

NOTICE OF USBF 2006 BOARD ELECTIONS

ATTENTION ALL USBF MEMBERS

This Fall the USBF will conduct an election to fill 3 seats on its Board of Directors. All seats are for a three-year term.

There is one seat open in the at large category, one seat open in the ACBL category and one seat open in the Athlete category. These categories and their definitions are as follows:

1. At large member – must be a member in good standing of either the American Bridge Association or the ACBL as well as an active member of the USBF
2. Bridge Athlete – must be an active member of the USBF who has:
 - (a) participated in international team competition by qualifying through a trials sanctioned by the ACBL or the USBF; or
 - (b) finished in the top ten in a WBF championship event; or
 - (c) finished in the top three in a WBF transnational event.
3. ACBL member – must be a member in good standing of the American Contract Bridge League as well as an active member of the USBF

USBF Board members must be currently active USBF members, having paid the 2006 annual active member dues of \$50.

If you are eligible and interested in being nominated please email Rena Hetzer at rena.hetzer@acbl.org before *September 30, 2006*. Include a resumé indicating your contributions to bridge, your non-bridge activities and contributions, your qualifications, and your reasons for wishing to serve on the USBF Board.

To help construct your resumé, please refer to *Board Member Expectations* shown below.

Potential nominees may be interviewed by telephone during early October. Please note that it is also possible to be nominated by petition; see election procedures.

BOARD MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

(For potential candidates seeking nomination to the Board)

The USBF Board is its most important organizational unit. Elected and empowered by the Members, and guided by the Bylaws, it establishes policies, sets fees, admits and disciplines Members and focuses on the long-term interests of the organization.

Board members attend the regularly scheduled Board meetings (more or less as needed, about monthly). Based on the past year, meetings are held by conference call and last two or three hours. Some meetings have been held on the first Thursday evening of the three NABC's. All Board members are expected to chair at least one committee. Most committees meet monthly, while others meet on an as needed basis. Committee meetings are typically held at times mutually agreeable to most of its members and staff.

In addition, Board members may have some special duties assigned to them by the Board.

Board members will receive, and are expected to read, sometimes on short notice, a wealth of reports and written materials throughout the year. A basic understanding of computer word processing and familiarity with E-mail is a plus.

Board members are Bridge ambassadors. They graciously interact with members who offer comments, questions, complaints, suggestions (and occasionally praise).

As you see, being a Board member is a working position and not a ceremonial one. Board Members should understand that the position is a complete and sacrificing three-year obligation.

Candidates for the Board should refer to the appropriate sections of the Bylaws to learn about the duties, powers and responsibilities of their position. Board members are expected to read and have a working knowledge of the Bylaws.