

Unit 163 Motion Log for 2015

Please refer to Unit 163 Board meeting minutes for more details.

All motions are assumed to have passed, unless specifically stated otherwise.

15001B. Carol Whiteis was appointed to the Unit 163 Board from Area 4, the Iowa City area.

15002F. The 2015 budget was approved. Included was a line item for \$1000 for the Secretary/Treasurer's salary.

15003B. A new list of Committee functions was approved. Recognition of milestones and sending new member welcome letters are now the Membership Committee's responsibility.

15004L. The Board adopted a procedure for recording and judging conduct and ethics complaints in Unit 163. This policy may be viewed on the Unit 163 web site.

15005L. The Board voted on whether to allow electronic voting by the Unit 163 Board. The motion failed. However, Committee business can be voted on by email, as it is subject to approval by the full Board.

15006L. The Board voted to research with ACBL counsel whether electronic voting is allowable and whether it requires a change in the by laws. The law committee later reported that voting by email would not be pursued.

15007L. The Board voted to adopt a system to record and post motions made in Board meetings.

15008T. The Board voted to not participate with Fargo in hosting a split Regional in odd numbered years.

15009T. Sectional starting times for Friday will be either 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., or 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The tournament chairperson may choose between those starting times

15010T. The Special Events Coordinator position is now part of the Tournament Committee. Tom Flanders is Special Events Coordinator.

15011B. Master points won in the "team" part of the pair/team events in Unit 163 Sectionals will not count in the "Top 25" competition unless players are allowed to select their own team mates.

Motions 15012L through 15022L are recommendations for changes to Unit 163 by laws which will be presented at a Membership Meeting in at the Davenport Sectional on October 18, 2015.

15012L. This adds "Unit 163 is organized as a 501(c)(7) non profit" at the end of section 1.1. This clarifies Unit 163's tax status and implies continual maintenance of this status by the Board of Directors.

15013L. This adds "sexual orientation" to the end of section 3.3. This clarifies Unit 163's commitment to be free of discrimination.

15014L. This changes "no" to "a" in the third line of section 6.5[e]. This is a grammatical change and implies that the Board will actively attempt to fill open positions on the Board.

15015L. This allows newly elected officers to take office 2 weeks after their election.

15016L. This changes the definition of quorum from “more than 50%” to “50% or more”. This makes it easier to get a quorum.

15017L. This adds “developing the Board and Membership agendas” to the President’s responsibility.

15018L. This clarifies section 8.1[b] that the President is a member of all standing Committees.

15019L. This changes section 8.3[b] to make the Secretary/Treasurer responsible for preparing a yearly budget and to ensure that the necessary tax returns are prepared and filed with the IRS in a timely manner.

15020L. This corrects a grammatical error in section 8.3[f]. This changes the word “make” to “made”.

15021L. This changes section 10.2 to require 2/3 super majority vote by the Board of Directors to forward changes in the by laws to the membership.

This concluded the proposed by-law changes.

15022L. This motion would reduce annual free plays by Hall of Fame members by 50% beginning in 2016. This motion failed.

15023C. \$1000 was approved as a one time payment to Carol Panzer, DBA Prairie Rose Consulting, for setting up the new Unit 163 web site. Incidental expenses will also be paid as necessary.

15024T. The Board gave approval to Gary Edwards to sign a contract with Marriott Hotel for \$7000 to host the 2016 Coralville Regional from June 28 to July 3, 2016.

Additional by law recommendations for the Membership Meeting were approved at a Board meeting on July 18, 2015.

15025L. This amends section 13.1 of the by laws to add “Article XIII: Disposition of property in the event that Unit 163 of the ACBL ceases to exist. Section 13.1: Upon dissolution of the Iowa State Bridge League, Unit 163 of the ACBL, and after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the ISBL, all remaining assets of the ISBL shall be distributed to a qualified, adjacent non profit Unit of the ACBL, or to any qualified non profit that the Board of Directors of the ISBL shall determine.” This addition to the by laws complies with IRS regulations for non profit organizations.

15026L. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for filing by law changes with the IRS to comply with IRS rules to remain eligible as a non profit. This will be added as 8.3[h] in the by laws.

15027B. The Board rescinded motion 15011B. This allows points won in all pair/team games at Unit 163 Sectionals to count in the “Top 25” competition.

15028B. Ron Johnston will be paid \$100 as a per diem for directing the NLM Sectional in Waterloo.

15029B. Section 7.3 of the by-laws will be changed from “one fiscal year” to “approximately one year” to be consistent with the proposed change to Section 6.7. This is to be voted on at the October 18, 2015 Membership Meeting.

15030L. This clarifies the revised disciplinary procedure, which is posted on the web site under “Governance”.

15031M. This authorizes a 2 session awards ceremony at Glovik Hall in Cedar Rapids to honor Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney winners, "Top 25" winners, Golden Age awards, and other awards deemed appropriate.