Summary – Advisory Council Special Meeting June 28, 2026

Richard Potter Chair –Richard welcomed new AC members and had them introduce themselves. Announced that many Advisory Council members did not receive a meeting notice or documents due to a glitch in the ACBL email system. The ACBL IT group is working a solution. Richard asked us to check our spam folder or if we had inadvertently blocked all emails from acbl.org. The next meeting for the AC is scheduled for Saturday July 11, 2026 at 8:30 PM Central Time. The meeting will be both in-person and online. A link will follow. Richard asked that we approve his personal email in our email system to ensure we get what he sends us.

Richard reviewed the motion to amend the bylaws so that the AC can define the committees it sees fit to have, eliminating mandated committees that are not operating. Steve Moese expressed his support for the amendment as written and withdrew a tabled motion on this topic left from the last AC meeting.

Richard discussed the motion to make all pronouns in the bylaws gender neutral as requested by the AC. Richard affirmed that Board Members may reside outside the Unit inn which they are a member. There is no intent to make any substantive changes to the bylas, just make them gender neutral. Jay Apfelbaum raised a concern that "person" can include "corporation" however discussion pointed out that only people can be members and the bylaw applies to members. Doug Couchman raised an issue with the word "shall" compelling the AC to do things. Richard pointed out that this second reading admits no change/ Changing "shall" requires a separate motion.

Henry Robin confirmed that a quorum is present. The minutes of the spring meeting March 15, 206 were approved. Steve Mose moved and Jay Apfelbaum seconded approval.

Richard discussed the bylaw change motion to modify internal Board procedures. Notice requirements are longer in time than NY law requires. The proposed amendment allows meetings on little notice. Executive Committee meetings will require 24-hour notice. This allows the Board to be more responsive.

Richard discussed the bylaw motion to chang to composition of the Executive Committee of the ACBL. It is best practice for the Treasurer to always be on the Executive Committee. There are corresponding changes to the Codification to put the Treasurer on the Executive Committee. Doug Couchman supported the change. Dropping the requirement for one member each frm East, Center, and West. Four at large members is better.

Richard discussed the motion to separate the Membership and Advisory Council Meetings. There is no reason why the Membership meeting must be held during the summer NABC This change will be allowed at any time and will be online only. The 2026 Membership Meeting will be held Tuesday July 14, 2026 online. Links will be provided on request. Hugh McSheffrey commented that the notice for the meeting should be expanded to include emails to members. Not all members have emails or allow notices from the ACBL.

No AC Committee Chairs presented Reports. Richard discussed the work of the Anti-Cheating Committee. This committee developed a questionnaire for very high-level players toward the end of premium events. Management supports the effort. The Committee and Management will refine the questionnaire to ready it for deployment in Sand Diego Nov-Dec 2026.

Richard appealed to the AC to help IT trouble shoot the email problem. About 10 were receiving email and a much larger number of people had not.

Richard asked for volunteers to help with the July 12 Meeting in Minneapolis. Steve Moese, Steve Gaynor, Peter Boyd Bowman volunteered. Richard will share specifics later. Doug Couchman volunteered to help online and by telephone.

Steve Gaynor moved that the AC members on the C&C Committee be voting members. Richard mentioned that the Board of Directors has a large number of motions changing committee charters and this motion might conflict with their work. Steve agreed to wait for the Board result. Richard asked Steve to email him the text of the motion.

Richard mentioned that the July 11, 2026 meeting will have nominations for AC Chair and Vice Chair.

The meeting adjourned after 51 minutes.

Submitted Respectfully,
Steve Moese
D11 Advisory Council Representative