



ACBL NATIONAL BOARD REORGANIZATION NOW IN FULL SWING



The ACBL National Board of Directors is reducing in size from 25 to 13 members -- a process to be completed by 2024. The reorganization required changes to the ACBL bylaws and needed a two-thirds majority to begin the downsizing process.

For the purposes of electing members to the National Board, the 25 ACBL Districts will be combined into 13 Regions determined by geography and membership size.

This means that most National Board members will represent more than one District. However, three of the 13 Regions will include only one District. District 17 will be identified as Region 10 and will have single representation on the National Board.



It is important to note that all 25 ACBL Districts will remain intact. This includes treasuries and District-related functions and events such as North American Pairs (NAPs) and Grand National Team (GNT). Because many National Board members perform functions on their District Boards, District bylaws and policies should be reviewed and modifications should be made where warranted.

In addition to significant cost reductions, it is believed that a smaller board will offer many advantages, including better quality participation and better quality decision making. However, to foster productivity, non-core functions of the National Board will transition to other ACBL decision-making bodies -- a process that has already begun and will continue for the immediate future. Core functions -- communications, strategic, audit, bylaws, finance, governance and Appeals and Charges -- including Executive Director Review -- will remain with the National Board.

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