



### **Board of Directors' Report**

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### **Summary of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of District 21 on January 24, 2024**



The Bylaws of District 21 ("D21") describe the first meeting of the D21 Board of Directors every year as the "Annual Meeting." The Bylaws provide that elections should be conducted at the annual meeting, and they were at one of the shortest Board meetings in the Zoom era, 66 minutes.

President Anne Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Secretary Ray Yuenger called the roll. Representatives of 17 of the District's 21 Units were in attendance along with some guests. The minutes of the regular meeting on September 13, 2023 and the special meeting on December 6, 2023 were approved as circulated.

The Board agreed to take the new business of elections out of order. Nominations Chair Jackie Ortiz conducted the elections, noting that each of the seven positions was uncontested. It turned out there were no new nominations from the floor. Re-elected to their Board Offices were Anne Hollingsworth (President), Lynn Bartz (Treasurer), Ray Yuenger (Treasurer), and Sigrid Price (Executive Committee Officer). Jim Coke, absent due to car trouble, was elected Vice-President, replacing Jeff Hack. D21 now has two representatives to the Western Conference, and Jackie Zayac was elected to a two-year term and Joanne Wicker was elected for a one-year term.

The meeting proceeded with the old business of reports by officers and committee chairs. As President, Anne noted the success of the recent Monterey Regional. As Tournament Coordinator, Anne noted that many units are planning ahead for their sectionals, and encouraged others to submit applications.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed in advance of the meeting. There were no questions for Lynn Bartz. She said the Tournament Managers would provide information about the profitability of the Monterey Regional. A motion was made and passed without objection to approve the Treasurer's Report as District 21's annual report.

Regional Director Jackie Zayac reported the latest developments with the ACBL Board. I'm sure she'll provide the details in her column in this newsletter.

President Anne thanked Sigrid Price for all her work as Tournament Planning Chair. She is handing over many of those duties to Anne Wilson and Brenda Hatton, though Sigrid intends to stay involved with negotiating for regional hotels. Sigrid reported that the Monterey 2024 Regional made about \$35,000 in profit. Attendance was impacted by COVID, but she foresees COVID having less impact on future tournaments. Lynn said that the turnout was about 60% of the pre-COVID turnout.

Anne Wilson talked about the work she and Brenda have been doing for future regionals. The Santa Clara regional will be returning to the larger space of the grand ballroom. They are working on the Reno fall schedule. They are going to inventory and then upgrade D21's tournament supplies as needed. They are thinking about some evening events for our regionals, like a pro-am game.

President Anne reported on the progress of the new Non-Life Master Regional ("NLMR") Committee. While the Committee is still holding meetings, a consensus has emerged that for a Unit to host a



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NLMR in conjunction with a sectional, it has to be a minimum of two days, though the days need not be consecutive so long as they occur during the sectional. An ACBL Director is required. There should be space for at least 12 tables. D21 has standardized its formatting of regional flyers and will require that formatting to be employed for NLMRs. Awarding prizes is a goal. D21 expects to receive 10% of the table fees. The Committee is still working on the application procedure. Two Units expressed interest in hosting NLMRs.

Communications Chair Melanie Haddad said the Grand National Team registration forms are available on our website. The Communications Committee will be considering changes to the website, so please contact Melanie with any suggestions.

Regarding North American Pairs, President Anne reported on behalf of Jim Coke that almost all winners intend to attend the NABC. Regarding the All Western 99er NiteClub, Ray reported that in 2023, the Association had distributed over \$13,000 in table fees to D21 clubs whose players play in the 199er game.

Growth Chair Max Schireson reported that a teacher training course was scheduled for February 6 through 8 in Sacramento. The committee is going to look into repeating such a course in the Bay Area and also providing director training. The Youth Grant program will be gearing up soon.

As to new business, a motion was made and seconded to authorize U503 to host a NLMR in conjunction with its Firecracker sectional again. After discussion, the motion passed by a majority show of hands.

Anne announced that Bob Garret, a past President of D21, had passed away.

The meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting scheduled for June 12, 2024. Later meeting dates still need to be scheduled.