

**American Contract Bridge League  
District 8 Annual Board meeting  
Thursday September 3, 2020  
Via Zoom**

**Board and committee members present:** Pamela Ames, Debbie Avery, Mark Boswell, Michael Carmen, Jay Coleman Marilyn Croft, Margaret Hansell, Paul Hartke Martha Leary, John Pree, Debbie Romero, Ron Sholes, Van Stone, Georgia Heth, Mary Beth Shaw, Chris Shaw, Karen Walker.

**Board and committee members absent:** Rick Beye, Bo Goersch, Linda Goersch, Terry Goodykoontz, Carole Sholes, Milt Zlatic.

Ms. Croft called the September 3, 2020 Annual District 8 Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Mr. Hartke moved to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2019 meeting as presented. Second, Ms. Leary carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Ms. Avery submitted the District current income and expense reports, the checkbook balances, and the proposed budget for calendar year 2021. Ms. Leary moved to accept the documents as presented. Second, Mr. Carmen carried.

**President's report:** Mr. Coleman noted that there had been a few transfers into Unit 239.

**Nominating committee:** Mr. Sholes presented the slate of candidates for 2021. Marilyn Croft is the nominee for President and Debbie Romero for Vice President. There being no further nominations from the floor, Mr. Carmen moved to accept the slate as presented. Second, Ms. Leary carried.

Ms. Avery was appointed as secretary/treasurer, Rick Beye as tournament coordinator, Carole Sholes as GNT Chair, Chris and Mary Beth Shaw Education, Martha Leary as NAP Chair, Marilyn Croft as Charity Chair, Mark Boswell as Appellate Chair.

**ACBL Director's report:** Ms. Heth reported that the online Task Force reported two weeks ago to the ACBL. The ACBL wants to know what contracts for regional tournaments have already been put under contract for 2021 and beyond. She reported that there had been furloughs at ACBL headquarters and there is only a few staff at this time. The online bridge venue is a major project and the ACBL is bound to Bridge Base until June 2025 for games that award masterpoints. Due to COVID, all in-person tournaments are cancelled through February, 2021 and no staff will be available from ACBL. Reductions in the number of tournaments are going to happen going forward. The future of the 2021 Spring NABC will be decided in October. She noted that this is a very difficult time for all involved. The move to reduce the number of ACBL Board of Directors by 2023 by regionalizing Districts is ongoing. All ACBL Board members will serve out their elected terms. Opening local clubs will not be restricted by the ACBL but guidelines will be issued on safe opening procedures. The two online regional tournaments hosted on Bridge Base had 12,922.5 and 13,000 tables participating. The issue of online cheating is a huge concern for the ACBL and BBO and they are actively screening for unusual behavior.

**Future Regional status updates:**

<b>Crystal Lake</b>	2021 scheduled
<b>Effingham</b>	2021 scheduled
<b>St. Louis</b>	2021 scheduled
<b>Champaign</b>	2021 scheduled

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**STaC report:** No report.

**NAP report:** Ms. Leary submitted her report online. She noted the deposit for 2020 was applied to 2021 which is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn Springfield.

**GNT report:** Cancelled for 2020.

**Education committee:** Ms. Shaw report that the Youth Bridge Camp for grades 6-10 went forward in June of 2020 with an online venue. They had 27 participants of which 20 were new attendees. The Adult Boot Camp was cancelled. They are hoping to be able to host the 2021 camps in person but will go online if needed. The grant from the Education Foundation has been rolled over to 2021.

**Old Business:** none

**New business:** Board of Governors will be Debbie Romero, Ron Sholes, Terry Goodykoontz, Margaret Hansell, and Martha Leary.

There being no further business before the District 8 Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Avery  
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