

## **BY-LAWS OF EUGENE ACBL UNIT #479**

The Unit functions within the By-Laws and Regulations of the American Contract Bridge League and its Districts.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION**

- (A) To preserve and promote the best interests of and to stimulate interest in the art of playing competitive duplicate bridge;
- (B) To cooperate with, and assist the League in the promotion and conduct of contract bridge tournaments;
- (C) To encourage the highest standards of conduct and ethics by its members, and to enforce such standards;
- (D) To promote the development and organization of affiliated clubs within the Unit;
- (E) To conduct such other activities as may be in keeping with its principle objectives.

### **ARTICLE I UNIT JURISDICTION**

The Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League assigns the geographical area within which this Unit is presently located or may be in the future.

### **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Any person residing within the jurisdiction of the Unit, subject to District regulations, is eligible for membership.
- B. Such person, upon payment of dues, becomes and remains a member of the unit until one or more of the following conditions exist:

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- 1) Such person changes residence to a place outside the jurisdiction of the Unit. In that case the individual becomes a member of the new Unit immediately upon processing by the League of such change of address;
  - 2) Such person fails to pay dues in accordance with the regulations of the American Contract Bridge League;
  - 3) Such person has been expelled from membership in accordance with regulations established by the American Contract Bridge League and the Board of Directors of the Unit.
- C. Membership in the American Contract Bridge League carries with it membership in the Unit.

### **ARTICLE III DUES**

Annual dues shall be in the amount fixed by the American Contract Bridge League.

### **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

- A. There is an annual meeting of the members, which may be held in connection with a tournament or special event which Unit members attend.
- B. The Unit Board of Directors fixes the time and place of the annual meeting which shall be held prior to April 1 of each calendar year. Appropriate notice of such meeting shall be given to all members. Posting of such meeting on the Unit website shall be considered appropriate notice.
- C. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time to consider specific subject matters by the Unit Board of Directors or by the President, or by petition of ten (10) or more of the members. Notice of the time and place of any special meeting shall be given as soon as is reasonably possible. The notice of a special meeting shall contain an Agenda of the matters to be taken up at such meeting. No other business is acted upon at such special meeting.
- D. A quorum of the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting of the membership shall consist of thirty (30) Unit members.
- E. No proxies are permitted.

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### **ARTICLE V**

#### **UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. Number of Directors – The affairs of the Unit are managed and conducted by the Unit Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) elected directors except as provided in I below. In addition, the Board shall also consist of one representative of each club operating within the Unit’s jurisdiction who shall have a vote on local issues. The past-President shall be a non-voting member for the first year after his or her term expires.
- B. Term of Office – Each Director holds office for a period of two (2) years and shall continue to hold office until his successor has been duly elected. Commencement of the term shall be on the date of the annual meeting.
- C. Nominations and Election of Directors – Candidates for director are nominated and elected by the membership of the Unit. The Board shall present a slate of candidates for open positions on the board and additional nominations are allowed at the annual election meeting. Voting is by secret ballot or voice vote taken of the membership at the annual meeting.
- D. Vacancies – Any vacancy on the Unit Board of Directors is filled by the Board of Directors and the person so appointed holds office for the balance of the un-expired term.
- E. Meetings – The Unit Board of Directors holds a minimum of ten (10) meetings a year, one of which is designated as the Annual Meeting.
- F. Quorum – A quorum of the Unit Board of Directors for the transaction of business consists of not less than a majority of the Board.
- G. Powers and Duties – In addition to the powers granted by these bylaws, and the Laws of the State of Oregon, the Unit Board of Directors has the powers and duties including but not limited to:
  - 1) The conduct, management, supervision and control of the business of the Unit;
  - 2) Conduct of Unit Tournaments, and
- H. Board Membership – The Unit Board of Directors is the sole judge of its membership.
- I. Appointments – The Unit Board reserves the right to make one-year appointments as they deem necessary and appropriate.

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### **ARTICLE VI OFFICERS**

- A. The officers of the Unit consist of a President, a Vice-President, the immediate Past President unless the President has succeeded himself or herself, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
- B. The Unit Board of Directors elects all officers at the first Board meeting after the annual meeting.
- C. Vacancies due to death, resignation or other cause are filled by the Unit Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE VII REMOVAL OF OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER**

- A. Any officer or board member may be removed at any meeting of the Unit Board of Directors if two-thirds (2/3) of those present vote in favor. Any officer or board member shall be notified in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting of the proposed vote of removal. That vote should be an agenda item for the board meeting. That person shall be given an opportunity to be heard before the Unit Board of Directors and to be represented by counsel of their own choosing.
- B. Absence from three (3) consecutive meetings may be considered cause for removal of a director.

### **ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES**

The President, with approval of the Board, may appoint the following committees:

- 1) Tournament
- 2) Conduct and Ethics
- 3) Membership
- 4) Publicity
- 5) Other committees as deemed necessary.

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**ARTICLE IX  
AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

The members of the Unit can amend these By-Laws by the following procedure:

- A. Petition signed by at least twenty (20) members and submitted to the Secretary at least ten (10) days in advance of the annual meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose, or
- B. A petition signed by at least four (4) members of the Unit Board of Directors.

It is the duty of the Secretary to incorporate the text of the proposed amendment in the notice of the meeting Two-thirds (2/3) of all members present and voting are required to pass any amendment.

**ARTICLE X  
TOURNAMENTS**

The Unit has complete authority over all tournaments it conducts, subject to the regulations of the American Contract Bridge League.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_