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## The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

### Synopsis of District 19, ACBL, Internet Board Meeting Actions May 4, 2021

Ann Romeo was welcomed onto the Board replacing Tim White who resigned when he was elevated to be the District Director.

The District Treasurer's interim financial reports for January 1 to May 3, 2021, showing little activity, were accepted.

Tim White's National Board report told that ACBL would be able to staff directors when tournaments return face to face; that a tournament preregistration tool is being developed, and that changes to the way tournament disciplinary and ethics committees operate is being discussed. ACBL has developed a team of 15 volunteers to help the National Recorder handle the many complaints of unethical behavior by online players. Lastly, he discussed the upcoming election for a Regional Director to represent both District 18 and 19 on the reduced National Board and that he plans on being a candidate for the position.

The District is planning to hold a November, 2021, regional at Whistler B.C. if an agreeable contract is shortly accepted.

The District President is participating in a District Presidents Group on line the first Thursday monthly. He is promoting a multi-district on line 99er game for the 5 western districts. He discussed his response to a letter from ACBL outlining requirements for starting face to face tournaments and got the Board's opinion on possible follow up action.

A committee of three (3) Board members was empowered to negotiate a new five (5) year contract for TurnTables to supply the District's regionals.

The District is purchasing a year contract from Zoom because even if the Board has face to face meetings, the Board will may still allow participation by Zoom in some instances.

The Board ratified the action taken by the Lynnwood 2021 Liaison and Chair to cancel the regional.

The Board requested that the District Disciplinary Chair John Weinberg complete establishing a panel from which to form ethics and disciplinary hearings.

The following adjustments to the District Bylaws were authorized due to the elimination of District Directors and their replacement with a Regional Director.

1. Reduce the Board from 12 to 11 members.
2. The Regional Director will be a nonvoting, ex officio member of the Board.

The following changes to the District Policy Manual were approved:

1. A quorum for the Board to transact business shall consist of more than half of the number of Board Members presently serving and representing at least four (4) of the Washington and British Columbia areas.
2. Ann Romeo was appointed Kirkwood Trophy Coordinator and a yearly grant of \$50.00 will be given towards a celebration for the winner.
3. The District will no longer compensate the ACBL President or chief executive of ACBL and their spouses attending a District regional.
4. A regional chair wanting to hold an Intermediate/Newcomer Reception must make a request to the Board for funding.
5. A requirement for the District to maintain a new worth of \$40,000 to \$60,000 is rescinded.

The District Website will no longer give contact information on District Board members, officers, and officials. Anyone wishing to communicate with them must send an email to the District Web Master who will forward the communication.

*Submitted by Dudley Brown, District 19 Secretary*