

Membership Meeting of Unit 163 of the ACBL

10:00 a.m. October 18, 2015

Joe Pieper called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., October 18, 2015 with approximately 48 people in attendance. 28 members of Unit 163 raised their hand to signify their presence. The current membership of Unit 163 is 480, so the 5% quorum requirement is 24 members. A quorum was declared present.

Joe explained the reasons for revising the bylaws, the process that the Laws Committee and the Board of Directors followed to revise some of the laws, and explained the method of making these changes available to the membership. Bill Kent questioned the process because not everyone has email and thus did not get the revised laws. Bill also pointed out that the revised bylaw in Section 6.7 that has the new Board and Officers taking their positions within two weeks after the organizational meeting conflicts with Section 7.3, which states that Officers are elected for terms of one fiscal year. Joe acknowledged this conflict, and informed the members that the Board addressed this conflict at the October 17, 2015 Board meeting with vote 15029B, to revise Section 7.3 to be consistent with Section 6.7. Bill objected because this change to Section 7.3 did not comply with the 20 day notice requirement.

At this point, Mike Roush moved that discussion cease and that the members vote on the new bylaws. Tom Flanders seconded the motion. The vote was, 24 yeas, 3 nays, with 2 abstentions. Thus, 85.7% voted in favor of the new bylaws. This exceeds the required two-thirds threshold. The motion carried.

The new bylaws will be posted on the Unit 163 website.

Joe Pieper, acting secretary