

From Our Bylaws with 2015 Target dates noted in *Red Italics*

C. NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS: (1) The Board of Directors, at least sixty days prior (*Aug 4, 2015*) to the Annual Membership Meeting (*Oct 4, 2015*), shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of four Unit members in good standing, three of whom shall not be members of the current Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of eligible nominees to be posted with the notice of the Annual Meeting sent to Clubs at least twenty days (*before Sep 14, 2015*) prior to the meeting. (2) Eligibility for Board membership requires a Unit member to have been in continuous good standing in this Unit for at least twelve months prior to serving. Unit members are not eligible for Board membership while they: (a) Have a controlling financial interest in a bridge club; or (b) On a continuing regular basis work for payment from the ACBL. (3) Nominations in addition to the slate prepared by the Nominating Committee may be made by the membership, but such nominations shall be in writing, signed by at least ten members in good standing, and must be received by the Secretary of the Unit at least ten days (*Sept 14, 2015*) prior to the Annual Meeting.

D. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: (1) A Mailing Committee appointed by the Board of Directors shall, within ten days (*Oct 14, 2015*) after the Annual Meeting, prepare and mail a ballot to each eligible member. Each nominee may submit a 50-word campaign statement to be mailed with the ballots. Each member of the Unit who is in good standing of the date ballots is mailed shall be eligible to vote. (2) The ballot shall: (a) List, in alphabetic or randomly drawn order, the names of all persons nominated; (b) State the number of vacancies to be filled; (c) State the time and place where the ballots shall be opened and counted; (d) State that each person voting must enclose the ballot in a sealed envelope and sign his/her name on said envelope; (e) Designate a secure place to which the ballots are to be returned and the final date for the return of such ballots. (3) At the time prescribed for the opening and counting of the ballots, which shall be not less than ten nor more than thirty days (*before Nov 13, 2015*) after the sending out of the ballots, an Election Committee appointed by the Board of Directors shall check the signature(s) on each sealed envelope against the

official membership list, then open and remove the folded ballots in a way which will maintain the secrecy of each voter's ballot. The Chairman shall then examine each ballot and remove any which contain too many votes, a signature or other marking which renders

those ballots invalid. Valid ballots shall then be tallied by two separate committee members who shall compare and agree on the number of votes tabulated for each candidate. In case of a tie the committee shall break the tie by lot. The final duty shall be preparation of a written statement of results, signed by each member of the committee, certifying the results of the election as reported to be true and correct.

(4) Certified election results shall be entered into the minutes of the first meeting of the new Board