

District 21
American Contract Bridge League
Virtual Annual Meeting of the District 21 Board of Directors
January 9, 2021

The Virtual Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of District 21 was called to order by President Ray Yuenger at 10:04 A.M. on Zoom

1. **ROLL CALL:** The following Directors were in attendance: Unit #465 Ed Gould, Cornelia Gould; Unit #473 Diane Todd; Jill Wallace, Unit #497 Mark Kornmann, Joyce Burks; Unit #498 Bob Gleason, Danna Sorenson; Unit #499 Sam Earnhardt, Jackie Zayac; Unit #500 Carla Francis; Unit #501 Art Mirin; Unit #502 Marcia Wasserman, Tom Pajak; Unit #503 Kip Kado, Prue Saunders; Unit #505 Jim Coke; Unit #506 Marion Robertson; Unit #507 Lynn Bartz, Doug Hong; Unit #508 Tracey Bauer, Melanie Haddad ; Unit #509 Tony Jackson, Elections Chair Jackie Ortiz; Unit #512 Vice President Sigrid Price; Unit #522 Laura Da Costa; Unit #524 Linda King; Unit #529 Libby Longstreth, Roger Smith; Unit #530 Susan Massei; Unit #550 Joanne Wicker, Carol Avenmarg. Also in attendance were President Ray Yuenger, Secretary Sandi Davis, Treasurer Jean Barry, District Director Stu Goodgold, Tournament Manager Pam Hughes, Executive Committee members Jim Leuker and Bruce Blakely, Web Master Grant Robinson, Charity Chair Jeff Hack, Goodwill Chair Ginny Wailes and Tournament Coordinator Anne Hollingsworth. Honored Guests: Nancy Boyd, Lyn Sacco, John Schwartz and Jackie Lowenberg.
2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Ray Yuenger reported that the next newsletter will be published in January to meet the quarterly distribution requirement. He also discussed the 99er game running from Monday through Thursday run by the District in conjunction with several other Districts. A portion of the fees is returned to participating home clubs as well a small portion to the District. He explained how a club participates. He acknowledged new District Directors attending their first meeting as a representative of their Unit – Jill Wallace, Doug Hong, Melanie Haddad, Laura DaCosta, Carol Avenmarg, and Joanne Wicker.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jean Barry reported that interest rates are terrible so we will be making less money this year. The additional *Diamond in the Ruff* is unexpected and she is trying to budget as best she can and to keep spending under control. The District purchased the van. Our storage costs are down. A question was asked about why the District operates on a Cash Basis instead of Accrual. Jean explained that since expenses, especially Regional tournaments, have costs that are not in the year the event happens, it skews the actual annual expenses. She agreed that it is a type of hybrid method. We have no unrecorded debts. A question was raised about how much money the District currently has. Jean responded that in CDs we have \$350,000 and \$7,000 in cash.
****MOVED:** The Treasurer's Report is approved as submitted.
MOTION CARRIED

4. **MINUTES OF THE 9/6/20 MEETING:** The minutes of the September 6, 2020 meeting were presented. A correction to a year listed on point 7, line 7 was noted. On motion made and seconded, it was:
**MOVED: The amended minutes of the 9/6/20 minutes are approved as written.
MOTION CARRIED
5. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Sigrid Price had nothing new to report. Ray noted that Sigrid has been extremely active in committee meetings.
6. **TOURNAMENT MANAGER'S REPORT:** Pam Hughes reported that she has been in communications with many of the people with whom she has established relationships at the hotels we use and many of those people have been furloughed. She continues to work with the hotels to book future events as well as cancel our upcoming Regionals without penalty fees. Ray added that we will not have a 2021 Sacramento Regional. Pam added that until we can assure our players that it would be safe to meet in person we should continue because we don't want to have a tournament fail. Ray polled Directors: "If there was a Regional in Sacramento this year, would you attend?" The results were yes by some, no by the majority, and a few maybes. Pam announced that following last year's cancellation, the hotel saved the dates for 2021 and we had no contractual obligation so cancelling this year was easy. Pam also noted that the hotels want to wait until just before the tournament to cancel.
7. **DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO THE ACBL:** Jackie Zayac reported that at the national level right now tournaments have been cancelled through the end of February and there is no decision yet about the St. Louis Spring 2021 NABC. She reported that Georgia Heth was elected to a second term as ACBL President, an unprecedented event. Uday Ivatury was awarded the Honorary Member of the Year. Jay Whipple was named Volunteer Member of the Year. Jackie noted that effective January 1, 2021, changes were made to the alert procedure on convention cards. Platinum points linked to NABC participation were adjusted due to the pandemic per a motion proposed by Jackie. It passed unanimously and was backdated to go in effect as of January 2020. The NABC tournament management will be turned over to the ACBL board. She has enjoyed her time representing D21 as Director.
8. **WESTERN CONFERENCE:** Cornelia Gould announced that they are working with BBO to hold STaCs online but apparently that won't happen anytime soon. They held one meeting since her last report. They are currently working on changes to their By-Laws and elections for 2021 have not yet been held. She noted that Stu Goodgold will be our second representative, replacing Jackie Zayac.
9. **OLD BUSINESS: BY-LAWS:** Ray thanked the Committee Chair Marion Robertson and members Stu Goodgold, Sigrid Price and Jackie Zayac for their hard work on these changes. The Board was sent these changes one month ago and addressed the technical amendments first. The primary change was

replacing the term "Representative" with "Director". He noted that this is the Board of Directors while you are Directors, not Representatives. Other changes are simply punctuation corrections.

These changes were approved by unanimous consent with the exception of two items that required further discussion:

- a. The use of the terms "mail" and "mailing" in a footnote. Cornelia feels the use of a footnote is unnecessary since there are only two places in the By-Laws that reference this. She would like it to stay the way it is. Cornelia made and withdrew her motion in favor of a new motion.

****MOVED:** Remove the footnote and the terminology shall be revised to say personal delivery via USPS or electronic mail in all references. Motion seconded

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Terminology that makes all references gender neutral. The committee proposed all references be s/he and it was suggested that all references be they/their/them. Another suggestion was the use of "that individual" instead. ACBL just completed a new handbook and they use the terms they/them/their.

****MOVED:** Wherever possible, he/she shall be replaced with "that individual" or "they/them/their". Motion seconded

MOTION CARRIED

Ray addressed substantive changes proposed in the By-Laws. These changes were approved by unanimous consent with the exception of three items that required further discussion:

- a. Discussion of the District Director to the ACBL as a voting member of this Board. It was noted that with changes to a Regional Director merging Districts 20 and 21, it is conceivable that a District Director to the ACBL could be from outside our District.

****MOVED:** The District Director will no longer have a vote in our elections.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. The Western Conference representative is a mandatory member of the Executive Committee. A proposal by the By-laws committee recommended this be removed. Historically prior to the 2020 pandemic the Western Conference brings about \$20,000 per year into the District coffers from the STaC games. In addition, this position keeps us in tune with the other Districts. It is an elected position and the Executive Committee has the power of recommending what should be addressed by the Board of Directors.

****MOVED:** The Western Conference Representative shall remain a mandatory member of the Executive Committee. Motion seconded

MOTION CARRIED

c. Discussion of the change to terms of all officers from a one year term to two year terms was discussed. Currently only the President and Vice President have term limits of two consecutive one-year terms. One person could actually be on the Executive Committee for 12 years if this change is made. This prevents fresh ideas and concepts coming in. Also, there are many people who want to serve.

****THIS MOTION WAS TABLED PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION**

10. **GOODWILL AWARDS**: Ginny Wailes presented the Goodwill Awards to those recipients that were still at the meeting. The others will be honored at the next meeting. Ginny presented awards to Dan Bergmann who was unable to attend. Libby Longstreth, Lyn Sacco, John Schwartz, and Jill Wallace were recognized for their contributions to their communities. Jackie Lowenberg was awarded the Presidential Goodwill Award. Tony Jackson will be honored at the next meeting.

****Motion: Extend the term of the officers until January 30, 2021, until a fair election can be held and to continue the remainder meeting. Motion seconded.**
MOTION CARRIED

12. **ADJOURNMENT**: The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 P.M. a continuation of the meeting of the Annual Board of Directors of District 21 will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 30, 2021, on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Davis, Secretary
District 21