

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 487
BYLAWS
PORTLAND, OREGON

The Unit: Is a subsidiary of the AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE (hereinafter the ACBL); Recognizes the ACBL as the parent organization, having authority and control over tournament bridge in the United States; Exists under the sanction of the ACBL; and, Functions within the Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations of the ACBL.

OBJECTIVES

- A. To preserve and promote the best interests of competitive contract bridge and any modification thereof;
- B. To cooperate with and assist the ACBL in the promotion and conduct of contract bridge tournaments;
- C. To prescribe rules of eligibility for participation in tournaments under its auspices;
- D. To consider and pass upon reports of dishonest, unethical or improper conduct of participants in tournaments, and to bar, suspend or censure persons guilty of such conduct from further participation;
- E. To promote the development and organization of affiliated clubs within the Unit;
- F. To conduct such other activities as may be in keeping with its principal objectives; and
- G. To adhere to parliamentary procedures as needed.

ARTICLE I – UNIT JURISDICTION

The geographical area within which this Unit may operate shall be such area as is presently assigned to it by the Board of Directors of the ACBL, and as it may hereafter be modified from time to time. The area assigned to the Unit shall be within the boundaries of Columbia, Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties, State of Oregon.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Anyone who is an active member in good standing of the ACBL and resides within the Unit's boundaries is considered a member of the Unit. The Unit also adheres to other ACBL membership rules regarding residency, non-resident members, inactive members, and the expulsion and/or suspension of members resulting from disciplinary proceedings.

ARTICLE III - DUES

Annual dues shall be in the amount fixed and payable to the ACBL.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

A. The Annual Meeting of members shall be on a day prior to March 31 each year;

B. The Board of Directors of Unit 487 shall fix the time and place of the Annual Meeting and shall publish notice of such meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting;

C. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the Board of Directors of Unit 487, or by the President of the Board, upon ten (10) days published notice to all members. The notice of any special meeting shall contain an agenda of the matters to be considered at the meeting; and,

D. A quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting shall consist of seventy five (75) members.

ARTICLE V – UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The affairs of Unit 487 shall be managed and conducted by the Board of Directors, which shall consist of seven (7) persons all of whom must be members of the Unit; and,

B. Each Director shall hold office for a period of three (3) years upon election and shall continue to hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected. No person shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors of Unit 487 for more than two (2) consecutively elected three (3) year terms. A Director barred from re-election to a third term may be eligible for re-election to the Board after a lapse of one year.

C. Director Nominations:

1. At least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members, two of whom shall not be members of the current Board. The Nominating Committee shall meet prior to publication of the notice of the Annual Meeting regarding the nominating and election process and shall notify members of the opportunity to self-nominate as a candidate for election to the board. In the event that members do not self-nominate by the specified deadline, the Nominating Committee shall select candidates who are eligible for election and who are willing to serve on, the Board;

2. The names of the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee and/or names of self-nominated candidates shall be published to the members in the notice of the Annual Meeting;

3. Additional nominations may be made by members. Such nominations must be in writing, signed by at least ten (10) members who are active and in good standing, and must be delivered to the Unit Secretary at least twenty (20) days before the date of the Annual Meeting; and,

4. No one shall be nominated either by the Nominating Committee or by the members who has not been previously consulted and given his/her consent to serve on the Board for three years.

D. Elections

1. Voting for candidates to the Board of Directors may commence at the time notice of the Annual Meeting is given to the members;

2. The names of the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee and/or names of self-nominated candidates shall be listed on a printed ballot in alphabetic order, without identifying marks. Each completed ballot shall bear the member's name, ACBL number, signature, and shall be placed in the election ballot box. Each member who is qualified and in good standing shall be entitled to one vote for each director to be elected;

3. Ballots as provided in paragraph D.2. above for candidates nominated by members who are qualified and in good standing shall be submitted to the Unit Secretary for consideration no later than 10:00 a.m. on the date fixed for the Annual Meeting;

4. Members who are qualified and in good standing may cast an absentee ballot as soon as notice of the Annual Meeting is given to the members. An absentee ballot bearing the member's name and ACBL number may be cast by regular mail or by email, and must be received by the Unit Secretary no later than 10:00 a.m. on the date fixed for the Annual Meeting, to be considered;

5. Submitted ballots cast by the members as provided above in paragraphs D.2., D.3. and D.4. shall be counted and the results announced by the Unit Secretary, or in the Secretary's absence, by the Unit President, at the Annual Meeting. Candidates are entitled to have witnesses present at the time the ballots are counted.

E. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the Board, and the person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term.

F. The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of five (5) meetings a year, one of which shall be designated the Annual Meeting, for the purpose of conducting such business as may come before it. The fiscal year of the Unit shall correspond to the calendar year. The Secretary shall call a meeting of the Board at the request of the President, or upon request of three (3) of members of the Board.

G. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) Directors.

H. In addition to the powers granted by other provisions of these Bylaws, and by the laws of the State of Oregon, the Board of Directors shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To acquire, hold, administer, maintain and dispose of all property of the Unit;

2. To appropriate the funds of the Unit for the purposes set forth in these Bylaws;

3. To hire and discharge employees, to supervise their conduct and to fix their compensation;
4. To audit all receipts and disbursements of the Unit; and,
5. To conduct, manage, supervise and control all of the business of the Unit, including but not limited to the conduct of tournaments, the selection of all dates and locations for holding such tournaments, and the making of all contracts in connection therewith.

I. In matters of Unit member disciplinary proceedings conducted by the Board, or its appointed discipline committee, the Unit will adhere to all disciplinary procedures and rules of the ACBL.

ARTICLE VI – UNIT OFFICERS

- A. The Officers of the Unit shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, or a Secretary/Treasurer.
- B. The Board of Directors shall elect all Officers at its first meeting following the Annual Meeting, and persons elected shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been duly elected.
- C. Officer vacancies due to death, resignation, or other cause, shall be filled by the Board of Directors.
- D. All Officers except the Secretary/Treasurer shall be members of the Board.
- E. The duties of the Officers shall be as provided in the regulations of the ACBL.

ARTICLE VII - IMPEACHMENT

Any Officer or Director may be removed for cause, including poor attendance at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided two-thirds of those present constituting a quorum shall so vote. Any Officer or Director against whom impeachment charges shall be brought shall be notified in writing, by registered mail, of the charges against him/her at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and shall be given an opportunity to be heard before the Board of Directors and to be represented by Counsel of his/her choice. The action taken by the Board of Directors shall be conclusive and final.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Amendment to the Bylaws may be made by the members of the Unit upon petition signed by at least fifty (50) members and submitted to the Secretary at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual Meeting, or any special meeting called for that purpose, or upon petition signed by at least four (4) members of the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to incorporate the text of the proposed amendments in the notice of the meeting. The concurrence of two-thirds of all members present and voting shall be required to pass any amendments.

ARTICLE IX – TOURNAMENTS

The Unit shall have complete authority over all tournaments conducted by it, subject to the regulations of the ACBL.

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint such committees as may be necessary to perform the functions of the Unit.

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