trophy provided by the Herald Sun required a lot of effort when the Unit can purchase a trophy for about \$20.
8. Some people complained about the venue, but Milestones has been contracted through 2008. Some people thought lighting was inadequate and that custodial services should be available throughout the weekend. Some find the North Gate area to be dangerous. A possible solution is to hire a security guard. Jay suggested that the Unit start looking for other venues for 2009.

The Board heartily thanked Jay and Darleen for chairing the tournament for three consecutive years.

***Tournament Financial Report*** – Anne Hennessey – The Financial Report (on file with the secretary) showed that in spite of being down 54 tables from last year, the financial loss was under \$30.

Old Business:

Unit Directory – Pat Bodoh will prepare the 2007 Directory to be distributed at the Holiday Party. Bob will prepare the calendar and all preparations should be completed by Nov. 1.

New Business:

Jay reported that the Unit projector has been sent out for repairs.

The Board voted to nominate a Unit member, who will remain anonymous, for the National Goodwill Award.

Unit 191 will participate in special games, Multiple Sclerosis Across America, the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Bob suggested that the Unit customize a postage stamp (purchased through stamps.com) for Unit mailings. A contest to create a slogan will be announced in the Alert and the winner will receive Unit stamps.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership – Mary Jo reported that Unit 191 has 454 members.

Education: Paul reported for Sigrid that Larry Honeywell's class has ended, having 9 students. Darleen's Easy Bridge classes starting Sept. 12 have been advertised in the Hollow Rock Newsletter. Jay will continue Convention Card lessons before the Wednesday and Thursday night games. Jack Whetstone has 9 members in his ongoing Wednesday class.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 24 at 4:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz McGuffey

July 31, 2006

JULY 2006 SECTIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
(7/7 to 7/9/06)

<u>Year</u>	<u>2006</u> (243 Tables)	<u>2005</u> (297 Tables)	<u>2004</u> (263 Tables)
<u>Income</u>			
Tournament Proceeds	\$6,115.19	\$8,148.00	\$5,106.25
Check and Cash Donations	<u>359.00</u>	<u>381.49</u>	<u>          </u>
Total Income	\$6,474.19	\$8,529.49	\$5,106.25
<u>Expenses</u>			
Rent	\$2,075.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,637.00
Fliers	54.19	26.54	
Chairs	72.76	141.58	
Awards and Trophies		111.80	
ACBL Sanction Fees			
Travel, Caddies Directors, Supplies, Etc.	2,368.32	2,420.28	
Free Plays		64.00	
Swiss Team Food	1,338.87	1,068.00	918.06
Other Food & supplies	594.75	339.75	51.60
T-Shirts			<u>96.00</u>
Total Expense	\$6,503.89	\$5,421.95	\$2,702.66
Income	\$6,474.19	\$8,529.49	\$5,106.25
Expense	<u>6,503.89</u>	<u>5,421.95</u>	<u>2,702.66</u>
Profit (Loss)	(\$ 29.70)	\$3,107.54	\$2,403.59



**ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Monday, June 26, 2006**

**4:30 PM**

**The Bridge Center**

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: June 5 Meeting *approved as emailed*  
*Treasurer's Report - approved*

Old Business

Incentive for Mentors

Unit Incorporation

New Business

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty *not available until July*

Education: Sigrid Olin

Tournament: Jay Bates and Darleen Boone

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment



ACBL Unit 191 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2006  
The Bridge Center, Durham

Present: Bob, Dave, Sigrid, Barbara, Liz, Paul, Darleen, Anne, Barbara

The meeting was called to order by Barbara at 4:30pm.

The minutes from the June 5, 2006 Board Meeting were approved as emailed.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Mentoring Program – It was the consensus of the Board that mentors do not need a financial incentive. It was also decided that returning mentees should try to find a willing mentor but that Nancy will help if needed and that she will match new mentees with mentors.

Incorporation of the Unit -- The Board decided to table a discussion of Unit incorporation until ACBL-provided liability insurance is available. It was pointed out that organizations can purchase liability insurance without being incorporated. Although Bruce Reeve suggested that an attorney could draw up incorporation papers for about \$200, a more accurate fee was thought to be \$500 to \$1,000 plus an annual renewing fee.

New Business:

A request by Mandy Lev of [www.bridgecorner.com](http://www.bridgecorner.com) to collaborate with Unit 191 via computer link was denied by the Board.

John Markey of the Raleigh Bridge Club announced via letter that their Friday game has been cancelled and that regular Tuesday and Thursday evening games will be housed in a new facility near the Meredith University campus starting July 11. The spring sectional tournament will also be held at the new facility. It was suggested that we survey Unit 191 players to determine interest in renewing our Friday night game.

To promote Tuesday night Easy Bridge lessons that resume in September, ads will be placed in Parkwood, Woodcroft, and Hollow Rock newsletters in August. Advertisement costs are subsidized by ACBL. Bob was asked to order 24 study books.

Standing Committee Reports:

Education: Sigrid reported that Larry Honeywell's class is going well and that Jack Whetstone is still recruiting for his Wednesday class. Sigrid had high praise for the Easy Bridge Pro-Am event which was well and enthusiastically attended.

Tournament: Final tasks for the Durham Sectional, July 7-9, include:

- Ordering chairs

- Picking up extra tables from the church
- Requesting Marie to bring extra bidding boxes
- Empowering Maggie to order sandwiches for Sunday
- Obtaining "free plays" for volunteers and for prizes
- Recruiting door prizes
- Determining the Hugo Germino award winner

The Board agreed to meet the last Monday of each month, the next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 31 at 4:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz McGuffey

**ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Monday, June 5**  
**4:30 PM**  
**The Bridge Center**

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: May 1 Meeting

Special Reports – Nancy Young, Mentoring Program

Special Guest – Bruce Reeve – Incorporation within the unit

Old Business

New Business

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Tournament: Jay Bates and Darleen Boone

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL Unit 191 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2006  
The Bridge Center, Durham

Present: Mary Jo, Jeff, Bob, Dave, Sigrid, Barbara, Liz, Jay

The meeting was called to order by Barbara at 4:30pm without a quorum present (one member left early and another arrived late, but they were not present at the same time).

The minutes from the May 1, 2006 Board Meeting were approved.

**Special Report:** Nancy Young reported that the Mentoring Program that runs from September through May was successful and that most participants were pleased. She raised the concern that we need more mentors and suggested an incentive, such as a mentor-friendly game in which mentors play free. She also suggested that returning mentees find their own mentor. Mary Jo volunteered to obtain ACBL guidelines for mentoring. The Board will discuss financial incentives for mentors at next meeting.

**Special Guest:** Bruce Reeve reported that liability insurance may soon be available free to incorporated units from ACBL. Incorporation protects Board members from being sued by individuals due to actions of the Board. He recommended that we find a Unit 191 lawyer to volunteer to incorporate the unit. Otherwise, he estimated a cost of about \$200. Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

The Goodwill Committee (Peggy Barbee, Mary Lou Johnson, Sue Torrey) have recommended Harrison Brook to be Unit 191's nominee of the year. Because a quorum was not present, voting was done via email where the nomination was approved. The selection is not public information and will be announced at the Atlanta Regional in September.

**New Business:**

Doreen Marek will write a member profile article as a regular feature of the *Alert*. Also, members are encouraged to submit interesting and challenging bridge hands, an analysis of which will be given by several Unit 191 members. Bob has forms for submissions.

Rosalie Marcus has filed a complaint about "the way members treat other members," especially those new to the game. Barbara will write a short article in the June *Alert*.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Mary Jo reported that Unit 191 has 451 members, up three from last month.

**Education:** Sigrid reported that Larry Honeywell's class "Modern Duplicate for Social Bridge Players" that meets Tuesdays from 9am until noon has 9 students. Jack Whetstone's class on "Defense" will be offered on Wednesdays. The Teacher Appreciation Dinner at the Raleigh Regional was attended by Jay, Darleen, and Jack.



Tournament: Maggie Lindquist has agreed to serve as hospitality chair for the Durham Sectional, July 7-9. Mary Jo will shop for food on Thur., July 6. Last year \$530 was spent on food. Everyone is encouraged to push for food and monetary donations. Dave will handle table set-up at 11am on July 6.

The Board agreed to meet the last Monday or Thursday (the day closest to the end of the month) of each month to allow the *Alert* to be published early in the next month. The next meeting will be Monday, June 29 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz McGuffey

**ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Monday, May 1**

**4:30 PM**

**The Bridge Center**

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Secretary's Report: April 10 Meeting
- III.** Old Business
- IV.** New Business
- V.** Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator
  - 1. Membership: Mary Jo Doherty
  - 2. Education: Sigrid Olin
  - 3. Tournament: Jay Bates and Darleen Boone
- VI.** Special Reports
- VII.** Announcements
  - 1. Next Meeting
- VIII.** Adjournment

ACBL Unit 191 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2006  
The Bridge Center, Durham

Present: Mary Jo, Anne, Jeff, Bob, Dave, Sigrid, Paul, Barbara, Liz, Darleen, Jay, Jim

The meeting was called to order by Barbara at 4:43pm

The minutes from the April 10, 2006 Board Meeting were approved.

Old Business:

The luncheon to honor District 7 bridge teachers is being held because it is the Year of the Teacher. It will be held on Saturday of the Raleigh Regional.

New Business:

Peggy Barbee and the Goodwill Committee has received one or more nominations that are due at the Unit May 15. Board approval of nominees will be done via email or at our next meeting. A reminder for members to submit names will be placed in the *May Alert*.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership: Unit 191 has 448 members. Mary Jo has written a protocol for ordering plaques. Ways other units use to attract new members include offering food, paying winners in cash, Newcomers Club's "afterwards" game at the CH Country Club sponsored by Ruth Keefe. Mary Jo will ask Unit 191 members to give appeal for new members.

Education: Sigrid is waiting for final information from Larry Honeywell about the exact start time and duration of his class. Jack Whetstone, who earned TAP certification recently, wants to teach a class. He must contact Bob Boggs for space rental and he must keep Sigrid Olin, the Unit's Education Chair, informed. Space is tight and Wednesday morning is one of the few possibilities available.

Tournament: Mary Jo has agreed to help organize food procurement, but a chair and co-chair are needed. A request will be made in the *May Alert*. Possible chairs are Nancy Stuart, Maggie Lindquist, Nancy Young, Jan Walker, Rosa, and Barbara Newton. Sandra Manheimer has agreed to help. Anne reminded us that because she will be away, the facility fee must be paid before June 6. Jay is requesting a tournament assistant to help with Director's duties because games will be held in three rooms.

Special Reports:

District Board Meeting: Jim Hansell reported that 1)a new tournament schedule is now available; 2)Jay Bates has been appointed to a committee that governs GNT, STaCs, NAP for District 7; 3)funds are available to encourage NLM play; members are encouraged to create a visual (e.g., a "ladder of success") to show progress for new players; 4) there is a collaboration between ACBL and AARP, AARP members are

asked to request a bridge column in the AARP magazine; 5) Doreen Marek has been appointed to the Youth Committee to interest youth in bridge; a collaboration with Jack Whetstone was mentioned.

Special Bridge Game: A special Pro-Am bridge game for Easy Bridge players has been scheduled for June 13. Darleen will write an Alert article and will post a sign-up schedule. Anyone with more than 20 points qualifies as a Pro in this game. A sanction number will be sought for extra points.

A worldwide bridge game will be held at the regular Saturday morning game on June 3, allowing scores to be compared worldwide. The Raleigh club will be hosting this event the evening of June 2.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2006 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz McGuffey



**ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Monday, April 10**

**4:30 PM**

**The Bridge Center**

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Secretary's Report: February 27 Meeting
- III.** Old Business
  - 1. Resignation of Pat Bodoh
  - 2. Liz McGuffey is new secretary
  - 3. Jeff Puckett is replacement for Pat Bodoh
- IV.** New Business
  - 1. Goodwill member – committee
  - 2. Teacher recognition at Raleigh Regional
  - 3. Recognition – concerns
- V.** Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator
  - 1. Membership: Mary Jo Doherty
  - 2. Education: Sigrid Olin
  - ~~3. Tournament: Jay Bates and Darleen Boone~~
  - 4. Awards Party: Anne Hennessey

**VI. Special Reports**

- VII.** Announcements
  - 1. Next Meeting

**VIII.** Adjournment

*mentoring game June 3 1:30 Sat.  
Bd provide pizza + soft drinks  
\$100 limit*

*GNT 5-7 tables early  
should be held in Feb. before tournaments  
Sun. Feb 4 2007 – to be listed in Dir.  
paragraph in alert  
Send address changes to Pat*

*1st Mon. of month May 1, 2006 4:30pm*

*Budget  
close down during Ral Regional?*

ACBL Unit 191 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2006  
The Bridge Center, Durham

Present: Mary Jo, Anne, Jeff, Bob, Dave, Sigrid, Paul, Barbara, Liz

The meeting was called to order by Barbara.

The minutes from the Feb. 27, 2006 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Unit 191 has a balance of \$12,573.82 with a YTD deficit of \$531.07. The full report is on file with the secretary.

Old Business: Pat Bodoh resigned as secretary, with Liz McGuffey replacing her. Jeff Puckett will serve out Pat's term on the Board that expires December 2006.

**New Business:**

Peggy Barbee (Chair), Mary Lou Johnson, and Sue Torrey will serve as Unit 191's Goodwill Committee this year. Nominations are due May 31 at the District and winners will be announced at the Atlanta Regional. Mary Jo encouraged Board members to suggest some nominees.

The new ACBL President will host a luncheon at the Raleigh Regional to recognize all ACBL-accredited teachers in District 7. Each teacher must provide a teaching tip. Sigrid will notify all Unit 191 teachers.

There is some concern that two people who became life masters in 2005 were not on the ACBL list and were not recognized at the unit's award party. Mary Jo will set up a protocol using the certificate date to ensure that no one is left off the list. The Board agreed that plaques are adequate for Life Master recognition, but that we need some other way to recognize higher stratus achievers. Board members are encouraged to think of alternatives.

Liz Baron passed away recently, but no obituary has been published. Liz McGuffey will try to obtain an obituary so that it can be sent to ACBL and will send sympathy cards to the family of the deceased ACBL member.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

Membership: Mary Jo reported that we have 443 members and that the Unit is doing poorly in all areas except age. She will contact membership chairs at other units and organizations, such as Welcome Wagon, to try to attract new members.

Education: Sigrid reported that Larry Honeywell will offer a class for experienced players who may not know more modern conventions, such as two-over-one, transfers, etc. Classes will be taught on Tuesday mornings starting mid-May. Jo Anne Vansuch will teach a general class. Sigrid reported that the Monday AM 49er lesson and game generally has 3.5 to 6 tables and the Tuesday evening Easy Bridge has 5 to 6 tables.

Special Reports:

The second mentoring game will be held Saturday, June 3 at 1:30pm. The Board will provide pizza and soft drinks with a budget cap of \$100.

There is some concern that the special GNT game held in early April had only 5 to 7 tables. It would generate a better response if held in early February next year. It has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007 and will be listed in the Unit Directory and in Alert.

Pat Bodoh maintains the database for the Unit Directory. Any address changes should be sent directly to her.

The next Board meeting will be May 1, 2006 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz McGuffey



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Below is the proposed agenda for our meeting on the 27th - I leave early in the morning, will return Wednesday evening if you have additions or corrections.....Pat

**ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Monday, February 27**  
**4:30 PM**  
**The Bridge Center**

**I. Call to Order**

*Bruce Reeve*

**II. Secretary's Report: January 30 Minutes**

**III. Old Business**

**IV. New Business**

1. Awards Party: Anne Hennessey

**V. Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinators**

1. Membership: Mary Jo Doherty
2. Education: Sigrid Olin

**VI. Special Reports**

**VII. Announcements**

1. Next Meeting

**VIII. Adjournment**

*5:38 pm*

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ACBL Unit 191 Board of Directors Meeting  
February 27, 2006  
The Bridge Center, Durham

Present: Darleen, Jay, Bob, Mary Jo, Anne, Paul, Barbara, Liz  
Guest: Bruce Reeve

The meeting was called to order by Barbara at 4:37pm.

Bruce Reeve Comments:

Good Will Program: A Good Will Committee was formed 50 years ago nationally to recognize people's contribution to bridge. Individuals are appointed for life and may be appointed from a District GW Cmte or the national GW Cmte. Reeve emphasized that people should be honored while they are alive rather than posthumously and that volunteerism is an important factor in choosing honorees.

Junior Fund Games: Reeve encouraged Unit 191 to support Junior Fund Games, the proceeds of which benefit recruitment and development of junior players, under age 26. Encourage juniors to log on [bridgeiscool.org](http://bridgeiscool.org), sponsored by ACBL. In Unit 119, attendance is up 28% for Junior Fund games. There is an additional \$1 charge for JFG but almost triple master points are awarded. Liz will write short article for March Alert.

Reeve reminded us that he is a District Director who can be used as a resource and a problem solver.

Minutes of January 30 were approved.

Awards Party will be held March 20 at the afternoon and evening games to recognize 1) individuals who achieved a higher Life Master stratus and 2) the winners of the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs competitions during 2005. There is some confusion over whether transfers from other units should receive awards. Only those on the ACBL listing will be recognized.

Membership: Unit 191 has 438 members. From the 60 letters sent in January, we have one new member.

Education: Liz reported for Sigrid that we are still trying to identify seasoned bridge players who might be interested in classes and ACBL membership. Recruitment is a problem and retirement homes may not be the most promising setting.

Plans are being made for the NLM Tournament, scheduled for Sep 29- Oct 1. The committee meets next week. John Torrey is the Director of choice. It is important that the flier be published in the District 7 Bulletin.

The next meeting will be April 10 at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

## Awards for 2005

The following list of people will receive awards for 2005:

<u>Life Master</u>	<u>Bronze Life Master</u>	<u>Silver Life Master</u>	<u>Gold Life Master</u>
Russ Beecher	Pat Bodoh	Edy Bulhuis	Mary Sue Roach
Bill Colton	Bob Crawford	Nick Keebler	
Paul Kobrin	John Margeson	Mauh Lin	
Rosalie Marcus	Connie McManus	Glenn Marek	
Doreen Marek	Ellen Ann Melenikotis	Joanna Pagano	
Jean Mathews	Geoffrey Scott	Bud Stuart	
Liz McGuffey		Howard Su	
Mike McGuffey			
Diane Saulsberry			
M. J. Weeks			
Morris Weinberger			
	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>	
Rookie of the Year	Eve-Simone Pastor	Ron Adams	
Junior Master	Ellen Lustig	Ellen Lustig	
Club Master	Jeff Boak	Jeff Boak	
Sectional Master	Paul Kobrin	Paul Kobrin	
Regional Master	Liz McGuffey	Liz McGuffey	
NABC Master	Doreen Marek	Helen Halsey	
Life Master	John Margeson	John Margeson	
Bronze Life Master	Howard Su	Howard Su	
Silver Life Master	Sarah Jones-Chambers	Jim Migliore	
Gold Life Master	Irene Adams	Jeanette Collier	
Diamond Life Master	Sue Torrey	Sue Torrey	



# ACBL Unit 191 Board of Directors Meeting

January 30, 2006

The Bridge Center, Durham

## Present:

Barbara Martin

Jim Hansell

Darleen Boone

Anne Hennessey

Paul Kobrin

Bob Boggs

Mary Jo Doherty

Sigrid Olin

Jay Bates

Liz McGuffey

## Absent:

Dave Ashby

Pat Bodoh

The meeting was called to order at 4:40pm by President Barbara Martin.

The minutes of the Jan. 5, 2006 Board Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anne Hennessey reported that the balance as of 1-30-06 is \$12,781.52. A report on file with the Secretary accounts for all current transactions. A report for 2005 showed a balance of \$13,104.89, a decrease of \$825.66 from 2004. It was decided that requiring checks of substantial amounts to be signed by the President would unnecessarily complicate reimbursements. The Treasurer noted that no reimbursements are made without a receipt. An audit performed by Ed Bodoh will not be completed until the January bank statement has been reviewed. The Board decided that the changes in accounting methods recommended by Ed would place undue burden on our treasurer who manages the Unit finances on a voluntary basis. A note of thanks to Ed will be included in the newsletter.

**Old Business:** Liz McGuffey suggested that the Pro-Am game be re-instated. Discussion concluded that the mentoring program serves the same purpose and does so more effectively. McGuffey withdrew her suggestion.

## New Business:

- It was suggested and approved that a "Free Play" certificate be included with the welcome letter sent to new members by Mary Jo Doherty. The certificate will be revised to include the new member's name.
- Unit 191 voted not to contribute to the US Bridge Federation that subsidizes youth bridge players to play overseas. Board may reconsider if Steve Carman is involved.
- A Unit and Director Newsletter is now available online and will be sent monthly. Jay Bates pointed out an article on amnesty for points, in which people who earned points between Jan 1 and June 30, 2006 can get those points if they pay their dues.
- Unit 191 needs two representatives for the business meeting in Hilton Head, on Sat. at 10am. It was decided that Liz and Mike McGuffey would represent the Unit or will find alternates if they are unable to attend.
- The Board recommended that players be encouraged to wear nametags. There will be a reminder in the newsletter.
- A sign-up sheet is now posted to encourage members who attend sectional and regional tournaments to distribute fliers describing Unit 191 sectionals. Both J. Hansell and L. McGuffey will take fliers to Hilton Head.

## Standing Committees:

### Membership (M. Doherty):

- We have 436 current members (+12 over 2004, figures available only through Dec. 2005 at the time of the meeting).
- Letters were sent to 60 people who have played at the Bridge Center but not members.

- Board authorized A. Hennessey to purchase 50 A-Z Booklets at a cost of \$3.50 for each new member.

#### Education (S. Olin):

- To attract new members who are experienced at social but not duplicate bridge, Sigrid has suggested bridge classes that focus on specific, not general lessons. Participants would pay up front for the six-week session. L. Honeywell, R. Schwenke, G. Marek, and J. Vansuch are willing to teach.
- Starting Feb. 10, B. Boggs will teach Easy Bridge to MacDougal Middle School students for 10 weeks. Participants will receive tee-shirts and certificates from ACBL. The Board mentioned that we need pictures for the newspaper and newsletter.
- A reminder about bridge etiquette written by H. Brooke will be published in the newsletter and will be used as a handout for classes.

**General Discussion:** Of the Unit's 436 members, only 105 are Life Masters. The need for a night limited game (0-500 points) was discussed but rejected because it would eliminate some players who can play only at night. Of the 14 games offered weekly, five are limited (including three that are 0-99). The consensus was that Unit 191 offers more limited games than most other units.

**Special Reports:** Results of the Mini-McKenney and the Ace of Clubs will be available Feb. 15. The Awards Party will be held on a Monday afternoon and evening – the date to be determined later and published in the March Alert.

#### Announcements:

- The GNT Unit Final is scheduled for Sunday, April 2; a sign-up sheet will be posted March 1, with a limit of 16 or 17 teams.
- The next Board meeting will be Monday, Feb. 27 at 4:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz McGuffey