

District Director, Joann Glasson May 2021

ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In ACBL Board meetings last month, the Board requested that management present in May a plan for the complicated return to face-to-face bridge. The Board provided input on its strategic objectives for post pandemic bridge that will surely include a combination of both online and face-to-face play.

Without face-to-face bridge, membership has dropped dramatically since new members were traditionally taught by local teachers and local clubs. Although online play is more profitable for the ACBL in terms of fee income, it is important that we retain a presence on the ground in order to be able to grow the game of bridge.

Management will be presenting a plan on how we will deal with pooling after the pandemic and how the combination of both virtual games and face-to-face games will be handled. It's a complex problem and club managers and owners in District 4 need to begin developing a firm plan for the future of face-to-face bridge.

NABC

The Summer NABC that was scheduled in Providence, RI has been postponed and we will be going to Providence to play at the summer national in July of 2022.

Things are currently looking good for the NABC in Austin, Texas in November. Management is monitoring conditions so I wouldn't book your tickets yet, but there is a feeling of positivity about holding the fall NABC.

ONLINE ETHICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The ACBL and its Recorder's Office are continually working on eliminating any cheating in our online game. They rely upon the work of volunteers who research hands and serve on the Online Ethical Oversight Committee to hear cases. District 4's Rick Rowland has recently been unanimously approved by the ACBL Board of Directors as a member of this prestigious committee.

FINANCE

The 2020 audit of the ACBL has been completed. No significant issues were reported as a result of the audit.

NEW GRAND LIFE MASTER

Bruce Silverstein, a long time member of District 4, became a Grand Life Master this year. Because Bruce and Carole are winter residents in New Mexico, the notification didn't appear in the monthly rank advancements for our District. Congratulations to Bruce! He is not just a terrific bridge player, but a gentleman at the table and away from the table.

Stay well and please contact me anytime with any questions or concerns: joannglasson@msn.com

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