

# Notes from Seattle ACBL Board of Directors Meeting

Sharon Roe Anderson, District 14 Director

Robert Hartman, ACBL Chief Executive Officer, has started, replacing Jay Baum when he retired. Robert is known for his marketing expertise and I am optimistic he will serve us well.

ACBL Memberships remain steady.

Finance:

- 2011 Budget is on track, close to a break-even year ending in the black
- 2012 Budget was approved. Changes from 2011
  - Modest increase for Tournament Director fees
    - National & Associate Natl. Director      \$174.10 increase to \$181
    - Tournament Director                      \$159.10 to \$165.5
    - Associate Tournament Director        \$129.80 to \$135
    - Local Tournament Director              \$103.70 to \$108
- A motion to waive the GNT table fees at the NABC finals failed. However, Mike Cassell has been key in the formation of an ACBL NAP/GNT task force, working on recommendations to enhance the two events

Tournaments approved:

- NABC 2017, Spring, Kansas City
- NABC 2017, Summer, Toronto
- NABC 2018, Fall, Honolulu
- NABC 2010, Fall, Tampa
- Youth NABC 2012, Philadelphia (July 19-20)
- Youth NABC 2013, Atlanta (August 2-4)

ACBL School Bridge Program Teacher Stipend

- Effective January 1, 2012, a teacher must be an ACBL member in good standing in order to receive the ACBL School Bridge Program Teacher Stipend.

Alert change

- Effective January 1, 2012, the 1 club opener with 4-4-3-2 (containing only 2 clubs) will continue to announce that a 1 club bid could be as short as two. This is considered a ~~na~~natural opener+not conventional. This limits the gadgetry the defense can use (for example, defenses against no trump will not be allowed).

The cheapest club bid over a no-trump opener or overcall shall never be alerted, regardless of response structure. Rebids by the no-trump bidder that are different from standard (such as Puppet Stayman) remain alterable.

### Masterpoints

- Regional points at Sectionals (reminder): Every Sectional may run one or two sessions to benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation, Educational Foundation, Junior Fund or International Fund. The cost is \$1.00 per player per session, and the silver points awarded will be regional rated, 40% greater than the usual sectional Masterpoint awards.
- There have been a few adjustments of Masterpoint awards for NABC events
- There has been a reduction of Masterpoints for club-online games· that are not restricted by masterpoints· to 60% for fewer than 18 boards, effective January 1, 2012.
- Beginning in 2012/2013, NAP Masterpoint awards will be 50% red and 50% black for invitational club qualifying games.

Sharon Anderson (that's me!) was elected as the 2012 ACBL President. I will do my best to represent us well.