



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

## ACBL CHARITY FOUNDATION

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DECEMBER 16, 2025

#### Call to Order:

The ACBLCF (CF) Board Meeting was called to order by Paul Cuneo at 5:00 PM ET. In attendance were Rebecca Brown, Beth Dlutowski, Mitch Dunitz, Stu Goodgold, Kathy Kimmerling, Doug Simson and Jamie Southerland.

Absent: none. A quorum was met.

#### Minutes:

The September 23, 2025, minutes were delivered by email for review and corrections. No corrections were made.

Motion to accept: Dunitz/Brown

Motion carried

#### Treasurer Report:

Southerland: Reports were emailed prior to the meeting for review. For this year, the foundation will realize about \$189K; \$155K from charity games and \$37.5K from donations. Expenses were \$204K: 192K for grants. Interest and dividends have generated another \$25K. The Gold for Good monies of \$60K earned in 2024 were not received until 2025. Investments include \$536K in equities, \$210K in government money market funds and \$80K in CDs.

#### Trustee Replacement for Cindy Shoemaker

Cindy Shoemaker submitted her letter of resignation to the CF board, following her election to ACBL President at the Fall 2025 ACBL Board of Directors meeting. Congratulations on your new position, Cindy!

A discussion followed including Canadian ACBL members as CF Trustees. Possible candidates were discussed.

#### District Grants Update:

Cuneo: 2025: Districts 24, 25, 3, 4 and 5. The districts have different approaches regarding the grant giving process. It was also discovered that for the most part, the Districts were unaware that the CF was separate from the ACBL. This will be corrected in the future with improved communication and education for the district and awardees.

The suggestion was made to have the districts establish a charity board, or a charity chairman to oversee their district grant distribution.

Discussion followed on how to generate more funds for the CF in online, club and tournament games.

In 2026: The cycle for District Grants will continue to follow the precedent of going by region.

Region 4: District 6, Region 5: Districts 12, 13 and 14, and Region 6: District 7. The district presidents and region directors will be notified in January about the upcoming awards and the need

to have a charity chairperson. It was also suggested that the CF develop an information packet for the awards given to the charities so that they will understand what is expected of them when they receive these awards, including the CF logo, web address, etc. for publicity. Cuneo and Dlutowski to work together on this.

### 2026 Budget

Income: Gold for Good, member donations and memorial donations: \$40K; ACBL-wide game, club games, unit and district games: \$151K for a total of \$192K in income for the year.

Expenses: website services, administrative expenses and awards: 2K, grants (30K from Gold for Good fund, district 150K and NABC 15K), operating expenses: \$9K for a total of \$207K for the year.

Investment income: \$15K The investment income will be able to offset the deficit, providing a balanced budget for 2026.

### Gold for Good

Cuneo: There is a need to be able to communicate with the players who supported Gold for Good in the past. Options for sending out these emails have been explored. A campaign needs to be developed and launched for this event.

### ACBL Charitable Recognition Award

Follow-up on the taking this over from the ACBL. Discussion on how the CF wants to administrate this award – awardee requirements, etc.

### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Cuneo at 6:07 PM ET.

Respectfully Submitted -

Kathy Kimmerling  
Secretary, ACBL Charity Foundation