

BY-LAWS of the BALBOA UNIT 515, DISTRICT 22

THE UNIT

The Unit functions within the By-Laws and Regulations of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and its District.

OBJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION

The objects of the Organization are:

- A. To preserve and promote the best interests of and to stimulate interest in the art of playing competitive duplicate contract bridge, and any modifications thereof.
- B. To cooperate with, and assist the ACBL, in the promotion and conduct of contract bridge tournaments.
- C. To encourage the highest standards of conduct and ethics by its members, and to enforce such standards.
- D. To promote the development and organization of affiliated clubs within the Unit.
- E. To cooperate in the ACBL's charity program, and to sponsor and conduct charity events with the object of realizing funds to be devoted to worthy humanitarian causes.
- F. To conduct such other activities as may be in keeping with the ACBL's principal objectives.

ARTICLE 1
Unit Jurisdiction

The geographical area within which this Unit shall have jurisdiction shall be such area as is presently, or may in the future, be assigned to the Unit by the Board of Directors of the ACBL.

ARTICLE 2
Membership

- A. Any person of good moral character and residing within the jurisdiction of the Unit, subject to District regulations, is eligible for membership, and no person shall be denied membership because of race, creed, or color.
- B. Such person, upon favorable action, shall become and remain a member unless:

(a) She/he changes his/her residence to a place outside of the jurisdiction of the Unit, in which case, he/she shall become a member of the new Unit immediately on processing by the ACBL of his/her change of address;

(b) She/he has failed to pay his/her dues in accordance with regulations of the ACBL;

(c) She/he has been suspended or expelled from membership in accordance with regulations established by the ACBL and by the Board of Directors of the Unit, provided, however, that such Unit regulations shall conform to the rules of due process applicable to membership and not be in conflict with the regulations of the ACBL.

C. Membership in the Unit carries with it membership in the ACBL.

ARTICLE 3

Dues

Annual dues shall be in the amount fixed by the ACBL.

ARTICLE 4

Membership Meetings

A. There shall be an annual meeting of the Unit members, which may be held in connection with a tournament or special event which Unit members attend.

B. The Unit Board of Directors shall fix the time and place of the annual meeting and shall give appropriate notice of such meeting.

C. Special meetings of the Unit members may be called at any time to consider specific subject matters by the Unit Board of Directors or by the President, or by petition of the members. Notice of the time and place of any special meeting shall be given ten (10) days before such meeting. The notice of any special meeting shall contain an Agenda of the matters to be taken up at such meeting. No other business shall be acted upon at such meeting.

D. A quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting shall consist of at least 50 members.

E. No proxies shall be permitted.

ARTICLE 5
Unit Board of Directors

A. Number of Directors: (See Amendment 1)

The affairs of the Unit shall be managed and conducted by the Unit Board of Directors which shall consist of, at least 11, and not more than 13 persons, all of whom must be members of the Unit.

B. Term of Office:

Each Director shall hold office for the period of one (1) year and shall continue to hold office, until his/her successor shall have been duly elected. The commencement of the term shall be established by regulations of the Unit Board of Directors.

C. Nomination and Election of Directors:

Candidates for Director shall be nominated and elected from and by the membership of the Unit.

D. Vacancies:

Any vacancy on the Unit Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors, and the persons so appointed shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term.

E. Meetings:

The Unit Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of seven (7) meetings a year, one of which shall be designated the annual meeting. Subsequent meetings thereafter shall be held pursuant to regulations established by the Unit Board of Directors on appropriate notice.

F. Quorum:

A quorum of the Unit Board of Directors for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than a majority of the Board.

G. Powers and Duties:

In addition to the powers herein granted by other provisions hereof, and by the laws of the State of California, the Unit Board of Directors shall have powers and duties, but not limited to:

- (a) The conduct, management, supervision, and control of the business of the Unit.
- (b) Conduct of the Unit tournaments.
- (c) The employment and discharge of employees, the supervision of their conduct, and the fixing of their compensation.

H. Board Membership

The Unit Board of Directors shall be the sole judge of its membership.

ARTICLE 6
Unit Officers

A. Number of Unit Officers:

The officers of the Unit shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

B. Election of Unit Officers:

The Unit Board of Directors shall elect all officers at its annual meeting, or within two weeks thereafter, and the persons elected shall hold office for one (1) year, or until their successors have been duly elected.

C. Vacancies:

Vacancies due to death, resignation, or other cause shall be filled by the Unit Board of Directors,

D. Duties:

The duties of the officers shall be those outlined in the Unit By-Laws and Regulations, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Unit Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7
Impeachment

Any officer or Director may be removed for cause at any meeting of the Unit Board of Directors, provided two-thirds of those present, constituting a quorum, shall so vote. Any officer or Director against whom impeachment charges shall be brought shall be notified in writing, by registered mail, of the charges against him/her, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and shall be given an opportunity to be heard before the Unit Board of Directors and to be represented by council of his/her own choosing. Absence for three (3) consecutive meetings without notification to an officer of the Unit may be cause for removal of a director.

ARTICLE 8
Committees

The president shall appoint such committees as may be necessary to perform the functions of the organization. Standing committees shall be appointed with the approval of the Unit Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9
Amendments to the By-Laws

Amendment to the By-Laws may be made by the members of the Unit upon petition signed by at least twenty (20) members and submitted to the Secretary at least thirty (30) days in advance of the annual meeting or any special meeting called for the purpose, or upon petition signed by at least eight (8) members of the Unit Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to incorporate the text of the proposed amendment in the notice of the meeting. The concurrence of two-thirds of all members present and voting shall be required to pass any amendments.

AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIT BY-LAWS

AMENDMENT 1

Whereas the number of board volunteers was declining and that it was difficult to maintain 11 members of the Board, therefore, ARTICLE 5, Section A of the above By-Laws was amended to read “shall consist of, at least 9...”, (was “shall consist of, at least 11...”). The Unit membership voted and approved this Amendment on December 1, 2012, effective January 1, 2013.

AMENDMENT 2

ARTICLE 5, Section B Term of Office of the above By-Laws is amended to read: “Each Director shall hold office for a minimum period of two (2) years and shall continue to hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected. Directors will serve at least two-year staggered terms so as to create stability and continuity of the board. The commencement of the term shall be established by regulations of the Unit Board of Directors”. The Unit membership voted and approved this Amendment on December 3rd 2017, effective January 1, 2018.