

Bon's Mots  
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National Board Representative

## ELECTIONS

The BOD certified the following elections by the District's Unit Board Members to three-year terms, January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021:

Re-elected - **Leo Weniger** (D1 - Eastern Canada), **Suzi Subeck** (D13 - Chicago, Wisconsin & Upper Michigan), **Claire Jones** (D18 - Western Canada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming & Utah) and **Kevin Lane** (D23 - Los Angeles County, California).

Elected – **Brian Ellis** (D5 - Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, Eastern Kentucky, Northern West Virginia), **Mike Kovacich** (D7 - North & South Carolina, Georgia & Eastern Tennessee), **Warren Smith** (D15 - South Western Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Western Arkansas & Northern Texas), **Julie Smith** (D19 - Alaska, Washington state and British Columbia, Canada) and **Bob Bertoni** (D25 - New England).

**Al Levy**, (D24 – New York City & Long Island), re-elected representative to the World Bridge Federation.

**Robert Hartman**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida representative to the World Bridge Federation.

**James Sternberg**, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, ACBL Charity Foundation trustee for a four-year term December 31, 2022.

**Sandra DeMartino**, Riverside, Connecticut, the Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee Chairman for a three-year term ending December 31, 2021.

## APPOINTMENTS

**Michael & Debbie Rosenberg**, Sunnyvale, CA (D21) was appointed as the 2018 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year.

**Shawn Stringer**, Silver Spring, MD (D6) was appointed as the 2018 Volunteer of the Year.

**Mark Sorenson**, San Bruno, CA (D21) was appointed as the 2019 Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year.

**Gary Cohler**, Delray Beach, FL (D9) was appointed to fill the remaining three-year term of **Michael Kovacich** through the end of Spring 2021 NABC Committee Chairman for a three-year term ending December 31, 2021.

### **FOND FAREWELLS**

A fond farewell was given to **Sharon Fairchild**, District 5 Director; **Bob Heller**, District 6 Director; **Phyllis Harlan**, District 15 Director; **Marv Norden**, District 19 Director and Mark Aquino, District 25 Director. Sharon served 21 years on the BOD and was 2004 ACBL President. Phyllis served 15 years and was the 2014 President. Bob was on the BOD nine years and was president in 2017. Marv and Marc served three years on the BOD. All will be missed. Their successors, noted above, will be welcomed at the Spring 2019 Memphis board meeting.

### **MOTIONS PASSED**

The second reading of the motion to change the Bracket Size Adjustment Factors for KO Team events which apply to the play and awarding of Masterpoints in semifinal and final matches will be effective January 1, 2019.

The second reading for revising Masterpoints for Regular Club Games passed and becomes effective January 1, 2020.

The rating of Session Awards for Flight C NAP District Finals be adjusted from 50% of Regional rating to 62.5% January 1, 2019.

The table fees for clubs holding short games (12 to 17 boards) will increase from \$0.55 to \$0.58 as of April 1, 2019.

Entry fees at NABCs will be \$30 for NABC+ events, \$22 for other NABC events, \$20 for regional events and \$20 for unlimited single session events, effective June 1, 2019.

\$10.00 per session/per pair and \$20.00 per session/per team will added to all events at NABC's at the point screens are introduced, effective June 1, 2019.

Districts in which there are at least eight teams competing in a B and/or C flight in the Grand National Teams (GNT) District Final, may send a second team to compete in the National GNT Finals.

A player who has won an event that would qualify that individual to be designated Grand Life Master when 10,000 masterpoints are accumulated, will automatically be entered into the top strat of flighted KO events, open stratified Swiss events, bracketed KO and Swiss events and Flight A of a Flight A/X Swiss, effective January 1, 2020.

A Masterpoint Committee will be formed, consisting of a minimum of seven members, three of whom shall be appointed at-large by the Board President upon consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Governors, two of whom shall be

members of the Board of Directors and two of whom shall be ACBL employees appointed by the Executive Director.

A Board Oversight Committee will be formed to investigate and report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding issues of conduct by Board Members. The committee will consist of the Chairman of the Board as the committee chairman and the two most immediate past presidents currently on the Board.

The ACBL recognizes the North American Bridge Federation as the Zonal Conference (Authority) for Zone 2, which consists of the following for International World Bridge Federation Play: a. United State Bridge Federation, b. Canadian Bridge Federation, c. Mexican Bridge Federation.

**The 2019 operating budget showing revenues over expenses of \$ 48,542 and the 2019 capital budget of \$187,000 were received.**