

Monday 8 December 2025

Meeting called to order by Pres Deanna Larus

Present: Deanna Larus, Ian Cloudsdale, Morris Weinberger, Mary Newman, Michael Lavine, Ira Mueller, Eric Hamilton, Ray Boylan

Absent: Ann Fisher, Phylliss Woody

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted. There was no November meeting.

Topics:

1. The Treasurer's report shows that the bank balance grew over the past 12 months from \$25,931.08 at end of Q1 to \$26,937.22 at end of Q4. The Winter Sectional hosted by the Unit in Nov had net income of \$1,510.78. Income over the year from ACBL was \$2,267.22. Mentor-Mentee games cost \$1,225 in subsidies over the year. Moved and accepted.
2. November Sectional Review: More successful than anticipated, in terms of both attendance and income. The limited game attendance exceeded our hopes. There was discussion of what MP limits might be used for future free plays without a motion or decision. The Unit may return to Governor's Village for future events.
3. Unit Election Update: 42 members voted electronically, 11 voted with paper ballot. Phylliss and Ira were returned to the Board. Thanks were offered to Bill Ingram and Joanna Karwowska for their years of service.
4. Annual Meeting: 2025 meeting moved to the spring in conjunction with Awards Ceremony. Date to be decided at January meeting of the Board.
5. 2026 Sectional Planning: It was moved and accepted that the Unit will cancel the Spring Sectional, and host the Winter Sectional November 12-15, 2026, while exploring co-hosting the Summer Sectional with Unit 119. Deanna will make appropriate phone calls to that effect.
6. Board Officer Rotation: Deanna stated that this is her last year after 10 years of service. Ian will not return as Treasurer after this year is completed. There was discussion of better defining Board job descriptions, as well as consolidating or spreading around the necessary tasks. ACBL lists duties of Officers, but Deanna noted that in practice things work out differently sometimes. There was further discussion of up-sides and down-sides of potentially sharing responsibilities with another Unit.

Deanna shared a list of the Unit's Officers, Board Members, and Committee Assignments that need to be filled once again. Deanna will confirm whether Marc Goldberg is willing to continue as Web Master, and will explore with Ray the possibility of his serving as President.

The following volunteered to serve:

Membership: Mary Newman

Inventory: Morris Weinberger

MM Program/IN Michael Lavine

Nominations: Ira Mueller

Tournament Coord: Ira Mueller

Secretary: TBD-possibly rotate

Treasurer: Ian Cloudsdale (ideally training his replacement)

Unit Championship Ian will continue to schedule

Ira and Mary will continue to coordinate Tournament Hospitality but will ask for more help in the kitchen.

7. Related to these recurring operational challenges, it was moved and unanimously voted that Deanna start a conversation with Unit 119 regarding the possibility of merging Units.

Next Meeting: Monday 12 January 2026 after the Game.