

District 21
American Contract Bridge League
Virtual Special Meeting of the District 21 Board of Directors
November 18, 2021

1. Call to Order. President Sigrid Price called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 6:35 PM.

2. Roll call. Secretary Ray Yuenger called the roll. In attendance were the following Directors of their Units: 465, Cornelia Gould; 498, Bob Gleason, Danna Sorenson; 499, Jackie Zayac, Sam Earnhardt; 500, Carla Francis; 501, Art Mirin; 502, Tom Pajak, Grant Vance; 503, Kip Kado, Max Schireson; 505, Jim Coke, Kathryn LeGro; 506, Thomas Stillman, Gail Gabiati; 507, Lynn Bartz, Ray Yuenger; 508, Melanie Haddad; 509, Jackie Ortiz; 512, Sigrid Price; 522, Laura Da Costa; 524, Linda King; 529, Libby Longstreth, Roger Smith; 530, Susan Mazzei. Also present were District Director Stu Goodgold; Executive Committee members Anne Hollingsworth, and Nancy Boyd.

3. Tournament Planning Chair Nancy Boyd described the planned contents of the electronic and printed daily bulletins for the Monterey Regional. She emphasized that we need volunteers. We seem to be in no danger of owing the hotel for room attrition. Room are still available. We are going to reach out to D21 members under 750 masterpoints, because that group hasn't been turning out for recent tournaments. There was discussion about enlisting volunteers, some of whom will help to check proof of vaccination.

4. Ray Yuenger submitted a new proposal for a **Delegation Policy**. He suggested that the proposal that was tabled at the last meeting be left on the table and the Board instead consider the new policy. Libby Longstreth moved to adopt the new proposal and Jackie Ortiz seconded it. Lynn Bartz moved to amend the policy to require review every year instead of two years. There was no second. Cornelia Gould offered specific language for an amendment. Susan Mazzei seconded the motion. Art moved to amend the amendment and Melanie Haddad seconded it.

****MOTIONS CARRIED** by voice vote to implement both amendments to the final paragraph. One was opposed.

****MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote to adopt proposed Delegation Policy as amended.

As amended, the Delegation Policy states: Delegation Policy

The Board of District 21 may delegate any of its powers enumerated in Article V. of its Bylaws by adopting a motion which specifically states (a) that the Board is delegating its power(s), (b) which power(s) are being delegated, (c) to which person or

committee the power(s) are being delegated, and (d) the duration, if any, of the delegation.

A delegation created by motion may be rescinded by the same procedure.

All delegations shall be reviewed annually at the second regularly-scheduled Board meeting.

5. Susan Mazzei moved to **delegate to the President** the authority to negotiate employment contracts for staff at the Monterey 2022 Regional. Ray explained that no broader delegation could be made at this meeting pursuant to the rules for special meetings, as the announced topic of the meeting was a delegation regarding Monterey 2022. The motion was seconded by Jackie Ortiz.

****MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote without opposition.

6. The proposed **Travel Policy** which had been circulated to the Board was reviewed by **Finance Committee Chair** Tom Pajak. Reimbursement has been proposed for travel and lodging. Parliamentarian Ray explained that the proposed Policy, coming from a committee with at least two Board members, is effectively a seconded motion and therefore ripe for discussion.

****MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote without opposition.

7. President Sigrid, as a member of the Tournament Committee, presented the **2022 Monterey Regional budget** composed by the Finance Committee that had been circulated to the Board. Treasurer Lynn Bartz has estimated the budget based on past history of Monterey and other regionals. Lynn estimated that the tournament is likely to be a financial success. Lynn and Sigrid explained that we are trying to limit the travel costs of the tournament directors.

****MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote without opposition to approve the Monterey budget.

8. **Officers' and Committee Reports.** **Reno 2022 NABC Chair** Jackie Zayac reported that there was a walkthrough of the hotel sites for the tournament. She emphasized that evening naming rights are still available.

Western Conference Representative Cornelia Gould mentioned the upcoming face-to-face STAC scheduled for December.

NAP Coordinator Susan Mazzei reported the online Flight A finals the prior weekend involved 19 tables and there was a good signup for the Flights B and C the upcoming weekend. Grant Vance was one of the qualifiers.

District Director Stu Goodgold asked for input for the upcoming meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors.

9. Bylaws Committee Chair Ray Yuenger presented four sets of changes to the District's Bylaws that have been proposed by the Bylaws Committee and circulated to the Board with the required 30 days' notice. To expedite the meeting, the Board discussed and voted on each set of changes separately.

The first proposal is to eliminate redundant language from Article VII.B.4. regarding the terms of office for Secretary and Treasurer. Ray clarified that Bylaws changes require a two-thirds approval of those present.

****MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote without opposition.

The second proposal is to explicitly acknowledge the Board's authority to determine written Policies and Procedures governing the District's operations by adding Article V.E.

Lynn Bartz questioned the meaning of the word "determine." The meaning was discussed. The President explained that to add a different word would require 30 days notice to the Board.

****MOTION CARRIED** without one-third opposition.

The third proposal is to authorize all Board meetings to be online at the President's discretion, amending Article VI.D.

There was discussion about having hybrid meetings allowing some to attend remotely and whether some meetings every year should be in person. Ray explained that at the last meeting there was a non-binding poll on the topic of offsetting the meetings from regionals. There was discussion of when to have face-to-face meetings at a regional with events at 10 and 3.

****MOTION CARRIED** by a show of over two-thirds of the hands.

The fourth proposal is to create a revised Executive Committee ("ExCom"). Instead of being merely advisory, the ExCom would have the authority to act for the Board in between Board meetings. The ExCom would consist of the four existing Board officers, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and a brand-new officer, the Executive Committee Officer.

One concern was how the Board would be notified of ExCom activities. Other concerns were whether the ExCom decisions would be reversible by the Board and what the scope of the ExCom's authority would be. Another concern was whether officers must be Board members.

After 37 minutes of discussion, a show of hands was unclear, so a roll call vote was held.

****MOTION CARRIED 42.5 weighted "ayes," 17.5 "nays."**

The President promised to distribute the minutes of ExCom meetings and decisions to the Board in 7 days.

10. Nominating Chair Jackie Ortiz announced there will be elections for all five Board officers in January, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Executive Committee Officer.

The President appointed Cornelia Gould to fill the vacant position of Executive Committee Officer until the election.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM by unanimous consent.