

**DISTRICT 9 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ADVISERS - BOARD  
MEETING – FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 8, 2019 - DAYTONA SHORES RESORT & SPA**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Overby - President, Bruce Lang - Vice President, Shirley Seals - Secretary & Treasurer, Betty Sandifer, Jeff Edelstein, Shannon Cappelletti, Allison Freeland, JoAnn Vergnolle, Peter Jargowsky, Howard Rothman, Athena Gordon, Gayle Marr, John Moschella, Robert Sprick, Carol Hamilton, Peter Cleaves, and Bruce Greenspan. Sam Phillips by teleconference.

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Charlene Predmest, Harriet Morris, Armand Grassi, Keith Gellman & Jay Whipple.

**ADVISER PRESENT:** Patty Johnson, Brian Russell, Harry Falk & Theri Andino by teleconference.

**MOTION was made to Bruce Lang, seconded by Betty Sandifer to approve the Minutes of the May 31, 2019 Board meeting held at the Ponte Vedra/St. Augustine Marriott Hotel. Motion carried.**

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 by President, Jeff Overby.

Jeff recognized Brian Russell, who is the replacement of the head Directors from three Districts...one is District 9. Brian will be in charge of overseeing all Regionals in District 9. Peter Cleaves was in attendance as a representative to the board from Unit 102. (Sarasota)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Shirley Seals

All accounts have been reconciled and the reports sent to the board members three weeks ago are self explanatory. She has not received any questions from the board members.

**Motion made by Bruce Lang, seconded by Betty Sandifer to approve the report. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CFFK REPORT:** Jeff Overby

The account balance as of the 3rd Quarter (September 30, 2019) was \$202,305.23. The success of this account has been the willingness of all Units to contribute \$1 per member at the beginning of each year and the good work that the CFFK has done in investing our money. A \$500,000 annuity is the goal with continued contribution from our Units.

**REGIONALS AT SEA UPDATE:** Jeff Overby

Jeff has spoken to the ACBL regarding blocking the Regionals at Sea when they conflict with District 9 tournaments. The ACBL has offered \$5 per person per member from Florida residents on these cruises, which does not begin to compensate the District for the people that are lost at these Regionals at Sea.

**CHANGE IN ACBL POLICY:** Jeff Overby

ACBL has changed the policy regarding Unit Recorders and Unit Disciplinary Chairs. As of this year, the Unit Chairs will be eliminated.

Everything will be referred to the District Recorder and Disciplinary Chairs. Jeff asked anyone who would be interested in serving in either of these positions to get back before the end of the week. Jeff will then appoint the District Chairs.

**NAP 2019 FINALS REPORT:** Shirley Seals

Flight A was up 1/2 table from 2018. Flight B was down 4 1/2 tables. Flight C was up 4 tables. The number of participants was a disappointment considering the great amount of advertising and promotion that was done. District 9 will subsidize all winners since ACBL only subsidizes the 1st and 2nd place winners in all Flights.

**NEW DUTIES FOR VICE PRESIDENTS:** Jeff Overby

One of the challenges in District 9 is that we have so many of everything...members, sectionals, Regionals. We thank Patty Johnson for doing a phenomenal job in coordinating all of these games. The Vice President will be asked to receive the applications for sectional tournaments in the future and help with the new rules to be implemented.

**CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS IN UNIT**

**128.** Jeff Overby

At the Unit 128 Board meeting yesterday, the board voted to reduce the number of Sectionals in Unit 128 and created guidelines that we hope will be adopted by all Units in District 9. The District has over 60 sectionals....and a great number of NLM sectionals.

Many different clubs hold sectionals, but all are held in the same geographical location.

District 9 has had a moratorium on sectionals for the past ten years, so no new club has been able to get a sectional. The new policy will be that no club can hold more than two Open sectionals or three NLM sectionals, (clubs meaning a geographical location), one every six months for the Open sectionals and every four months for the NLM sectionals.

This will open it up so all clubs will be able to apply, with an application period and the only restriction that the clubs must be able to hold 50 tables. **All clubs must apply on an annual basis to hold a sectional.**

One other requirement (which we are asking ACBL to approve) that if clubs want to hold a sectional they must agree **not to hold any special games** within seventy-five (75) miles of the **Regional** that is being held that week in their area.

**SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS:** Theri Andino and Jeff Overby

One requirement to all clubs who wish to hold a Sectional, is that they provide us with a photo ready advertisement. If this is not done, then their sectional will be cancelled. Clubs will be required to submit their application ninety (90) days prior to the deadline of the SBN.

(Debbie Vicknair at ACBL also requires that all advertisements be approved before it can be published in the SBN.) Clubs must also pay the money owed to District 9/SBN within ten (10) business days of their sectional or they will lose all future sectionals.

**GOODWILL ANNOUNCEMENT:** Carol Hamilton

The Board thanked Carol for her good work for many years in making sure all Units make Goodwill appointees. She asked that each Unit recognize these appointees at the Unit level. Appointees for 2019 are as follows: Carol Lindholm - Unit 102, Sam Phillips and Martha Wirkutis - Unit 128, Gloria Ford and Jack Harvey - Unit 219, Susan Airth and Janice Woodbury - Unit 240, Robert Buchner and William Howe - Unit 243, Athena Gordon and Judy Cardin - At Large.

**JUNIOR NABC 2019 - LAS VEGAS:** Theri Andino

All of the 30 Youth had a good time, most played 4 of the 6 sessions. Theri recommended that we only provide one (1) T-Shirt for Montreal in 2020. ACBL also provided a T-Shirt with the Las Vegas NABC 2019 on the back. Many of the Youth had attended previous NABCs. Theri was thanked by the Board members for her time/effort in coordinating the activities of the Youth.

**REGIONAL TOURNAMENT IN DISTRICT 9.** Jeff Overby

ACBL requires a certain number of tables at Regionals and District 9 has not met those.

We are now booking only eight (8) Regionals going forward. With the Panhandle no longer running a Regional, that will make the transition easier. The Unit 243 Regional at the Marriott in Coral Springs in December will be a six (6) days Regional.

The Tampa 2020 Regional will be the location of the GNT Finals on Saturday and Sunday of this Tournament. Hopefully this will help boost the attendance in the Finals and the Regional since teams can come prior to the Finals to practice. This will also eliminate some of the expenses with GNT Finals held in the Regional Tournament location with Directors already present.

The San Francisco 2019 Fall NABC schedule is probably going to be the schedule for the TAMPA NABC in the Fall of 2020. Sam Phillips is the Volunteer Chair who needs each Units participation in locating volunteers. The NABC will require approximately Volunteers for 54 hours each day based on the number of people at each desk, i.e. Partnership, Prizes, Information, & Registration. Volunteers are needed before game time...never during game time...free plays are given to the Volunteers.

**NAME THE GAME:** Please encourage your Unit members to participate.

#### **VOTING MEMBERS ON THE ACBL NATIONAL BOARD**

The National Board, which is meeting in San Francisco, will once again try to reduce the number of voting members of this board. The objective is to have fifteen (15) voting members...each representing an average number of members. The goal is to have each board member representing 10,000 members. As to District 9, it will not be bothered since it has the most members of any District in ACBL and will not be absorbed by any other District.

Motion made by Bruce Lang, seconded by Shirley Seals to adjourn at 9:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Shirley Seals, Secretary  
District 9 - ACBL