



### **D21 Western Conference Report**

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The Western Conference Board has met several times in the past month or so. At a recent meeting, I was elected President, following the resignation of Cindy Shoemaker after District 17 voted to withdraw from the Western Conference.

Our next STaC games will be held from December 6-12, 2021. We hope that as many clubs as possible in our district will participate in order to give our members the opportunity to earn silver points. Note that STaC games are held in person only; BBO is not set up to handle them. Click [here](#) for more information about the STaC games in December.

At our next D21 Board meeting, Stu Goodgold and I plan to ask the Board to vote on whether D21 should continue to remain in the Western Conference following the resignation of D17. There are now only two sponsoring districts

remaining – D21 and D22.

In general, I believe that the directors who remain in the Western Conference feel that it is in the best interests of our districts to continue in the conference, for several reasons:

- Our participants like the opportunity to earn increased silver points.
- There is already an infrastructure in place to run these STaC games, including a treasurer who collects the fees and takes care of the bookkeeping. (Otherwise, if D21 were to run its own STaC, we might need to impose additional duties on our D21 treasurer in order to do so, and we would need our own STaC Coordinator.)
- There are economies of scale in running a larger STaC which includes districts other than D21. The ACBL fees are lower per table when there are a larger number of tables.
- Our District, in being a sponsor, has the opportunity to earn increased revenue.

We look forward to your participation in the December STaC games at your club.