Brief Descriptions of motions

FN02 updates the ACBL's investment policy to reflect current thinking about our investments.

FN03 makes some minor language changes and raises the threshold at which the Executive Director must approve an expenditure from $25,000 to $50,000. The Director of Finance must approve payments of over $1000.

FN04 decouples the timing of the publication of the audit report to the ACBL website from NABC dates, to allow publication of the report two weeks after it is received by the Board of Directors.

GV03 cleans up codification language as to who is eligible for grand life master status.

BR01 allows the use of Spanish at the table in tournaments played in Mexico. For unknown reasons, this had not previously been allowed, although use of French has been permitted in tournaments in Quebec Province and other Francophone areas of Canada.

GV01 moves certain portions of the codification to more appropriate places and updates language. There is no substantive change made by this motion.

BD03 changes the charter for the Conventions and Competitions Committee. All members will be voting members. The ACBL member positions are now selected by the ACBL President in conjunction with the AC Chair and Management. There is no longer a specific number of members from the AC but those who are appointed will be voting members.

BD04 changes are similar. However, there was never a requirement that the Masterpoint Committee contain AC members although it has included AC members and persons selected with the participation of the AC Chair.

BY01 is repeated for convenience. This passed its second reading and is ready for approval by AC. All other bylaw amendments passed as previous presented.

GV04 makes changes to the codification concerning the composition of the executive committee which are consistent with the proposed bylaws changes.

INT 01 deals with the international surcharge which is applied to NABC entry fees. The reference to the specific amount of $1.50 is removed to make it easier to change the surcharge to such amount as is needed to fund international obligations, which is currently $3.00.

BR04 changes the conditions of contest for the 0 to 10K knockout so that it will begin as swiss qualifying over two sessions to pare the field to an appropriate number for knockout play.

BR05 cleans up language concerning local sectionals, but also makes some substantive changes. A local sectional can no longer be one day; must be at least two days. A director is allowed to play to complete a table only if there are 8 or fewer tables. A person who is authorized to direct these tournaments must be retested on directing skills once every two years instead of every three years. In a separate motion described below, the masterpoints for local sectionals have been raised to 100% sectional like an open sectional.

MP01 revises masterpoint awards for sectionals and regionals. It does not affect club games and nabc events. Among the changes which are made, all events will consider average masterpoint holdings of all players in the event to determine awards. The awards for Swiss teams, whether round robin, flighted, or open, are harmonized to avoid vast differences in awards for different formats. Knockout team awards are unaffected. Awards for pair events and team events are put on par. Awards will no longer consider the number of tables in events below the open events, but the strength of field will compensate for this. After testing based on past events, the new formula will not reduce awards.

Please review the attached power point for details on the changes. Players have for years commented on the inequity of point awards, and this resolves many of the issues.

MP02 changes the depth of overall awards for bracketed teams in an effort to avoid favoring 7 and 9 team brackets in favor of 8 and 10 team brackets.

MP03 increases the gold point percentage in IN Regionals from 35 percent to 50 percent.s

The Board approved the following additional NABC tournaments (motions not reproduced) pending final negotiations.

San Francisco Spring 2029
Montreal Spring 2030
Los Angeles Fall 2030

MOTION
262-FN02 INVESTMENT POLICY

Moved that the following language in the codification be changed:

Codification, Chapter II – Business Management A. Finance

Section 1 – ACBL Investment Policy Statement

1.1 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this Investment Policy is to state a clear understanding of the investment goals and objectives of the investment assets (the "Portfolio"). The Finance Committee is responsible for monitoring the investment policy.

<u>A separate working capital reserve shall be set by ACBL management and held in a segregated cash account.</u>

~~1.1 The purpose of this Investment Policy statement is to communicate to the ACBL Board of Directors, the Investment Manager, and other interested parties a clear understanding of the investment goals and objectives of the investment assets (the "Portfolio"). This statement outlines the responsibilities and guidelines for the Investment Manager and establishes the review and control procedures to be used in evaluating Investment Manager performance. A separate working capital reserve shall be set by ACBL management and held in a segregated cash account.~~

1.2 Objectives

1.2.1 The preservation of capital

1.2.2 Competitive investment yields ~~greater than those produced by 100% insured CDs.~~

1.2.3 Minimal investment risk

1.3 Portfolio Standards

1.3.1 Assets Classes. The ACBL Board of Directors will determine which asset classes are to be used in the Portfolio. The following asset classes are approved:

1.3.1.1 Stocks

1.3.1.2 Fixed Income Securities **<u>(Bonds, CDs, Money Market Funds, Preferred Stock)</u>**

1.3.1.3 Cash Equivalents

1.3.2 Rate of Return. Total Portfolio performance will be measured against a balanced market index.

<u>1.3.2.1 The portfolio will be balanced, consisting of equities, fixed income, and cash equivalents. It is designed to be more aggressive than a fixed income portfolio but less aggressive than an equity-focused portfolio.</u>

~~1.3.2.1 The Portfolio is to be balanced, composed of equity, fixed income, and cash equivalent securities and is intended to be more aggressive than fixed income-oriented portfolios and less aggressive than equity-oriented portfolios. The term "aggressive" relates to such investment vehicles, diversification among economic and industry sectors and individual securities, expected long-term rates of return and reduced volatility. The investment objectives are stated above.~~

1.3.3 Risk. Market risk will be defined for each of the asset classes in the Portfolio.

1.3.3.1 STOCKS. The equity portion of the portfolio will be evaluated using beta, which measures how sensitive the portfolio is to movements in the S&P 500 over a one-year period.

~~1.3.3.1 STOCKS. Risk for the entire equity portion of the Portfolio will be defined in terms of beta, using the S&P 500 as the appropriate market index and a one- year time frame. The investment manager may alter beta within the range of 0.85-1.25 as changes in the financial markets are anticipated. Adjustments in beta can be achieved through modification of the mix of equities held in the Portfolio.~~

~~A beta of 1.0 means the portfolio is expected to move in line with the market, while a beta below 1.0 indicates lower volatility and a beta above 1.0 indicates higher volatility.~~

~~The investment manager has the flexibility to adjust the portfolio's beta within a range of 0.85 to 1.25, depending on their expectations of market conditions. If the manager anticipates a more stable or declining market, they may lower the beta toward 0.85 to reduce risk. If they expect strong market performance, they may increase the beta toward 1.25 to capture greater potential returns.~~

~~These changes in beta will be implemented by adjusting the types and proportions of equities held in the portfolio.~~

1.3.3.2 FIXED INCOME. Risk for the fixed income portion of the portfolio will be measured using standard deviation, based on the Merrill Lynch 1–5 Year Government/Corporate Bond Index over a one-year period. The portfolio's standard deviation should not exceed 1.25 times that of the index.

~~1.3.3.2 FIXED INCOME. Risk for fixed income portion of the Portfolio will be defined in terms of standard deviation, using the Merrill Lynch 1-5 Year Gov't/Corp. Index as the appropriate market index and a one-year time frame. The standard deviation of the fixed income portion of the Portfolio should not exceed 1.25 times the standard deviation of the Merrill Lynch 1-5 Year Gov't/Corp. Index~~.

~~1.3.3.3 An investment in master limited partnerships and/or preferred stock in an amount up to 10% of our investment Portfolio shall be considered "fixed income" investments.~~

1.3.4 Asset Allocation. The ACBL Board of Directors will determine the allocation of each of the approved asset classes in the Portfolio within certain broad ranges. **Management** ~~The~~

~~Investment Manager~~ has complete discretion to determine the allocation of each asset class within these broad parameters.

1.3.4.1 Stocks – Up to 25% of the Fund's assets may be invested in core equity (generally large cap, high quality) securities.

~~a. Small Capitalization issues – Up to 5% of the Portfolio's assets may be invested in small capitalization issues (defined as $2.5 billion market capitalization or lower).~~

~~b. International Equities – Up to 5% of the Portfolio's assets may be invested in international equity issues.~~

1.3.4.2 Fixed Income – At least 75% of the Portfolio's assets should be invested in fixed income securities and cash equivalents. ~~with no more than 10% invested in master limited partnerships and/or preferred stocks.~~

1.3.5 Miscellaneous. Other standards guiding management of the Portfolio ~~by the Investment Manager~~ are as follows:

1.3.5.1 Private placements or other investments without active trading markets will not be made

1.3.5.2 There are no restrictions relating to dividends or earnings of the stocks held in the Portfolio.

1.3.5.3 Securities turnover is warranted by the need to alter strategy as prospects for the financial markets change. Since transaction costs represent a reduction of assets, and also reflect again the performance of the Portfolio, turnover will be maintained at the lowest level consistent with implementation of strategy.

1.3.5.4 There are no requirements for, or restrictions against, realization of net investment gains or losses during any calendar year.

1.3.5.5 There are to be no short sales, trading on margin, lending of securities, or purchase or sale of options other than covered calls.

1.3.5.6 Corporate High Yield Bonds, Non-Investment Grade Bonds (i.e., less than BBB quality) are not permitted at time of purchase.

1.3.5.7 None of the portfolio may be invested in securities except as authorized by these Guidelines

1.4 Portfolio Evaluation

1.4.1 The appropriate market indices to be used to evaluate each asset category's performance are as follows:

a. Equities - the S&P 500 Index

~~b. The Russell 2000 Index~~

~~c. The MSCI EAFE Index~~

b. Fixed Income: Merrill Lynch 1-5 Year Gov't/Corp. Index ~~e. Cash Equivalents: Three Month U.S. Treasury Bills~~

1.5 Periodic Review

1.5.1 The guidelines will be reviewed at least once a year and updated more often if needed.

~~1.5.1 Standards established for the Portfolio reflect our mutual agreement as of the date of the guidelines. Guidelines will be reviewed at least annually, and more frequently as required. The investment manager will promptly advise the ACBL Board of Directors at any time these guidelines no longer seem appropriate. A compelling reason would be significant change in the Revised December 2025 53 evaluation by the investment manager of the expected real return or risk over the longer term for the assets that comprise the ACBL Board of Directors' preferred investment universe. Upon mutual agreement, the standards for the portfolio will be changed to assure the latitude necessary for exercise of special skills of the investment manager in active management.~~

1.5.2 The asset allocation applied under this policy shall be suggested by the ACBL Finance Committee and reviewed by the board at each Summer NABC.

~~1.5.2 The asset allocation applied under this policy shall be determined by the ACBL Finance Committee and reviewed at each Summer NABC.~~

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

MOTION
262-FN03 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DISBURSEMENT POLICIES (APPENDIX 2-A)

Moved that the following language in the codification be changed and that this section of the codification be removed and filed under management procedures.

Appendix 2-A

Accounts Payable and Disbursement Policies and Procedures

The ACBL strives to maintain efficient business practices and good cost control. The accounts payable function assists in accomplishing this goal through processing invoices and making payments for authorized transactions.

The recording of assets or expenses and the related liability is performed by an employee independent of ordering and receiving. The amounts recorded are based on the vendor invoice for the related goods or services. The vendor invoice is reviewed and approved by a supervisor or manager indicating proper authorization. Approval authorization limits are established by the Director of Finance. Invoices and related general ledger account codes are reviewed prior to posting in Great Plains.

POLICY

The ACBL policy related to processing and payment of invoices requires that:

- The vendor master file be maintained and updated on a regular basis.
- Original invoices are submitted for payment.
- Disbursements are properly authorized.
- Invoices are processed in a timely manner.
- Duplicate payments are avoided.
- Vendor credit terms and operating cash are managed for maximum benefits.

PROCEDURES

Vendor Master File. ACBL administrative departments are responsible for obtaining appropriate documentation to establish new vendors. When invoices are submitted for a new vendor or person, the department will forward the appropriate documentation to the Accounts Payable Coordinator (A/P Coordinator) for processing. The A/P Coordinator will check to see the following information is provided:

- Completed IRS form W9 for 1099 miscellaneous payments.
- Completed IRS form W8 for 1042-S payments.
- Vendor's legal name and any DBA names(s).
- Street address.
- Telephone number.

- Fax number, if applicable

When the preceding information is not complete, all paperwork will be returned to the originator for completion.

When the preceding information is completed, the A/P Coordinator will fill out a New Vendor Setup form and forward it along with the invoice and completed tax form to the **Director of Finance** ~~Controller~~ for review and verification.

On an annual basis, vendors that have not been utilized over the preceding 24-month period will be evaluated to determine whether they should be marked as inactive in Great Plains. In addition, on an ongoing basis, the A/P Coordinator should perform the following procedures:

- Cross-check vendors for matching street or P. O. Box addresses.
- Review payment histories for signs of repeat invoice numbers or other signs of duplicate payments.

Receipt and Recording of Payment Requests

All invoices received will be date-stamped with the date received by the A/P Coordinator. The A/P Coordinator makes sure the appropriate approval(s) is obtained from the department that ordered the material or services.

All accounts payable transactions must be supported by adequate documentation that explains the nature and purpose of the expenditure. Accounts payable transactions are processed for payment based upon the vendor's credit terms. Information is entered into the Purchasing module in Great Plains from approved invoices or check requests with appropriate documentation attached.

When the original invoice is not available, a duplicate copy may be submitted to process the payment. The duplicate copy must be approved, coded and verified that the invoice has not been paid previously. Vendor statements and quotes shall not be used to support payments.

Vendor invoices that are received, approved and supported with proper documentation by the last business day of the month will be recorded as an accounts payable liability at the end of that month, providing the invoice pertains to goods and services delivered by month-end.

Processing of Invoices

The A/P Coordinator should perform the following steps to process invoices for payment:

- Check the mathematical accuracy of each vendor invoice.
- Compare the nature, quantity and prices of all items ordered per the vendor invoice to the purchase order, if applicable.
- Verify the account code using ACBL's current chart of accounts.

- Verify the approval by authorized personnel, within their spending limits, associated with the goods or services purchased. Directors, managers and supervisors may not approve expenses incurred outside of their area of responsibility. Approvals shall be documented with the initials or signatures of the approving individuals.

Vendor Discounts

To the extent practical, ACBL shall take advantage of all prompt payment discounts offered by vendors. When availability of such discounts is noted and all required documentation in support of payment is available, payments will be scheduled ~~so as~~ to take full advantage of the discounts.

Processing Payments

When processing payments, the following procedures are prohibited:

- Checks payable to "bearer" or "cash";
- Checks signed with no payee; and
- Altered checks or bank transfers.

Payments (checks and electronic funds transfers i.e., ACH or wires) are issued every Thursday, except during NABC weeks. After processing payments in Great Plains, the Accounts Payable Coordinator performs the following steps:

- Creates payment and invoice electronic files for ACBL, Charity and Education companies in Great Plains.
- Uploads and processes each payment and invoice file into OnPay Connect (third party payment processor that prints and mails checks or sends electronic payment files to our banks for further processing.
- Scans all backup documentation into email. Note, copies of all invoices and payment requests are filed in the company document repository, PaperWise.
- Emails each approver the back-up documentation and requests them to log into OnPay Connect to make their approvals for each company.
- The first approver approves all payments up to $1,000. Once this has been completed, the Director of Finance approves payments over $1,000 up to <u>**$50,000**</u> ~~$25,000~~ and the Executive Director approves all payments <u>**above $50,000**</u>. ~~$25,~~000 and above.
- Builds and transmits all payment files for each company and payment type after all approvals have been made within OnPay Connect.
- Builds and transmits approved payment files for positive pay submissions to the respective bank.

Signature Policy

Checks **over** $1,000.00 require two signatures. ~~Charity and~~ Education Foundation checks require two signatures regardless of the amount. All payments **of $50,000.00** ~~$25,000.00~~ or more require the signature of the Executive Director.

Manual Checks

The following procedures apply to the issuance of manual checks:

- The **Director of Finance** ~~Controller~~ approves manual checks.
- The A/P Coordinator notifies Bank of America (BOA) of each check issued through the use of positive pay.
- Checks are to be signed by officials ("signatories") other than those who approved the transaction for payment.

Voided Checks

Checks issued by the ACBL, which need to be voided, must be communicated by email to the A/P Coordinator for documentation purposes. The A/P Coordinator voids the check through Great Plains Accounts Payable system and notifies the bank through positive pay. The voided check will have the signature portion removed and destroyed, be filed, accounted for and protected.

Reconciliation of A/P Subsidiary Ledger to General Ledger

At month-end, amounts due to vendors per the accounts payable subsidiary ledger are reconciled to the total per the accounts payable general ledger account, 1.3110.999 – AP Trade (control account). All differences are investigated, and adjustments are made as necessary. The reconciliation and the results of the investigation of differences are reviewed and approved by the **Director of Finance** ~~ACBL Controller.~~

ACBL Finance & Accounting Personnel Reporting Relationships as of February 2026 ~~2021~~.

Finance & Accounting Positions

Director of Finance
~~Controller~~
Senior Accountant
Accounts Payable Coordinator
Accounts Receivable Coordinator
Payroll Coordinator

Reporting Relationships

Executive Director — Director of Finance

Director of Finance — ~~Controller~~

~~Controller —~~ Senior Accountant & Coordinators

Designated ACBL Financial Account Signers

A. The following positions are authorized for purposes of establishing company bank and investment accounts for the ACBL: ACBL Executive Director **and the** Director of Finance. ~~and Controller~~.

   1. The resolution included in the BOA "Deposit Account Documentation", attached hereto as Exhibit A, are approved.

   2. The resolution included in the RBC Royal Bank "Resolution Regarding Banking and Security", attached hereto as Exhibit B, are approved.

   (Exhibits A and B were reviewed by the committee and are on file with the ACBL.)

B. The following positions are authorized to wire transfer funds from ACBL. ACBL Executive Director (confirm only) **and the** Director of Finance (initiate and confirm other than his own initiations). ~~and Controller (initiate only).~~

C. The following positions are authorized signers on checks written by the ACBL*: ACBL Executive Director, Director of Finance, ~~Executive Coordinator~~ and other ACBL management as designated by the Executive Director.

In addition, the following positions are authorized signers on the ACBL disbursement accounts

D. The number of signatures per check is set forth below:

   1. One signature required:
      ACBL disbursements up to $1,000
   2. Two signatures required:
      ACBL disbursements of $1,000 or more
   3. Executive Director signature required:
      All ACBL disbursements of **$50,000** ~~$25,000~~ or more

      In case the Executive Director is unavailable, a designated signor may sign in their absence upon their approval. The Executive Director shall review these items upon their return.

   4. The Secretary of the ACBL shall provide a copy to the Chairman of the Audit Committee of all corporate resolutions dealing with signatures.

Action Item: Update Appendix 2-A as noted above and then remove this entire Appendix from the codification to management policies and procedures.

MOTION
262-FN04 Audit Filing Requirement

Chapter II – Business Management

A. Finance

Section 6 – Financial Statements and Audit

6.1 The Audit Committee shall cause there to be an **annual independent** audit of all **ACBL** funds, properties, accounts, and liabilities. ~~of the ACBL~~ ~~Said~~ **The** annual audit report **shall be received by** the Board of Directors **and provided to** the Advisory Council.. ~~and be made available to the membership for its consideration at the annual membership meeting. Upon the request of any member of the ACBL, for a reasonable fee, the Chief Financial Officer shall furnish said member with a copy of said audited financial statement.~~ **The annual audit report shall be published on the ACBL website two weeks after receipt by the Board of Directors. Following its publication on the website, a** summary of the audited financial statement shall be published in the **official publication of the ACBL** ~~Bridge Bulletin and posted on the ACBL website.~~

~~6.2 Upon request, ACBL management will provide the Finance Committee with a detailed analysis of selected items that appear in the financial statements. Such items will be reviewed by the Finance Committee.~~

6.3 ~~The Director of Finance shall provide both the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council with a copy of the completed audit.~~

~~6.4 The annual audited ACBL financial statement shall be published on the ACBL website after receipt by the Board of Directors. no later than one week after the conclusion of the Spring NABC.~~

Effective Date: July 20, 2026

Estimated Cost/Savings: Cost to mail audit reports to membership upon request.

MOTION
262-GV03 GRAND LIFE MASTER CODIFICATION CLEAN UP

Moved that Codification, Chapter 1 – Membership Operating Guidelines B. Rankings, Masterpoints and Races be changed as follows:

Section 1.6 *Grand Life Master Qualification

1.6.1 Win a North American Bridge Championship with no upper masterpoint restriction (other than the Super Senior Pairs, the Wagar Women's KO won after 2013, and the Machlin Women's Swiss Teams won after 2013) or an Open Team Trials (includes CNTC), ~~or its equivalent or~~ a Women's Team Trials (included CWTC), **a Mixed Team Trials (includes CMTC) or a Senior Team Trials (includes CSTC)** ~~or its equivalent~~ or any of the following WBF events: Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Rosenblum Cup, McConnell Cub, Open Pairs, Women's Pairs, Olympiad, Women's Team Olympiad, WBF Mixed Pairs, WBF Senior Pairs, WBF World Swiss Teams, WBF World Mixed Teams, or WBF Senior Teams.

Appendix 1.B1 Masterpoint Ranks:

**** This is the highest rank in the ACBL. It requires 10,000 masterpoints and one victory in a North American Bridge Championship with no upper masterpoint restriction or an Open Team Trials ~~or its equivalent~~ (includes CNTC) ~~or~~ a Women's Team Trials ~~or its equivalent~~ (includes CWTC), **a Mixed Team Trials (includes CMTC) or a Senior Team Trials (includes CSTC)** or any of the following WBF events: Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Rosenblum Cup, McConnell Cup, Open Pairs, Women's Pairs, Olympiad, Women's Team Olympiad, WBF Senior Pairs event, WBF World Swiss Teams, WBF World Mixed Teams and WBF Senior Teams.

Effective Date: 8/1/2026

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

MOTION

262-BR01: PERMITTED LANGUAGES DURING PLAY

Moved that the Codification, Chapter XIV: Conditions of Contest, 1.4 be modified as follows:

1.4 English is the international language of bridge. The ACBL recognizes that its membership is multilingual. Every effort will be made to accommodate our membership. However, once hands are removed from the boards, all calls, questions and plays will be in English. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, in Quebec and other Francophone areas of Canada, French may be used and in Mexico, Spanish may be used**. **Other e**~~E~~xceptions may be made if both captains, in a team event, or all four players at the table, in a pair event, agree to use some common language understood by all four players. Tournament Directors are available to assist with translation.

Moved that the General Conditions of Contest for All Events - Deportment, 2 be modified as follows:

DEPORTMENT

2) English is the international language of bridge. **The ACBL recognizes that its membership is multilingual. Every effort will be made to accommodate our membership. However, once hands are removed from the boards, all calls, questions and plays will be in English. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in Quebec and other Francophone areas of Canada, French may be used and in Mexico, Spanish may be used. Other exceptions may be made if both captains, in a team event, or all four players at the table, in a pair event, agree to use some common language understood by all four players. Tournament Directors are available to assist with translation.** ~~All conversations, calls, questions and plays shall be in English. In Quebec, and other Francophone areas of Canada, it is expected that French will be used. Exceptions may be made if both captains, in a team event, or all four players at the table, in a pairs event, agree to use some common language understood by all four players.~~

Effective Date: July 20, 2026

Estimated Cost/Savings N/A

MOTION

262-GV01: Codification Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 Masterpoints

Moved that:

Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 of the Codification be replaced in their entirety with the revised Attachment A.

Deletions, relocations, and conforming changes to other sections of the Codification resulting from these revisions in Attachment B be approved.

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

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MOTION

262-BD03 COMPETITION AND CONVENTIONS CHARTER

Moved that The Competition & Conventions Committee Charter be approved as presented, and that Chapter IV, Section 10 of the ACBL Codification be amended by striking Section 10.3 in its entirety and replacing it with the new Charter text.

Competition & Conventions (C&C) Committee Charter

Purpose & Scope

The Competition and Conventions (C&C) Committee reviews and recommends updates to technical playing regulations, convention parameters, and disclosure standards for duplicate bridge. The Committee balances technical updates with member impact, ensuring changes do not create barriers for intermediate and developing players. The Committee does not manage tournament logistics, scheduling, staffing, or daily operations.

Sub-Committees

Specialized sub-committees may be established. Currently, these include:

The Convention and Defense Sub-Committee: Responsible for evaluating experimental bidding methods and advising on updates to the ACBL Defense Database located on the ACBL website. The sub-committee must maintain a dedicated and functional email address to receive member input and must address submissions in a timely manner.

Legislative Authority & Process

Committee actions are processed under two distinct categories:

- **Major Actions:** Require a formal motion from the Committee and an affirmative majority vote of the Board prior to implementation.

- **Minor Actions:** Take effect 30 days after the Board President distributes formal notification to the Board, unless challenged by at least four Board members within that window. A challenge pauses implementation and converts the proposal into a formal motion for consideration at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Committee Composition

The Committee consists of 13 voting members. All members must be Members in Good Standing (MGS) throughout their terms.

- **ACBL Members (9):** Appointed by the Board President in consultation with the Executive Director and the Chair of the Advisory Council subject to Board approval.

- **Board Members (2):** Appointed by the Board President. Appointees must be current members of the Board of Directors and must remain on the Board to serve.

- **Staff Members (2):** Appointed by the Executive Director. Appointees must be current ACBL employees and must remain employed by the ACBL to serve.

Qualifications, Terms & Limitations

- **Experience Requirement:** The 9 appointed ACBL members must have competitive experience playing in NABC/NABC+ events.

- **Staggered Terms:** The 9 ACBL members serve staggered three-year terms, with a limit of two consecutive terms.

- **Annual Appointments:** The 2 Board members and the 2 Staff members are appointed annually.

    - **Effective Dates:** Terms run from the conclusion of the Spring NABC through the start of the Spring NABC either one year later (for annual appointments) or three years later (for staggered terms). All initial appointments are subject to Board approval via motions presented at the Spring meeting.

Meetings, Leadership & Governance

Meetings & Quorum

- **Schedule:** The Committee and its sub-committees will meet online.

- **Quorum:** A simple majority of seven voting members shall constitute a quorum to move major and minor actions forward.

Committee Chair

- **Selection & Term:** Designated annually by the Executive Director from the two appointed Staff members. The Chair may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms. Chair elected by the members.

- **Responsibilities:** Ensures members receive the Committee Charter and roster contact information, provides oversight, and drafts and distributes meeting minutes. The Chair also formats and submits major and minor actions to the Board President.
- **Vacancy:** If the Chair position is vacated, the Executive Director will appoint a replacement to fill the empty staff seat on the Committee and will designate a new Chair from the two seated Staff members to serve the remainder of the annual term.

Attendance & Member Vacancies

- **Automatic Resignation:** Any member who accumulates three consecutive unexcused absences (as determined by the Chair) will be deemed to have automatically resigned.
- **Vacancy Fulfillment:** Upon a vacancy occurring through automatic resignation or receipt of a formal notice, the Chair (or the Executive Director, if the Chair position is vacant) will notify the appropriate appointing authority.
  - To serve the remainder of an unexpired term, Membership and Board vacancies will be filled by the Board President, and Staff vacancies will be filled by the Executive Director.
  - Prompt notification of these replacement appointments will be provided to the Executive Director, the Board, the Advisory Council Chair, and the Committee.

~~**Chapter IV - Board Procedures, Section 10 - Other Bodies**~~

~~**10.3 Competition and Conventions Committee**~~

~~**10.3.1** The purpose of the Competition and Conventions Committee is to review conventions and the convention charts, the alert procedure, the convention card and conditions of contest plus any other competitive aspects of bridge play, such as timing and procedures. The committee will meet and conduct work as needed between tournaments or at an NABC.~~

~~The Competitions and Conventions committee may make changes to the following (effective 1/1/2022):~~

~~Alert Procedure~~

~~Convention Charts~~

~~Conditions of Contest~~

~~Defense Database~~

~~Notice of any change must be sent to the ACBL Board of Directors at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. The Board may choose to request additional information or take other action on the change within the 30-day period.(effective 1/1/2022) The Competitions and Conventions Committee should seek affirmative approval from the Board of Directors on major changes to these documents (e.g., significant structural changes, allowing a previously prohibited controversial convention, significant changes to event structure). (effective 1/1/2022)~~

~~**10.3.2** The Competition and Conventions Committee will consist of 11 members, of which eight (8) shall be expert players appointed by the President in consultation with the Competition and Conventions Committee. Board's Bridge Committee shall be a voting ex-officio member of the Competition and Conventions Committee. The President shall designate a second voting ex-officio member from sitting ACBL Board members. ACBL management shall designate an ACBL Tournament Director to serve as a voting member.~~

~~**10.3.3** The committee will elect the chair of the ACBL Competition and Conventions Committee from among its members for a one-year term, rotating at least every three years.~~

~~**10.3.4** The Competition and Conventions Committee members will be appointed and confirmed by the Board at the Spring NABC. The term of office will begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.~~

~~**10.3.5** If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created will be filled by the President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to Board approval. The newly appointed member will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

~~**10.3.6** Members of the Competition and Conventions Committee who are not members of the ACBL Board of Directors or employees of the ACBL will receive one two-session entry per meeting to a an NABC+ event or lower. It is good for one year from date of receipt. Only those in attendance for all required meetings will be compensated.~~

~~**10.3.7** Any member of the Competition and Conventions Committee that has an unexcused absence, as determined by the committee chair, for three consecutive meetings will be considered as resigned, and the President will appoint someone to finish the remaining term.~~

~~**10.3.8** The Advisory Council will appoint three members to attend the Competitions and Conventions Committee meetings a non-voting members. These representatives will receive the same compensation as the voting members of the committee.~~

Effective Date July 20, 2026
Transitional Provision: The current Competition and Conventions Committee roster shall remain seated until the conclusion of the Spring 2027 NABC to provide a transitional timeframe to solidify committee composition and ensure operational continuity.

Estimated Cost/Savings N/A

Assignment of Action Item: Goley to remove redlined content from the Codification, and place the Competition & Conventions Committee Charter on the Resource page of The Board Room under the header, Committee Descriptions.

MOTION
262-BD04 MASTERPOINT COMMITTEE CHARTER

Moved that Chapter IV, Board Procedures - Section 10 – Other Bodies of the ACBL Codification be amended by removing subsection 10.8 (10.8.1 – 10.8.10) in its entirety, and that the new Masterpoint Committee Charter be adopted.

Masterpoint Committee Charter

Purpose & Scope

The Masterpoint Committee's role is to modernize, manage, and maintain the Masterpoint system across all sanctioned events. This includes ensuring point values are scaled properly between different types of games and keeping formulas and scoring requirements workable and transparent for clubs and tournament directors.

The Committee shall review the Masterpoint Plan every two years and ensure the current version is available to the membership. An early review may be triggered by special circumstances or at the request of the Board.

Sub-Committees

Specialized sub-committees may be established.

Legislative Authority & Process

Committee actions are processed under two distinct categories:

- **Major Actions:** Require a formal motion from the Committee and an affirmative majority vote of the Board prior to implementation.
- **Minor Actions:** Take effect 30 days after the Board President distributes formal notification to the Board, unless challenged by at least four Board members within that window. A challenge pauses implementation and converts the proposal into a formal motion for consideration at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Committee Composition & Qualifications

The Committee consists of seven (7) voting members. All members must be Members in Good Standing (MGS) throughout their terms.

- **ACBL Members (3):** Appointed by the Board President in consultation with the Executive Director and the Advisory Council Chair subject to Board approval.

- **Board Members (2):** Appointed by the Board President. Appointees must be current members of the Board of Directors and must remain on the Board to serve.

- **Staff Members (2):** Appointed by the Executive Director. Appointees must be current ACBL employees and must remain employed by the ACBL to serve.

Terms & Limitations

- **Staggered Terms:** The three ACBL Members representatives serve staggered three-year terms, with a limit of two consecutive terms.
- **Annual Appointments:** The two Board members and the two Staff members are appointed annually.
- **Effective Dates:** Terms run from the conclusion of the Spring NABC through the start of the Spring NABC either one year later (for annual appointments) or three years later (for staggered terms). All initial appointments are subject to Board approval via motions presented at the Spring meeting.

Meetings, Leadership & Governance

Meetings & Quorum

- **Schedule:** The Committee and its sub-committees will meet online.
- **Quorum:** A simple majority of four voting members shall constitute a quorum to move major and minor actions forward.

Committee Chair

- **Selection & Term:** Designated annually by the Executive Director from the two appointed Staff members. The Chair may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.
- **Responsibilities:** Ensures members receive the Committee Charter and roster contact information, provides oversight, and drafts and distributes meeting minutes. The Chair also formats and submits minor and major actions to the Board President.
- **Vacancy:** If the Chair position is vacated, the Executive Director will appoint a replacement to fill the empty staff seat on the Committee and will designate a new Chair from the two seated Staff members to serve the remainder of the annual term.

Attendance & Member Vacancies

- **Automatic Resignation:** Any member who accumulates three consecutive unexcused absences (as determined by the Chair) will be deemed to have automatically resigned.
- **Vacancy Fulfillment:** Upon a vacancy occurring through automatic resignation or receipt of a formal notice, the Chair (or the Executive Director, if the Chair position is vacant) will notify the appropriate appointing authority.
    - To serve the remainder of an unexpired term, Membership and Board vacancies will be filled by the Board President, and Staff vacancies will be filled by the Executive Director.
    - Prompt notification of these replacement appointments will be provided to the Executive Director, the Board, the Advisory Council Chair, and the Committee.

~~Chapter IV - Board Procedures, Section 10 - Other Bodies~~

~~10.8 Masterpoint Committee~~

~~**10.8.1** The purpose of the Masterpoint Committee is to review the allocation of masterpoint awards and make changes to ensure: (a) overall consistency in masterpoint awards, (b) an appropriate balance in awards between types of events, (c) appropriate award levels among finishers within an event, and (d) clarity of requirements and formulas for those organizations responsible for calculating masterpoints.~~

~~The Masterpoint Committee may make changes to masterpoint rules or policies. Notice of these changes must be sent to the ACBL Board of Directors at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. The Board may choose to request additional information or take other action on the change within the 30-day period.~~

~~The Masterpoint Committee should seek affirmative approval from the Board of Directors on major changes to masterpoint rules or policies (e.g., the ability to earn pigmented masterpoints online in clubs or ACBL-sponsored games and the multipliers to be used in each case).~~

~~**10.8.2** The Masterpoint Committee will consist of a minimum of seven (7) members, three of whom shall be appointed at-large by the Board President upon consultation with the Chair of the Advisory Council, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors as set forth in subsection 5.9.4 below and two of whom shall be ACBL employees appointed by the Executive Director. Two of the members are members of the Board of Directors. Three of the members are appointed by the ACBL President. Two members are ACBL employees.~~

~~**10.8.3** The three at-large appointees of the Chair of the Advisory Council shall be neither ACBL employees nor members of the Board of Directors. The Chair of the Advisory Council shall make recommendations for the three at-large appointees, and the ACBL President shall choose from among these recommendations.~~

~~**10.8.4** The ACBL President and the Chair of the Bridge Committee shall be voting ex-officio members of the Masterpoint Committee. If either or both of these voting ex-officio members~~

~~prefers not to be on the Masterpoint Committee, then the ACBL President may delegate the duties to a replacement from among the Board of Directors. In addition, any member of the Board of Directors may elect to become a member of the Masterpoint Committee by so notifying the ACBL President. ACBL management shall annually appoint two members to the Masterpoint committee.~~

~~**10.8.5** The term of office for the three at-large members shall be staggered three-year terms.~~

~~**10.8.6** The Chair of the Masterpoint Committee shall be annually selected from among the committee members.~~

~~**10.8.7** The Masterpoint Committee members will be appointed and confirmed at the Spring NABC. The term of office will begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.~~

~~**10.8.8** If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created will be filled by the ACBL President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to Board approval. The newly appointed member will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

~~**10.8.9** Members of the Masterpoint Committee who are not members of the ACBL Board of Directors or employees of the ACBL will receive one two-session entry per meeting to an NABC+ event or lower. It is good for one year from the date of receipt. Only those in attendance for all required meetings will be compensated.~~

~~10.8.10 Any member of the Masterpoint Committee that has an unexcused absence, as determined by the committee chair, for three consecutive meetings will be considered as having resigned and the ACBL President will appoint someone to finish out the remaining term.~~

Effective Date July 20, 2026

Transitional Provision: The current Masterpoint Committee roster shall remain seated until the conclusion of the Spring 2027 NABC to provide a transitional timeframe to solidify committee composition and ensure operational continuity.

Estimated Cost/Savings N/A

Assignment of Action Item: Goley to remove redlined content from the Codification and place the Masterpoint Committee Charter on the Resource page of The Board Room under the header, Committee Descriptions.

MOTION

262-BY01: ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEES
SECOND READING

Date: April 29, 2025

Moved that the following changes shall be made to Article IX, ADVISORY COUNCIL, section 9.2 of the ACBL Bylaws:

9.2 Duties. To further these purposes, the Advisory Council shall:

~~9.2.1 Establish the following standing committees:~~
~~9.2.1.1 Club and teacher support, growth, and development;~~
~~9.2.1.2 Membership growth and retention; and~~
~~9.2.1.3 General matters relating to the play of bridge.~~
~~9.2.2 At the request of the Board of Directors and/or ACBL management, lead or participate in other committees as needed.~~
~~9.2.3 Establish such other committees as are necessary to address the interests of the membership.~~
~~9.2.4 Propose resolutions for consideration (and, if necessary, reconsideration) by the Board of Directors reflecting the needs and concerns of the membership.~~
~~9.2.5 Report important issues from Advisory Council meetings to District and Unit members.~~
~~9.2.6 Perform such other duties as may be specified elsewhere in these Bylaws or may be assigned by the Board of Directors or ACBL management.~~

9.2.1 Establish such standing committees as are necessary to address the interests of the membership as it from time to time deems necessary, and, at the request of the Board of Directors and/or ACBL management, lead or participate in other committees as needed.

9.2.2 Propose resolutions for consideration (and, if necessary, reconsideration) by the Board of Directors reflecting the needs and concerns of the membership.

9.2.3 Report important issues from Advisory Council meetings to District and Unit members.

9.2.4 Perform such other duties as may be specified elsewhere in these Bylaws or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or ACBL management.

Effective Date: Upon the second adoption by the Board of Directors, and approval by the Advisory Council**.**

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

Assignment of Action Item: If adopted by the Board, Richard Popper will schedule the changes for a vote by the Advisory Council, and published on the ACBL website once these steps are met.

MOTION

262-GV04 BOARD OFFICERS DUTIES CODIFICATION CHAPTER 4

Moved that:

The Codification, Chapter IV – Board Procedures, Section 2 – Officers of the Board be amended as follows:
2.2 Vice-President: The ACBL Vice President will preside over the meetings when the President is unavailable**.** ~~and they hold a voting position on the Executive Committee.~~ Additionally, the Vice President chairs the Board Oversight Committee, which reviews and addresses matters of BOD member conduct, offering findings and recommendations to the BOD.
2.3 Treasurer: The Treasurer shall fulfill the duties set forth in the ACBL Bylaws. **The Treasurer is also a member of the Executive Committee.**

Effective Date: After this motion is approved and the Executive Committee Bylaws motion has completed the approval process. The Bylaws amendment must have a first and second reading by the Board, it must be published in the Bridge Bulletin and it must be approved by the Advisory Council before becoming effective.

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

MOTION

262-INT01: ALIGNMENT OF CODIFICATION WITH PROVISIONS ADDRESSING CONTRIBUTIONS TO ZONE 2 WBF DUES

Moved that the following sub-sections of the Codification be deleted—they are redundant and inconsistent with the revised procedures regarding International Fund monies found in Chapter VII – International Bridge, C. International Fund, Section 2.2:

Chapter I - Membership Operating Guidelines

J. ACBL Bridge Federations

Section 3 - International Fund Monies

~~3.1 All International Fund monies collected from ACBL-sanctioned events conducted by the ACBL in the United States for the specific purpose of subsidizing United States athletes in international bridge competition will be forwarded to and retained by the ACBL. Upon request of the USBF, the ACBL will disburse funds to the United States athletes. International Fund monies collected at NABCs shall be sent to the respective Federations to be disbursed at their discretion.~~

~~3.2 Money raised by and from ACBL-sanctioned events for the benefit of the International Fund shall be divided among and disbursed to members of all teams representing that Federation at the sole discretion of the Federation. See also Ch. VII - International Bridge, C. International Fund, Section 2 International Fund Monies~~.

Moved that the following sub-sections of the Codification be amended—it is inconsistent with the revised procedures regarding International Fund monies found in Chapter VII – International Bridge, C. International Fund, Section 2.1:

Chapter VIII - North American Bridge Championships

C. Finances

Section 2 - NABC Free Plays

2.1 Following is the NABC free play list. Anyone entitled to free plays will receive free plays for the entirety of each NABC except for the Educational Foundation game held the first Thursday of each NABC and the ~~$1.50 per session~~ **charge** per player **per session to support fulfillment of WBF Zone 2 NBOs' dues obligations.** ~~surcharge for the International Fund.~~

AND

Section 3 - Entry Fees

3.2 International Fund

3.2.1 All NABC+ event entry fees will include a ~~$1.50 sur~~charge per player per session for the International Fund.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval

Estimated Cost/Savings: N/A

Assignment of Action Item: ACBL Board Representative to the NABF and the ACBL Representative to the WBF Executive Council will review the Codification's other sections that relate to international bridge.

MOTION

262-BR04 10K KNOCKOUT TEAMS CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Moved that:

The 0-10,000 (10K) Knockout Teams Special Conditions of Contest be revised as follows:

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1. ~~This event is a fixed three-day event. Half-day 28-board matches will be played until such time as the field can play 56-board matches and complete the event in three days.~~ **The first day of the event will be run as a swiss team to cut the field to an appropriate number for the rest of the event.**

Estimated Cost/Savings: none

MOTION

262-BR05: Local Sectional Tournament Terms

Moved that:

The proposed revisions to Chapter X – Sectionals of the Codification be approved as presented.

Chapter X - Sectionals

A. Sectional Tournaments – Scheduling, Sanctioning and Events

Section 1 - Sectional Tournament Allocations

1.2 Sectionals are allocated to Units. There are no restrictions as to the number of Open Sectionals a Unit may conduct~~. A Unit may not schedule more than six one-day Limited or Local Sectionals in any calendar year. One-day Sectionals must include at least two sessions of play.~~ A District has the right of approval for Sectionals conducted by its Units. A Unit must abide by the decision of the District.

Section 2 - Sectional Tournament Scheduling

~~2.2 Local Sectionals must be at least one day and no more than three days in duration. A Local Sectional is defined as an open sectional with an anticipated attendance of fewer than 25 tables per session.~~

Section 5 - Local Sectionals

Local Sectionals are ACBL-sanctioned events designed to support low-cost, community-oriented bridge in a flexible and accessible format. Unit tournament coordinator(s) and District tournament coordinator(s) must approve each Local Sectional. Local Sectionals are intended to be directed by a single ACBL-certified Local Sectional Director, though staffing may vary based on director experience.

5.1 **Scheduling.** Duration is two to three days, with a maximum of two sessions per day and six sessions total. Sessions are limited to an estimated upper range of 25 tables. A maximum of six Local Sectionals may be held per Unit per year.

5.2 **Events.** No more than two events may be offered in any one session; only single-session pair games are permitted. Swiss Team games are allowed as one or two sessions. Events may be stratified. Pair and Team events may not run simultaneously. The applicable Conditions of Contest for each event type apply.

5.3 **Masterpoints.** Awarded in accordance with ACBL Masterpoint rules.

5.4 **Director Certification.** Local Sectionals must be staffed by ACBL-certified Local Sectional Director(s). Tournament Assistant certification qualifies a director for this role. Non-playing directors are preferred; a playing director is permitted for events of 8 tables or fewer to complete a table.

ACBL will produce educational content for those club directors and Tournament Assistants that want to be eligible to run our Local Sectionals or assist at larger tournaments. These club directors and Tournament Assistants would need to pass a test on directing skills once every two years to continue working at those tournaments.

5.5 **Sectional Surcharge.** The Sectional surcharge applies.

5.6 **Support Services.** The ACBL will provide remote Tournament Director support for each Local Sectional.

<u>5.7 **Compliance.** All tournaments are expected to follow ACBL policies and regulations relating to permitted methods, use of bidding boxes, and nonmember eligibility and charges.</u>

~~5.1 Local Sectionals, which are defined as open sectionals with an anticipated attendance of fewer than 25 tables per session, may be staffed by Tournament Assistants or club directors who have been certified for Local Sectional staffing.~~

~~5.1.1 Masterpoints awarded: 80% Silver, 20% Black, 100% Sectional rating.~~

~~5.1.2 No more than two events in any one session: only single session pair~~

~~games; swiss Team games will be allowed to be one or two sessions.~~

~~5.1.3 Maximum two sessions per day and six sessions in total.~~

~~5.1.4. ACBL will provide a specific ACBL Tournament Director to work remotely with each Local Sectional's club director, assisting with rulings, movements, and other questions, as well as immediately posting session results online. Note: One ACBL TD would work with 3-6 Local Sectionals at a time~~

~~5.2 For tournaments not staffed by an ACBL employee, the Sectional surcharge applies. This Sectional surcharge is to offset the cost of processing at ACBL Headquarters that would normally be done on site by a Tournament Director.~~

~~5.3 NLM Sectionals with an upper masterpoint limit of 750 masterpoints or fewer may be run by Tournament Assistants or club directors who have been certified for Local Sectional staffing~~

~~5.4 Regardless of staffing, all tournaments are expected to follow ACBL policies and~~

~~regulations relating to permitted methods, use of bidding boxes, and nonmember eligibility and charges.~~

~~5.5 ACBL will produce educational content for those club directors and Tournament Assistants that want to be eligible to run our Local Sectionals and Non-Life Master Sectionals or assist at larger tournaments. This content will be made available at no charge to these directors. These club directors and Tournament Assistants would need to pass a test on directing skills once every two years to continue working at those tournaments.~~

~~Chapter 10 -Sectionals, D. Operations~~

~~Section 1 - Staffing~~

~~1.1 Championship Sectional tournaments will be staffed by Tournament Directors who are ACBL employees. Championship Sectionals are defined as open sectionals with an anticipated attendance of 25 or more tables per session.~~

~~1.2 Local Sectionals, which are defined as open sectionals with an anticipated attendance of fewer than 25 tables per session, may be staffed by Tournament Assistants or club directors who have been certified for Local Sectional staffing.~~

~~1.2.1 Masterpoints awarded: 80% Silver, 20% Black, 100% Sectional rating.~~

~~1.2.2 No more than two events in any one session: only single session pair games; Swiss Team games will be allowed to be one or two sessions.~~

~~1.2.3 Maximum two sessions per day and six sessions in total.~~

~~1.2.4 ACBL will provide a specific ACBL Tournament Director to work remotely with each Local Sectional's club director, assisting with rulings, movements, and other questions, as well as immediately posting session results online. Note: One ACBL TD would work with 3-6 Local Sectionals at a time~~

~~1.3 For tournaments not staffed by an ACBL employee, the Sectional surcharge applies. This Sectional surcharge is to offset the cost of processing at ACBL Headquarters that would normally be done on site by a Tournament Director.~~

~~1.4 NLM Sectionals with an upper masterpoint limit of 750 masterpoints or fewer may be run by Tournament Assistants or club directors who have been certified for Local Sectional staffing.~~

~~1.5 Regardless of staffing, all tournaments are expected to follow ACBL policies and~~

~~regulations relating to permitted methods, use of bidding boxes, and nonmember eligibility and charges.~~

~~1.6 ACBL will produce educational content for those club directors and Tournament Assistants that want to be eligible to run our Local Sectionals and Non-Life Master Sectionals or assist at larger tournaments. This content will be made available at no charge to these directors. These club directors and Tournament Assistants would need to pass a test on directing skills once every two years to continue working at those tournaments.~~

Estimated Costs to ACBL: None beyond on-call TD support, covered through the Sectional Surcharge.

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

MOTION
262-MP01: General Restructure of Masterpoint Awards

Date: 7/5/2026
Submitted by: Management

Coordinated with: Masterpoint Committee (8-0-0); Bridge Committee (4-0-0).

Required: Board approval.

Purpose: To adopt a restructured masterpoint award formula for tournament events, replacing the current formula with a new framework based on table count, strength of field, event type, and other factors.

Moved that:

The new rules for masterpoint calculations as set forth in the attached technical guide be adopted for use beginning January 1, 2027.

Estimated Costs to ACBL: $0

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

MOTION
262-MP02: Depth of Overall Awards for Team Events

Moved that:

The table used to determine the number of overall award places in 1-day Swiss team events (bracketed, stratified, or strati-flighted) be revised as follows:

Overall Places Awarded	Previous Number of Teams	New Number of Teams
1	3–4	3–4
2	5–6	5
3	7–8	6–7
4	9–12	8–11
5	13–18	12–18
6	19+	19+

For events with more than 19 teams, additional overall awards will be given if the calculated award is not less than one masterpoint. The depth of the award is at least 10% of the number of teams in the field, up to a maximum of 25% of the number of teams in the field.

Estimated Costs to ACBL: $0

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

MOTION
262-MP03: Gold Overall Percentage at I/N Regionals

Moved that:

Regional tournaments restricted to Non-Life Masters with fewer than 750 masterpoints issue masterpoint awards in their championship events that are 50% Gold / 50% Red, as calculated using the appropriate formulas (General or Knockout).

Estimated Costs to ACBL: $0

Effective Date: July 1, 2026