

ONLINE ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2020

By Jackie Zayac, District 21 Director

The ACBL Board of Directors held its final special meeting of the year on December 16, 2020. The following are the motions that were considered during the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF OEOC COMMITTEE – Brian Platnick was appointed as a replacement member to the Online Ethical Oversight Committee. The vote was 25-0. It is effective immediately.

Masterpoint Formula Modified for Strength of Field – In all tournament events for which the overall awards are calculated by formula, (including Individuals, Pairs, Swiss Teams, Board-a-Match Teams, excluding STaCs and events with arbitrary first place awards, such as the Grand National Teams and excluding all events with a knockout phase, the masterpoint formula shall be modified to account for the strength of the field in that event. This was the second reading of this motion. The vote was 25-0. It will be effective on January 1, 2021 or as soon as management can implement it.

REDUCING MASTERPOINT AWARDS TO REFLECT NON-FACE-TO-FACE PLAY – In all events conducted online in which ACBL gold, silver or red points are awarded, all masterpoint awards shall be 80% of the amount that would be awarded in a face-to-face game of the same structure, as calculated by applicable formulas. This was the second reading of this motion. The vote was 24-1. I voted yes.

CBF MIXED TEAM AWARDS – The arbitrary award for the CBF Mixed Team Championship shall be 80 Gold masterpoints, with a match award of 8.00 Red points and with the minimum table rule applying. This was the second reading of this motion. The vote was 25-0. It is effective immediately and retroactive for 2020.

RECONSIDERATION OF BUDGET CALENDAR – At the Tampa Board Meeting, the Board voted to change the timing of the budget process. The budget for the next calendar year will be finalized no later than November

1, approved by the Finance Committee and then presented to the full Board for ratification prior to the end of the calendar year. The vote was 25-0. It is effective January 31, 2021. At this meeting, the Board was asked to reconsider and defeat this motion so the language could be changed. The vote was 0-25 and it was defeated.

BUDGET CALENDAR – After defeating the Tampa motion, the Board voted on the following language. The budget for the next calendar year will be finalized no later than October 15, approved by the Finance Committee and then presented to the full Board for ratification in November. The vote was 24-1. I voted yes. It will be effective January 31, 2021.

BIFURCATION OF CODIFICATION – The Codification is being divided into two parts. The provisions of the Codification will either be part of the Governance/Corporation Policy or Bridge Operations Policy. The vote was 23-1-1. I voted yes. It is effective immediately.

As I said at the end of the Tampa Board Meeting Minutes, it has been my honor to serve as your District Director from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020. I wish you all the very best in your bridge endeavors.