

## ACBL UNIT 508 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### Minutes January 20, 2021

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**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Gail Haar on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 3:30 pm. Due to shelter in place restrictions, the meeting took place via Zoom videoconference call.

**Present:** Tracey Bauer, Gail Haar, Melanie Haddad, Judy Leedy, Steve Levinson, Ann Schweichler, Bob Thomson, Don Tusel, Bill Yeast

1. **Minutes. MOTION** (Judy/ Bill): That the Minutes of the Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting of December 9, 2020, be approved as distributed. Carried.
2. **President's Report.**
  - a **District 21 Board.** Melanie was unanimously elected as Unit representative to the District Board 21 to replace Bill
  - b **Online Engagement Tool from ACBL.** The Board reviewed the suggestions from the ACBL regarding engaging more Unit members in online play. Bill will contact Peggy, Henry, and the ACBL to obtain the names of those Unit members who are not playing online. Board members will undertake to contact those people to encourage them to play online. Don and Judy will explore using the ACBL partnership desk so we may better advertise it as a resource to Unit members.
3. **VP & Membership.** Nothing to report.
4. **Unit Sectional.** Judy reported that dates for a Fall Sectional are available in October 2021, although Redwood High School would not be available as a venue. Given current restrictions, the Board agreed that the Unit should not hold a Sectional in 2021. If circumstances change, this may be revisited.
5. **Website.** Website updated. Bill noted that the link to pre 2017 Board Meeting minutes on the Board Related page of the Unit's site does not work. Bob will investigate.
6. **Development.** Nothing to report.
7. **Unit Coordinator.** Nothing to report.
8. **Treasurer.** Steve reported that the membership payment from the ACBL was received. Alternate payment methods for Ron Klinger were discussed. Steve will enquire whether payment through PayPal is possible.
9. **Social Media & D21 Report.**
  - a Tracey reported that at the District 21 meeting on January 9, 2021, the proposal to remove voting privileges from the District representative to the ACBL Board passed, the Western conference Representative will retain a seat on the

Executive Committee, and the technical amendments proposed to the bylaws were passed (with the addition of gender-neutral language). Discussion and vote on the substantive amendments to the bylaws were postponed to January 30, 2021.

- b The Unit's Holiday Party and Benefit for Homeward Bound of Marin was successful and demonstrated the audience for and benefit of online events. The Board agreed to initiate more online events to engage our membership. Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

**10. Any Other Business.** None.

The next board meeting will take place on February 17, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Haddad  
Secretary