

District 17 Board Meeting
Las Vegas, NV June 24, 2017

NOTE: This is a partial summary of the D17 Board Meeting. The final minutes are subject to D17 Board approval at the next D17 Board Meeting in Taos, NM, October 14, 2017.

General

1. Opening remarks from President Jerry Ranney:
Jerry thanked Las Vegas Unit 373, Tournament Chair (Sandra Gagnon) and the many volunteers. The regional was held at Bally's Hotel & Casino, room rates (I believe) were \$99 during the week and \$149 Friday and Saturday, parking used to be free, now self-parking is 1-4 hours \$7, 4-24 hours \$10 and valet parking is 4-24 hours \$18. Playing conditions were well lighted and clean, but it was a long walk from the hotel/casino. Players received a \$3 chit for each session of a two-session event; however, coffee or water was \$5 and sandwiches were \$12-\$15. There were 2189 tables compared to 2406 last year. The attendance at each of the District 17 Regionals this year has been down as compared to previous years.
2. Bonnie Bagley, D17 representative to the ACBL National Board, said the Board hired a new CEO Bahar Gidwani who she met. She was impressed with his background. (More information is in Bonnies July ScoreCard column.)
3. As of June 10, 2017, District 17 total assets were \$125,244, this reflects the net income for 2016 of +\$7,480. The four regionals held to date are below their projected income by about \$4,000. Income to date is \$8,409. Total expenses to date are \$97,366, \$9,884 under budget.
4. The Roswell, NM Unit has asked to be dissolved and this is expected to be approved at the NABC Board meeting in Toronto this month. They have 20 members who will be reassigned to other units depending on their location.
5. The AZ Senior Regional in Mesa 2018 has been cancelled as they could not find a suitable location. It was discussed that maybe Laughlin, NV; El Paso, TX; or Tucson, AZ could hold the regional next year. Each location has been asked to determine if they would like to hold the regional.
6. Unit Sanctions for 2018 and 2019 should be submitted to JoAnne Lowe.
7. Several clubs are having success with 5th Chair or Supervised Play Mentoring Programs. They play twenty boards with a mentor discussing the bidding and play after every hand.
8. Phoenix NLM Regional in April had 230 tables at the combined NLM Regional and Sectional.

9. The D17 Board voted to reduce the board members from 14 to 10 plus The National Board Representative. We have discussed this for several years. The District has a little over 9,000 members with Denver, Phoenix and Tucson 1,000+ members. Texas and WYO each with less than 200 members, each had a representative with full voting rights. Texas was moved in NM at Large and WYO was moved to CO at Large. Denver and Phoenix each had two representatives, they were reduced to one each. The reductions will save about \$6,000 per year.

AZ (4): Mesa (1), Phoenix (1), Tucson (1), No. AZ including Yuma (1)
CO (3): Denver (1), CO at Large including Cheyenne and Laramie, WYO (2)
NM (2): Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Los Alamos (1); NM at Large including El Paso, TX (1)
NV (1): Las Vegas

10. The term of office for D17 Board members will be three years starting in January 2019. This means the elections in October-November 2017 for 2018 will have different terms to enable staggered election cycles in future years. Article in August 2017 ScoreCard.

11. I will not be running for the District 17 Board this fall. I have been involved in bridge governance for over thirty-five years at the unit, district, conference levels, and the National board of Governors. I have enjoyed being your representative to the District 17 Board and thank you for your support. I will make myself available to assist the elected representative in the transition.

Future Tournaments

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| 1. Phoenix | July 31-August 6, 2017 |
| 2. NO Colorado NLM | August 18-20, 2017 |
| 3. Tucson NLM | September 21-24, 2017 |
| 4. Taos | October 9-15, 2017 |
| 5. Albuquerque | January 15-21, 2018 |
| 6. Las Vegas | February 26-March 4, 2018 |
| 7. Phoenix NLM | April 27-29, 2018 |
| 8. Denver | May 22-28, 2018 |

Next D17 Meeting

Taos NM, October 14, 2017

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