

Approved - Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of District 16 of the American Contract Bridge League

6 July 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of District 16 of the American Contract Bridge League was held in Austin live and on the Zoom meeting platform on 6 July 2024.

In attendance were:

D16 Officers - Present

Jack LaVigne	President	
Jerrold Harrington	1 st Vice President	
Kristen Onsgard	2 nd Vice President	Zoom Participant
BJ Sanders	Executive Secretary	
Jamie Southerland	Executive Treasurer	
Betty Starzec	Past President	Zoom Participant

Voting Board Members (Unit Representatives) - Present

Roxanna Tom	Unit 172	
Sue Gerard	Unit 173	
Karen Nussbaum	Unit 174	
Tomi Storey	Unit 176	Zoom Participant /Sub for Scott Nason
Steve Shirey	Unit 183	Zoom Participant
Dave Ticen	Unit 187	
Helen Lauderdale	Unit 197	
Neal Perlman	Unit 204	
Rebecca Brown	Unit 207	
Sandra O'Bannon	Unit 225	Zoom Participant
Lynn Sykes	Unit 233	Zoom Participant
Chuck Anderson	Unit 237	
Marsha May	Unit 353	Zoom Participant

Voting Board Members – Not Present

Ruth Hancock	Unit 201
Nicci Benninger	Unit 205
Juanice Welsh	Unit 209
Jo Smith	Unit 224
Del McDaniel	Unit 254

- Four motions were made regarding the NAP competition:
 - o To elect Larry Davis as Chair for the 2025 Tournament, pay \$1,000 rent, provide NAP competitors lunch on Sunday, and hold the games at 10 am and 3 pm. Motion by Brown, second by Lauderdale. Motion was approved.
 - o To charge a \$14. Entry fee for the 2025 Tournament. Motion by Brown, second by Lauderdale. Motion was approved.
 - o To spend up to \$125 per day for refreshments for the 2025 Tournament. Motion by Lauderdale, second by Tom. Motion was approved.
 - o To hold the 2025 and all future NAP Tournaments in Austin, independent of a Sectional Tournament. Motion by Brown, Second by Tom. Motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports were e-mailed to all attendees, prior to the Meeting with one exception. The I/N report is attached to the Minutes.

Comments on reports were given as follows:

Paul Cuneo reviewed the ACBL Region update.

Jerry Harrington reviewed the Jacoby Awards report.

Karen Nussbaum reviewed the Charity report.

Evvie Gilbert reviewed the Contact and Scorecard report.

Patricia Herrera reviewed the I/N and Lecture Series report.

Lauri Laufman reviewed the 555 Retention Program.

Daniel Jackson reviewed the STaC report.

Scott Humphrey reviewed the Tournament report.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:35 am by Anderson, second by Brown. Motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

BJ Sanders

Executive Secretary

Attachment to Minutes:

District 16 Key Personnel

Awards Committee Chair	Jerry Harrington
Charity Committee Chair	Karen Nussbaum
Contact/Domain Administrator	Evvie Gilbert
Education Committee Chair	Patricia Herrera
Financial Verifier	Jim Woodward
GNT Coordinator	Scott Nason
Intermediate/Newcomer Coordinator	Sam Khayatt
I/N Newsletter Editor	Carol Jewett
Lecture Series Coordinator	Dolores Aquino
Lecture Series Coordinator	Patricia Herrera
Lecture Series Coordinator	James Moody
Membership Chair	Lauri Laufman
NABC Correspondent	Scott Nason
NAP Coordinator	Larry Davis
Policies and Procedures Editor	Rachell Jackson
Publications Committee Chair	Ken Monzingo
Recorder	Larry Davis
Scorecard Editor	Evvie Gilbert
STaC Coordinator	Daniel Jackson
Teacher of the Year Committee Chair	Sam Khayatt
Tournament Committee Chair	Tomi Storey
Tournament Coordinator/Sanctions Applications	Scott Humphrey
Webmaster	Ken Monzingo

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Education Committee Report

1. Website

Along with the new website a new Spanish section has been included in the district's website.

This includes:

- All the Spanish lectures given.
- All presentations and learning material used at the lectures.
- An introduction to Spanish-speaking players.
- A welcoming video in Spanish by Bronia Jenkins.
- Articles
- Learning material in Spanish which is crucial since there are very few bridge books written in Spanish.

2. Spanish Lectures

- Hosted on the third Saturday of each month.
- Aimed at Intermediate/Newcomer Spanish speakers.
- So far there have been six lectures this year with topics ranging from proper use of controls to New Minor Forcing and how to better declare hands.
- Future topics include: Bidding when Opponents Interfere, Defense Strategies, and more on declaring.
- The attendance is usually around 25-30 students and several people watching it after it's posted on the district's website.

3. English Lectures

- We are thrilled to have Dolores Aquino as the new English Lectures Coordinator.

Welcome, Dolores. 🎉

- So far five lectures haven't been given in English.
- Topics include RKC Blackwood, Defense, and Support Showing Cuebids.
- The attendance is around 35 people and more who watch reruns posted on the district's website.

Patricia Herrera