



President's Report

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It was exciting to see so many players at the Monterey Regional last month. While the majority of attendees were from our District/California, there were several who traveled a distance to attend. We had players from Japan, Colombia, and the states of Florida, New York and Massachusetts. The word has spread that this is a great tournament in a wonderful location and a wonderful place to start the new year. The overall attendance was up, as you could tell by looking at the full ballrooms! If you were there, I hope you enjoyed playing, seeing friends, and enjoying some great meals in the area. Come back next year!

I want to thank Sigrid for all her work on the Monterey tournament (and others last year). I mentioned last month that she has stepped down from serving as Tournament Chair but is remaining on the Tournament

Committee. She has a lot of knowledge and experience that has helped improve our processes. Many hours go into making each and every tournament a success.

A big welcome to Anne Wilson and Brenda Hatton who have agreed to serve as Tournament Co-Chairs. They have big shoes to fill but I know they will do an excellent job. They are now focused on the Sacramento and Santa Clara Regionals.

Elections were held at the January D21 Board of Directors meeting. Re-elected to their positions were myself (President), Ray Yuenger (Secretary), Lynn Bartz (Treasurer), Sigrid Price (Executive Committee Officer) and Joanne Wicker (Western Conference, one year term). Jim Coke was elected Vice President. In addition, we now have two Western Conference Representatives and Jackie Zayac was elected to the other Western Conference position, which is a two-year term. Congratulations to all on your elections!

Volunteers are important to our District. Those who step up and give of their time are very much appreciated. I want to recognize and thank the following:

- Jeff Hack for serving as our Vice President this past year.
- Stu Goodgold for serving as our District Director. His term ended in December.
- Ray Yuenger, who been the District's Disciplinary Chair and Vicki Lerner who has been our Appellate Chair, both serving for almost 16 years. ACBL has streamlined the disciplinary flow and as of February 1, all disciplinary matters will be handled by the National Recorder's Office to provide more consistent investigation and enforcement of violations.

In other happenings, all District NAP Flight finals were held at the Monterey Regional this year.

Congratulations to all who participated. The results may be found here:

<https://live.acbl.org/events/2401721>. The top 3 finishers in each flight will represent District 21 in the NAP finals at the NABC in Louisville. Good luck!

Earlier this month the District offered the ACBL Best Practices Teacher Certification Workshop, conducted by Patty Tucker, in Sacramento. Patty is well recognized as an excellent teacher, and we hope that by having more bridge teachers in our District, it will bring newer players to our tables. Thanks to Max Schireson, our Growth Committee Chair, for organizing this. Thanks also to Diane Strategos, from the



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Sacramento Unit, who was instrumental by suggesting the workshop and working on location coordination. Look for other events during the year.

There has also been sad news. I was recently informed that Bob Garret, who served as the District 21 President in 2014-2015 and served as Co-Chair of the 2016 Reno NABC, passed away on January 31. He was an Emerald Life Master. He will be missed.

The Sacramento Regional will be here in May. I'll hope to see you there!