

District Director, Joann Glasson
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I hope this message finds you all vaccinated or with your vaccination scheduled soon. When we get our community vaccinated we will be that much closer to playing bridge face-to-face.

The ACBL has canceled the NABC that was scheduled for St. Louis, MO in March and also has canceled all regional and sectional tournaments through the end of April of this year. The ACBL will be continually monitoring the pandemic to determine when it might be safe to resume face-to-face play.

The NAP final for those players who won the right to represent District 4 in Columbus last spring will be scheduled online in March. Check the ACBL website for more information.

The Board of Directors held a special board meeting in January. The primary purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2021 ACBL budget. The 2021 budget projects an excess of income over expenses of about \$750,000.

In the 2021 budget are extensive efforts to improve both the I/T and Marketing departments at headquarters. Marketing will be adding 2 new positions in an effort to expand membership growth and retention and I/T will be hiring 3 new programmers in a continuing effort to respond to the current challenges.

A task force that included John Dickenson was formed in an effort to make the Board of Governors a more relevant organization. Two motions that came out of that task force were approved at the January meeting as part of bylaw changes. One is the renaming of the Board of Governors to the Board of Representatives. The other significant changes will be to reduce the number of representatives from each district to three from the current five and to disallow proxies in order to streamline and make the organization more effective.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns: joannglasson@msn.com

I hope that we will soon once again be able to meet at the bridge table.

Stay well,

Joann