

BY-LAWS OF EUGENE ACBL UNIT #479

The Unit functions within the By-Laws and Regulations of the American 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 and any modifications thereof;
- (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 cooperate in the League charity program, and to sponsor and conduct charity events with the objective of realizing funds to be devoted to worthy humanitarian causes; and
- (F) To conduct such other activities as may be keeping with its principal 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; or
 - 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 and this Unit.

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.
- 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 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) 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. In addition, the Board shall also consist of each club owner who shall have a vote on local issues. The past-President shall be a non-voting member for the first year after their 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. An appointed nominating committee makes nomination with additional nominations 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
 - 3) The employment and discharging of employees, and supervision of their conduct and fixing of their compensation.
- 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.
- J. 2020 COVID-19 Amendment - Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, the terms of each of the members of the Board of Directors serving as of January 1, 2021 shall each have their terms extended one year. Terms which otherwise expire at the annual meeting of the membership in 2021 shall expire at the annual meeting in 2022 and those terms expiring at the annual meeting in 2022 shall expire at the annual meeting in 2023.
- K. Also, notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, there shall be no annual meeting of the membership in 2021.

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- L. This Amendment does not preclude Directors from being removed pursuant to ARTICLE VII or resigning as a director at any time.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the Unit consist of a President, a Vice-President, the immediate Past President, 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 director may be removed for cause at any meeting of the Unit Board of Directors if two-thirds (2/3) of those present vote for it. Any officer or director against whom removal charges are brought shall be notified in writing, by registered mail, of the charges at least ten (10) days prior to the 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 VIX 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.

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Betsy Ovitt, Secretary