

**DISTRICT 9 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ADVISERS - BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019 - MARRIOTT CORAL SPRINGS HOTEL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Overby - President, Shirley Seals - Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Sandifer, Athena Gordon, Harriet Morris, Charlene Predmest, Shannon Cappelletti, Bruce Greenspan, Jeff Edelstein, JoAnn Vergnolle, Gayle Marr, John Moschella, Robert Sprick, Keith Gellman, and Peter Jargowsky. Board members attending by teleconference: Jay Whipple, Sam Phillips, Bruce Lang - Vice President, and Howard Rothman.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carol Hamilton, Mike Gibson, Allison Freeland, and Armand Grassi.

**ADVISER PRESENT:** Harry Falk.

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The Board meeting was called to order by President Jeff Overby at 8:30 a.m. on April 12, 2019 at the Southeastern Regional held at the Marriott Coral Springs Hotel.

**Motion was made to approve the minutes of the Daytona Board meeting held in Daytona on November 10, 2018. Minutes approved unanimously.**

Jeff introduced Ping Hu to the board who is the mastermind behind the Bridgемate scoring program for Swiss teams. A trial of this program was held yesterday and was successful.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Shirley Seals

The Sunshine Bridge News account has a balance of \$53,000. This is due to the fact that we have had three Regional Tournaments so far this year and the SBN publications are four (4) each year rather than six (6). All other accounts are in a very strong cash position.

**Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion made by Jay Whipple, seconded by Bruce Lang, that the Board meeting Agenda and all memos and financial statements pertaining to District 9 will be sent to the Board members one week prior to all board meetings. No paper reports will be at board meetings in the future. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Bob Sprick, President of Unit 240, made a proposal to the board that the Central Florida Youth Bridge organization is requesting a grant of \$2,500 from District 9. The funds will be used to promote bridge in central of Florida and will expand their program from five schools to twelve schools. The organization has been approved as a 501(c)3 organization. Jeff Overby made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Shirley Seals. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**CFFK Report:** Jeff Overby

The first quarter report (3/31/19) from the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys has a balance of \$179,468.30. Yesterday Jeff received a donation of \$19,500 to the CFFK from Barbara Nudelman in memory of Jayne Thomas, which will be used to promote bridge to Youth in District 9. With the donation to the CFFK from Barbara, the balance in the CFFK account will be \$200,000. Many thanks to Jeff Overby for his foresight and brainchild in originating this program.

**GNT - GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS COORDINATOR:** Shirley Seals

The GNT Finals will be held at Harry Falk's club, Khatib Bridge Club, May 3 - 5. The NAP Finals will be held at the Orlando Metropolitan Bridge Club in October 2019. The NAP Finals will be held on two separate dates because the club cannot accommodate all Flights at one time. (The exact dates of the October GNT Finals are on page two of the Daytona 2018 Board Minutes and the dates are also shown on your 2019, 2020 & 2021 List of the Tournament Calendars.)

**SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS:** Report given by Jeff Overby for Theri Andino, Editor

The last issue came out fairly well. Still some clubs are sending in their advertisements that are not photo ready. Theri then returns the advertisements to the clubs. Some ads are late.

Theri is the new Youth Coordinator. She only has 6 applications, so far, to attend the 2019 YOUTH NABC in Las Vegas. There are 3 weeks left before the deadline to apply.

Several people were left off of the DISTRICT 9 GOODWILL list in the past issue of the Sunshine Bridge News and she is correcting that.

Deadline for the next issue is April 15 so if you have something to add to this issue, you should get back to her immediately.

Jeff is going to ask Theri to have a report for the board pertaining to each issue of the SBN. Also, he would like for Theri to appear at board meetings in person or by teleconference.

**DISTRICT 9 REPRESENTATIVE TO NATIONAL BOARD:** Jay Whipple

Jay will not be running for re-election to the National Board. His term is up on December 31, 2019. Jeff Overby has submitted his application for this position. The deadline is May 31 to apply. Last year was a rough year with a loss of two million dollars. It is predicted that ACBL will have a \$500,000 to \$600,000 profit this year. ACBL will not have a Hawaii debacle or the cost of finding a new CEO. It is difficult to have representatives from District 9 attending the Board of Governors meeting held at each NABC. **Jeff Overby has appointed three new members to represent District 9 at future Board of Governor's meetings: Bruce Lang, Peter Jargowsky, Bob Sprick, and Gayle Marr as an Alternate.**

**TAMPA 2020 NABC REPORT:** Jeff Overby

The Tampa 2020 Committee met on Wednesday. We will try to meet each Wednesday of future Regionals. A banner has been ordered to arrive later this month and it will be taken to all future Regionals to advertise TAMPA NABC 2020. Almost all of the Committees are in place. The logo was approved by the ACBL. We are looking at Registration gifts...the top three are an

umbrella, a device about the size of a chap stick that charges your phone or iPad, and coaster set or fountain pens. We are still making these decisions. The challenge is getting a quality product for the amount of money that we get from ACBL, which is approximately \$5. We will have a NABC meeting in at the Tampa Regional.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** Betty Sandifer

Karen Davare, Design/Development has completed the revamping of the District 9 website. The estimated cost of the website was revised to only 50% of her estimate. (website cost the District \$1,250.) Betty offered to pay Karen for the extra work that she did on the website, and she declined the offer. Karen declined to do the Unit 128 website. Larry Rich, Unit 128 Webmaster, has agreed to accept the job at a cost of \$325.

**Jeff thanked Barbara Nudelman for the \$20,000 donation to the CFFK.** Barbara was a long-standing member of the ACBL's National Board of Directors, World Bridge Federation, and a friend of Jayne Thomas and Florida. Barbara is asking that we hold a Youth Event at future NABCs in memory of Jayne Thomas.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Jeff Overby

Jeff is going to appoint a Long-Range Planning Committee to be a permanent part of the District, who will address where we want to be in 5 to 10 years. Jeff asked the President of each Unit in District to give Jeff a name of their nominee who would want to serve on this committee. The first meeting of this committee will be at the Tampa Regional. Please give the name or names of your nominees to Jeff by email and he will get them a notice from China. **This committee will meet on Friday of the Tampa Regional.**

Bruce Greenspan reminded the board members that if you run the Longest Day in Florida...you should do it in March. Bruce will be glad to help anyone who would like to plan this event.

**DIRECTOR IN CHARGE:** Harry Falk

Mike Roberts, from Columbus, Ohio, is moving to Florida and will be taking over Harry's job after the Tampa Regional. Mike is a highly qualified. Very experienced ...and YOUNG.... and will do a great job. Jesse Laird is going to run the Daytona Regional 2019 and Harry will be there to oversee the directing. Future STACs are going to be run by Jesse Laird.

**REMEMBER, ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO BOARD MEETINGS, I.E....AGENDAS, FINANCIAL REPORTS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS, WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY EMAIL ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETINGS, OR SOONER. IT IS UP TO YOU TO SAVE THESE DOCUMENTS, STUDY THEM, AND BRING THEM TO THE BOARD MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

Bruce Lang made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Betty Sandifer. Meeting adjourned.

Shirley Seals, Secretary/Treasurer  
District 9 - ACBL