



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

**Face-to-Face Meeting
ACBL Charity Foundation
December 12, 2024**

1. Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. in Las Vegas, Nevada. Present: Brown, Shoemaker, O'Neill, Dunitz, Simson, Goodgold and Cuneo (by Zoom). Absent: Gordon.
2. Welcome to new Trustee, Paul Cuneo.
3. Minutes of 10/23 meeting approved as presented (O'Neill/Simson).
4. Financial report: after grants to Districts, Board of Directors and Disaster Relief grants, we have approximately \$820,000. A discussion was held about consulting with a financial advisor at UBS (the firm consulted by Simson) in connection with an appropriate portfolio of investments. Simson also questioned our need for D& O insurance. Each of these matters will be pursued "offline" by O'Neill, Simson and Cuneo.
5. Gold for Good-pilot program by ACBL in partnership with Charity Foundation to raise funds for disaster relief.
6. Goodgold agreed to research the criteria used by Charity Navigator to rank nonprofits, with the goal of the Charity Foundation assuring its accreditation and improving its ranking, if necessary.
7. Charity Member Award: Shoemaker presented a Motion to Reconsider her Motion to name Georgia Heth the posthumous award winner (Motion made and carried on 10/23). Motion to Reconsider carried (Shoemaker/Dunitz). We discussed the possible criteria for this award including: causes supported, time and money donated, lifetime efforts, charitable contributions for bridge and non-bridge causes. By February 1, each Trustee should circulate recommendations for 2025 Charity Member of the Year.
8. Revised Policies: accepted as presented: District Grant; Disaster Relief Grants; NABC Grant; Conflict of Interest; Privacy; Individual Grants. Deferred for further study and discussion: Investment and Financial Reserve Policies.

9. Spring NABC: consideration of making an additional \$5,000 to the local chapter of Feeding America in Memphis (MidSouth Food Bank?) (Shoemaker to research and present for action in January).
10. Mission Statement: Draft presented by Shoemaker and discussed by group. Shoemaker will work with Cuneo on revising the draft.
11. Next meeting: Monday, January 27, at 3:30 Central, by zoom.