

District 21
American Contract Bridge League
Virtual Annual Meeting of the District 21 Board of Directors
January 30, 2021

The Virtual Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of District 21 was called to order by President Ray Yuenger at 10:06 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 Jackie Zayac; Unit #500 Carla Francis, Shailesh Shah; Unit #501 Art Mirin; Unit #502 Marcia Wasserman, Tom Pajak; Unit #503 Prue Saunders; Unit #505 Jim Coke; Unit #506 Marion Robertson; Unit #507 Lynn Bartz; Unit #508 Tracey Clifford Bauer, Melanie Haddad; Unit #509 Tony Jackson, Elections Chair Jackie Ortiz; Unit #512 Vice President Sigrid Price; Unit #522 Anthony Toto, Laura Da Costa; 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, Web Master Grant Robinson, Charity Chair Jeff Hack, Goodwill Chair Ginny Wailes and Tournament Coordinator Anne Hollingsworth. Honored Guest: Max Schireson
2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Ray Yuenger apologized for the length of the last meeting and hopefully this will run more smoothly. He was surprised by the amount of comment on the By-Laws and it should have been done in a separate meeting. Ray also tested a polling procedure to see if we are able to use this process for today's voting.
3. **GOODWILL AWARD:** Ginny Wailes had two remaining Goodwill Awards to present. Dan Bergmann was unable to attend today so Ginny read his merits that led to the receipt of the award. Tony Jackson was presented with his award and recognized for his exceptional work.
4. **TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR:** Ray introduced Anne Hollingsworth as the new Tournament Coordinator replacing Richard Meffley. Anne noted that Richard's shoes were big ones to fill. She has contacted some Unit coordinators and she has uploaded an updated schedule of tournaments to the D21 website.
5. **NAP COORDINATOR:** NAP Chair Stu Goodgold is working on the NAP schedule for 2021 and the club qualifiers might be online. The winners from 2019/2020 were to play at the NABC in St. Louis but since that was cancelled they will now be held online on BBO. The ACBL pays money to the first and second place winners in each of the three flights. In the past D21 has paid the third place finishers. ACBL stated that this year instead of being a reimbursement for expenses the money will be categorized as prize money. Stu would like to

know if D21 will do the same for third place finishers. The total this will cost District 21 is \$1200. This will come to a vote later in this meeting.

6. **YOUTH BRIDGE**: Ray reported that no funds were distributed as grants for the 2020 Summer Youth NABC because it was cancelled. This year he believes it will again be cancelled but no announcement has been made. He is studying whether there are better ways the money could be spent.
7. **D21 WEBSITE**: Grant Robinson said there is not much going on but he continues to update any new information he receives. Ray commented that Grant has been especially helpful in getting out the information about the CA Niteclub 99er games.
8. **SOCIAL MEDIA**: Tracey Clifford Bauer thanked Stu for continuing to send her special interest stories about rank advancements.
9. **OLD BUSINESS: BY-LAWS**: Ray said there was one last topic which was tabled at the 1/9/21 meeting. Discussion of the change to terms of all officers from a one year term to two year terms was discussed. Some felt that it is not a problem holding annual elections and see no reason to change it. Others felt that it allows the opportunity for the President to complete the issues they started the previous term. It was noted that if you take a year off from the office then one could run again. Some felt it did not open up the offices for new ideas and less new leadership.

****MOVED**: Shall the election of officers be changed from one year term to a two year term?

MOTION TO EXTEND TERMS FAILED

10. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**: Ray Yuenger conducted the election of officers for 2021 due to Zoom connection problems of Nominating Chair Jackie Ortiz. Sandi Davis is running for Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. Sandi Davis was elected by acclamation. Jean Barry is running for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Jean Barry was elected by acclamation. Sigrid Price is running for Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. Sigrid Price was elected by acclamation. Ray Yuenger is running for President. Tracey Clifford Bauer was nominated from the floor. Each candidate was given the opportunity to state their qualifications. A weighted vote was conducted and Tracey Clifford Bauer was elected by a vote of 35.5 to 32.5.
2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)**: Ray updated the Directors on the status of the van. Following paperwork and payment the District now owns the van. The title has been received.
11. **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ACBL**: Three candidates were interested in this position and two seats are available. Anne Hollingsworth, Max Schireson and Jackie Zayac were each given

the opportunity to present their qualifications. A weighted vote was conducted and Anne Hollingsworth and Jackie Zayac were elected. Based on vote totals Anne Hollingsworth will serve the two year position vacated by Richard Meffley's passing and Jackie Zayac will fulfill the one year position vacated by Stu Goodgold's election as District Director to ACBL.

5. **NAP COORDINATOR (continued):**

****MOVED:** Shall the District pay third place finishers in the NAP \$1200 as in past years?

MOTION TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 43 - 15

13. **CHARITY:** Ray stated that D21 traditionally gives \$5,000 to charities each year. Since we are receiving no income from cancelled Regional events which help fund this disbursement, a decision needs to be made if this will continue this year. Charity Chair Jeff Hack added that this should be based on our treasury funds and asked Jean to respond to this issue. Jean noted our income is \$0 this year and our interest is down and we still have expenses to cover. Jeff recommended that since we do not know how long this pandemic is going to last that we suspend distribution of charitable funds this year. Jackie Zayac noted that ACBL suspended their charity disbursements for this year.

****MOVED:** Shall the District accept nominations and continue the \$5,000 distribution this year

MOTION TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS FAILED BY A VOTE OF 43 – 25

14. **NEW BUSINESS:** Monterey has a lease that inadvertently named D21 ACBL as the leaseholder instead of the Monterey Unit. Susan Massei said she has spoken with the IRS and the CA Franchise Tax Board about getting this corrected. She spoke with the landlord and they are looking at new documents received to try and correct this without the assistance of the District. The motion that was to be made will be tabled to allow time for resolution by the Unit. It was agreed that discussion of this has been temporarily suspended.

**** MOTION:** The Monterey Unit lease issue will be tabled

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: Related to the Monterey lease issue, a discovery was made that D21 IRS filings are not correctly named as separate units. Ray asked Lynn Bartz to look at this issue and she has drafted a letter to make corrections. She also will fill out the 990 forms. It was agreed by universal consent for her to continue with the task. Lynn clarified that this applies only to Units for which the District files returns and not all Units. The Nevada Units and several CA Units file their own tax returns.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**: The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of District 21 will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 5, 2021, on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Davis,
Secretary
District 21