

**DISTRICT 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ADVISERS MEETING
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2018 DAYTONA HILTON HOTEL**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Sandifer - President, Jeff Edelstein - Vice President, Shirley Seals - Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Overby, Shannon Cappelletti, Bruce Lang, Robert Sprick, Carol Hamilton, Gaye Marr, Peter Jargowsky, Howard Rothman, Bruce Greenspan, Ray Wise, Rawy Shadiac, Charlene Predmest, Allison Freeland and Harriet Morris. Present by telephone: Jay Whipple, and Sam Phillips

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Armand Grassi, Mike Gibson, and Keith Gellman.

ADVISERS PRESENT: Patty Johnson and Harry Falk

ADVISERS NOT PRESENT: Bill Rauld, Craig Hemphill, Theri Andino, Larry Rich, & Matt Weinstein.

The Board meeting was called to order by President Betty Sandifer at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the Daytona Regional.

A Minute of silence was held for Marshall Hall, who passed away recently. He was a long-time member of the District 9 board from Boca Raton and will be sadly missed by all of us.

The first order of business was the election of District 9 Officers for a 2-year term, 2019 & 2020. The elected officers shall take office commencing on January 1, 2019.

The following were elected unanimously by voting board members:

President: Jeff Overby
Vice President: Bruce Lang
Secretary/Treasurer: Shirley Seals

Motion made by Jeff Overby, seconded by Rawy Shadiac to approve the Minutes of the St. Augustine/Jacksonville Board meeting held on June 29, 2018. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Seals

District 9 Operating account has a balance of \$31,000. \$3,758 income will be added from the Orlando NAP Finals and Special Sectional in November.

Sunshine Bridge News balance of \$30,000 due to the fact that only three issues have been paid for so far this year. The fourth issue will be paid before the end of 2018. Each issue cost approximately \$23,000.

GNT/NAP account balance is \$55,000 due to Grass Roots Fund Raiser Months. These funds are used annually to support the winners at the District 9 Finals to compete in the Nationals at the Spring NABCs.

NABC 2020 FUND RAISER WEEK generated \$4,906 which will help with the cost of Hospitality expenses at the TAMPA NABC IN 2020. Fund Raiser weeks will also occur in 2019 and 2020.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was unanimous.

Nancy Hagerty's final report on the Youth NABC activities in Atlanta is in your file folder. Nancy and Paul have been a valuable asset to this program for many years and they have the thanks from this board and the entire District. They have been one of the most dedicated services of this District.

Karen Bartles is the new Youth Coordinator and Betty is going to meet with her later this year. Karen is also going to meet with Nancy Hagerty. Our Youth program is in good hands.

CFFK: Jeff Overby told the board that he was very proud of this District and how well this program has done. As of September 30, the program is worth \$164,000. All because of the vision and foresight of this organization. This is the first year that we did not pay out as much as we put in from the five District 9 Units. Because of this, the results with the growth of the fund has gone up geometrically. Our goal is for the fund to grow to half a million or more, and then we will not have to ask the Units for donations. Then we can pay the Junior funds off of the interest. No other District in ACBL has had this insight that I know of.

Tournament Committee Meeting - Jeff Overby - Daytona Regional 11/8/2018

The committee reviewed & approved all Regionals and Sectional games in the tournament calendars for District 9 in 2019, 2020, & 2021. Thanks to Patty Johnson for a very tedious job in scheduling and sanctioning all of the games in District 9.

The bad news was from Gayle Marr who notified the committee that the Regional scheduled January 2019 will be the last one conducted in Unit 219. The Regional has lost money for the past few years and as a small Unit, they cannot afford the repeated loss. The Unit 219 has stanchions for sale if any Unit has need of them, then please contact Gayle.

Sunshine Bridge News: The Editor of the SBN, Theri Andino, has asked that the board approve the publication of the SBN to a 3/3/3 issue, after the January/February 2019 issue has gone to press. **A motion was by Jeff Overby, seconded by Bruce Lang that we approve of this request. Motion carried.**

Location of the NAP Finals and Special Sectionals for 2019, 2020, & 2021. The NAP Finals held at the Orlando Metropolitan Club this year was a huge success. Because of the huge number of tables at the NAP Finals and Special Sectional this past October, the committee decided it was best to have NAP FINALS at separate times... the B Flight and A & C Flights on separate weekends.

The following was approved by the Tournament Committee unanimously on 11/8/18:

(1) In 2019, the B Flight of the NAP Finals will be held on October 4 - 6 and the A & C Flights will be held on October 25 - 27 at the Metropolitan Bridge Club.

(2) In 2020, the B Flight of the NAP Finals will be held on October 16 - 18 and the A & C Flights on October 30 - November 1 at the Metropolitan Bridge Club.

(3) In 2021, the B Flight of the NAP Finals will be held on October 1 - 3 and the A & C Flights on October 8 - 10 at the Metropolitan Bridge Club.

Motion was made to approve the recommendations of the District 9 Tournament Committee.

The 2019 GNT Finals and Special Sectional will be held at Harry Falk's Khatib Bridge

Club located in Stuart, Florida on May 3, - 5, 2019. We are fortunate to hold this event at this club and have him as the Director.

New/Revised District 9 Web Site: Betty Sandifer

Karen Davare Website Design/Development has asked the District to approve a contract for \$2,500 with 50% due upon agreement and balance due upon completion. Larry Rich and Betty Sandifer worked with this company and are confident this is a good price for revamping the District 9 web site. Unit 128 voted at their meeting yesterday to accept the contract which will cost \$625, which is less than the District because of the size of the volume of information to be put on the web site. Other Units may want to consider a contract with this company. **Motion made by Rawy Shediak, seconded by Shirley Seals that we approve the contract.** Our thanks go to Betty for the hours she has spent working out this agreement.

TAMPA NABC 2020 REPORT: Jeff Overby

The Tampa Convention Center will have plenty of room for the NABC, but parking will be a problem. There are four (4) hotels with bridges that connect to the Convention Center all within a one block location to the center. Volunteers will be needed for Registration, Prizes, Partnership, Youth/IN, Information Desk to mention a few. Let Jeff know if you want to volunteer. **Sam Phillips is the Volunteer Coordinator.** samphillips@aol.com

Carol Hamilton has approved the purchase of new Goodwill pins which are \$5 each for those who wish to buy a new pin. Please contact her. Her address will be in the upcoming List of District 9 board members.

Bruce Greenspan made a motion that we discontinue the printing of the Daily Bulletin at all District Regional Tournaments. Seconded by Howard Rothman. The motion failed to pass the board's approval.

District 9 Representative to the National Board - Jay Whipple

The search committee for a CEO of the ACBL has a report for the National board in Hawaii.

The Hawaii NABC 2018 is going to suffer a disaster/loss of at least \$500,000. This is due mainly to the players attending the NABC who are finding accommodations other

than the Host Hotel/Convention Space....creating a very serious loss of revenue. New Models are in the making which may include an increase in cost to local players who do not pay their fair share of the cost of the playing space.

Jay reported that his term of office will basically be over after the new President of the ACBL is elected at the Hawaii 2018 NABC.

Jeff Overby, Unit 128, asked if the current financial crisis that the ACBL is facing would in any way affect the Membership Retention/Rebate money that is paid quarterly to all Units within ACBL? Jay says that is a logical place to find it, since it is perceived that these Retention funds are not being used to promote bridge and membership, but are used more to support their Regional and Sectional tournaments. Jeff called Jay's attention to the fact that \$21,100 from the five Units in District 9, is annually donated the Sunshine Bridge News...which is a tremendous source in promoting bridge, plus the same amount of funds are given annually to a fund that promotes YOUTH in District 9. Bob Sprick, Unit 240, asked Jay what the projected loss from NABCs in 2018 would be? Jay responded that his best estimated was \$800,000.

Jon Shuster has sent an open letter to the District 9 board through Jay Whipple...who in turn passed the letter on to Betty Sandifer. The letter contained three proposal. All of the proposals have been considered by the board at past board meetings. The recommendations by Mr. Shuster in his Open Letter have been considered by the board in the past and all were voted down by the board. **A motion was made to vote against the proposals. Motion passed unanimously.**

Thanks, was given to Betty Sandifer for her diligent work as President of District 9 for the past four years.

Bruce Lang made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Seconded by Jeff Overby. Meeting adjourned.

**Shirley Seals, Secretary/Treasurer
District 9 - ACBL**