ACBL CHARITY FOUNDATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 11, 2026

Call to Order:
The ACBLCF (CF) Board Meeting was called to order by Paul Cuneo at 7:00 PM ET and held on Zoom. In attendance were Beth Dlutowski, Mitch Dunitz, Stu Goodgold, Kathy Kimmerling, Doug Simson and Jamie Southerland.
Absent: Rebecca Brown A quorum was met.

Minutes:
The December 16, 2025, minutes were delivered by email for review and corrections. No corrections were made.
Motion to accept: Goodgold/Dlutowski Motion carried

Treasurer Report:
Southerland: Reports were emailed prior to the meeting for review. Review of the documents by the board members including 2025 Statement of Financial Activity and Financial Positions, and the January 2026 statements.
Motion to accept: Simson/Goodgold Motion carried

Election of David Johnson to the CF Board of Trustees
Following the resignation of Cindy Shoemaker last November, David Johnson was invited to join the CF board. Upon his acceptance, David shared a brief bio with the other board members.
Motion to accept: Southerland/Simson Vote of acclamation passed

Conflict of Interest Forms
Kimmerling reminded the trustees that the Conflict of Interest form needed to be signed each year and returned to the Secretary.

District Grants Update:
Dlutowski gave a report on the Grant Process. The process has been formalized with timelines, unique email address, requirements and expectations. In late spring, the district presidents will be reminded of the process with another follow-up in early fall.
It was discussed if the CF should help oversee the individual district with this process.

Gold for Good:
Full page ad in the April 2026 Bridge Bulletin. Information was also included in the Gatlinburg first day bulletin. Jay Whipple (Bridge Finesse) will be overseeing the process.
Emails will be sent out to the players who participated in Gold for Good in the past.

ACBL-wide Charity Games:

Kimmerling noted that this year, the ACBL is holding 2 games; there was only one last year. In addition to this, the game can be run either in the morning or afternoon session, instead of a single required session as in the past. This has the potential to significantly boost the charity income from the "wide" games this year.

Charity Volunteer of the Year Award:

Goodgold/Kimmerling: Notice for nominations was run in the St Louis NABC electronic and scheduled to run in the Bridge Bulletin in April. A unique email address has been set up for nominations, but none have been received to date. The board discussed possible recipients for the award - charity in time, monies or active solicitation for non-bridge related activities.

The timeline is closing for this year – board members will continue to search for suitable recipients. The award will be presented at the July Goodwill dinner.

ACBL Charitable Recognition Award:

This Award, started in 1960 was to recognize individuals who give 'time' for bridge charity. The CF has just taken over this award, effective with the fall 2025 ACBL Board of Directors' meeting,

In the April Bulletin, there was a listing of the awardees for this year. Sadly, most districts made no submissions for this year. Originally, the awardees were named by the District Chairs; now that ACBL has gone to Regions, the appointments have fallen to the district presidents.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Cuneo at 8:07 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted -

Kathy Kimmerling
Secretary, ACBL Charity Foundation