



The International Bridge Press Association

Agenda for the IBPA Annual General Meeting

Saturday December 10 2022, at 2:00 p.m. GMT*, [online](#)

1. Question if the meeting constitutes a quorum
2. Election of Chairman of the AGM
3. Remembrance
4. Approval of minutes from AGM held on December 11 2021
5. Officers' Reports
6. Appointees' Reports
7. Treasurer's financial statement and Auditor's report
8. Approval of the financial statement for 2021
9. Approval of budget for 2023 and decision on membership dues for 2023
10. Elections

Officers nominated for election for 2023-2024 are President: Barry Rigal (USA); Chairman: Per Jannersten (Sweden); Vice-President: David Stern (Australia); Organisational Vice-President: Dilip Gidwani (India); Treasurer: Richard Solomon (New Zealand); Secretary: Katie Thorpe (Canada)
Nominated for election to the **Executive** until 2025 are:

 - Francesca Canali (ITA)
 - Paul Linxwiler (USA)
 - Samantha Punch (UK)

Nominated for election for 2023 are:

 - Quinfen Zhu (PRC) as **Honorary Chairman**
 - Jerry Thorpe (USA) as **Auditor** [no relation to Katie Thorpe]
 - Allan Falk (USA) as **General Counsel**
11. Approval of [revised Constitution](#)
12. Awards
13. Any other competent business

* US Pacific Time, PT	Saturday, 10th Dec 2022	6:00 am PST
US Eastern Time, ET	Saturday, 10th Dec 2022	9:00 am EST
London, United Kingdom	Saturday, 10th Dec 2022	2:00 pm GMT
Central European Time, CET	Saturday, 10th Dec 2022	3:00 pm CET
New Delhi, India	Saturday, 10th Dec 2022	7:30 pm IST
Beijing, China	Saturday, 10th Dec 2022	10:00 pm CST
Sydney, Australia	Sunday, 11th Dec 2022	1:00 am AEDT
Auckland, New Zealand	Sunday, 11th Dec 2021	3:00 am NZDT

[Other time zones](#)



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Instructions & rules for voting by Proxy (absentee ballot) at IBPA's virtual AGM, December 10, 2022 at 2 pm GMT

A written ballot will be considered if, and only if, it has been received by the Secretary
Elisabeth van Ettinger

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by **noon (GMT) on the 10th day of December 2020** i.e. 2 hrs before the meeting.

You can send an ordinary email to the Secretary indicating your choice if you so prefer. The rules for the ballot stated here will apply in that case as well.

- i. Please mark the alternative "*ALL items in favor*" **OR** mark one (1) alternative per item. Your entire ballot will not be invalid if you mark more than one alternative on an item; only the double marked item(s).
- ii. Item without mark will be taken as an abstention.
- iii. A submitted ballot cannot be revoked. That is to say, you cannot vote during the meeting if you would decide to attend after you have submitted a ballot.
- iv. Your ballot will be void if there are less than 20 eligible voters.
- v. Simple majority is required for approvals and elections. The President or, in his absence, the Chairman of the meeting, is entitled to a second casting vote, in case there is a tie.
- vi. Other issues than those listed on the ballot will not be voted on at the AGM.



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Proxy (absentee ballot) for IBPA AGM, December 10, 2022

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

I hereby give the Independent Representative the power to vote on my behalf as follows:

☐ **ALL** items (1-12) in favour (For)

or

As ticked below

	For	Against	Abstention
1. Elect Barry Rigal as Chairman of the meeting or, in his absence, Per Jannersten	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Approval of minutes from AGM 2021	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Approval of the Annual Financial Statement for 2021	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Approval of budget for 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Approval of proposed dues for 2023 (\$43, i.e. no change)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Election of Barry Rigal as President until 2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Election of Per Jannersten as Chairman until 2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Election of David Stern as Vice-President until 2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Election of Dilip Gidwani as Org. Vice-President until 2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Election of Richard Solomon as Treasurer until 2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Election of Katie Thorpe as Secretary until 2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Election of Francesca Canali to the Executive until 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Election of Samantha Punch to the Executive until 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Election of Paul Linxwiler to the Executive until 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Election of Qingfen Zhu as Honorary Chairman for 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Election of Jerry Thorpe as Auditor for 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Election of Allan Falk as General Counsel for 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Approval of the revised Constitution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Date

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Place

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Signature

Name in BLOCK LETTERS



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Minutes

IBPA Annual General Meeting

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Online at 9 a.m. EST, 3 p.m. CET

Attendance

There were 29 participants and 20 proxies (see list in point 13)

1. Quorum

We have a quorum.

2. Recommend the Chairman of the AGM

Barry Rigal is elected as Chairman, proposed by David Stern. Approved with 18 votes plus 20 proxies.

3. Remembrance

This point was moved to the end of the agenda. This year we lost Jeff Goldsmith, David Birman, Grattan Endicott, Patrick Grenthe, Victor Silverstone and some well known bridge players who were not members of the IBPA. We honoured them with a minute of silence.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM on December 12, 2020 Online

Proposed by David Stern and seconded by Per Jannersten. No questions asked. One abstention and approval by all the others.

5. Officers' Reports

Chairman Per Jannersten reports that membership of the IBPA is up by 15%, which is good but not good enough to stay solid in the future. He encourages everybody to give him names of potential new members.

Secretary Elisabeth van Ettinger reports that the little work she had to do was all online. She hopes we will see each other next year at a live Championship.

President Barry Rigal expresses that this year had many pauses and little live bridge. His attention is focused on next year. Important points are to retain membership and keep the Hainan Bridge Festival sponsorship. Our income depends on sponsorships but, at the moment, planning is difficult. The award winners of 2020 will get their award money paid soon. The award winners of 2021 will be announced at this meeting. We hope that the winners of this and last year will get some sponsorship to attend

the Hainan Bridge Festival in 2022 if possible. Barry is grateful that most IBPA members stayed with us. He thanks the executives for their work and Marek Wojcicki for making the Jeff Goldsmith papers available on our website.

6. Appointees' Reports

Editor John Carruthers explains that this year was unusual in three ways. Hardly any live tournaments so mostly online reports. Accusations of cheating and confessions concerning online tournaments were all duly reported. More articles from new members. He thanks his proof readers/editors P.O Sundelin, Katie Thorpe and Philip Alder. John informs us that after his last editorial he got more comments than any before.

Membership Secretary Katie Thorpe reports that we have a total of 281 members. Unfortunately, membership is lopsided. We have only 1 member from the Caribbean/Central American zone and 4 members from Africa/Middle East.

Treasurer Richard Solomon could not present his report live due to the big time difference. We have a solid financial position and enough cash.

7. Treasurer's Financial Statement and Auditor's Report

Per Jannersten presents the financial statement and auditor's report. We have more members. Sponsorship is also up because we promised our sponsors more. Funbridge has stopped their sponsorship. The WBF is steady in their financial support. We are thankful for that. We earned money because of exchange rates but that is random and can be lost again in another year. The reserve is up because we have the costs under control. This year we expect to lose \$5000 but we also expect to regain that amount next year. Our Auditor, Richard Fleet could not be present at the meeting but sent his approval of the financial statement by mail. The meeting passed the financial statement with 1 abstention while all other approved.

8. Approval of budget 2022 and decision on membership dues for 2022

The treasurer recommends that the membership dues for 2022 remain unchanged at \$43. Toine van Hoof asked why we have a number of non-paying members. Per Jannersten explains that we have no such thing as free members. But when the value of a member is great by contributing to the IBPA Bulletin or other work, the IBPA can sponsor their dues. 19 plus 20 vote in favour, so the budget and dues are approved.

9. Elections of Executive Members

Already elected for 2021-2022 are President Barry Rigal (USA); Chairman Per Jannersten (Sweden) Vice-President David Stern (Australia) Organisational Vice President Dilip Gidwani (India) Treasurer Richard Solomon (New Zealand) Secretary Elisabeth van Ettinger (Netherlands).

Nominated for election until 2022:

Honorary Chairman Zhu Qingfeng: Barry Rigal explains that Mr. Zhu has set up and organizes the ongoing sponsorship by the Hainan Bridge Festival. We want to thank him and give him and the HBF more visibility to the outside world.

Approved with 35 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

General Counsel Allan Falk: Allan has been very helpful with the Constitution. We thanked David Harris, who has served us well in the past, but it has been difficult for him to combine the IBPA with the WBF and his main loyalty is with the WBF.

Approved with 38 for and 1 abstention.

Auditor Richard Fleet: who has always been very conscientious in his work for the IBPA. Approved with 38 for and 1 against.

Nominated for election to the Executive until 2024

GeO Tislevoll (NZL) Approved with 36 in favour and 2 against

Jerry Li (PRC) 38 in favour and 1 abstention

Liam Milne (Australia) 38 in favour and 2 abstentions.

10. Approval of the Revised Constitution

Per Jannersten gives an explanation of the necessity to revise the Constitution. He received a lot of good advice from Allan Falk. The old Constitution had a number of weaknesses and change is needed to be fit for the future. Membership should be approved by the Executive. Members have to waive the right to sue the Organization. They can criticize but we have to minimize the chance of being sued. We make a difference between full members and other members. Only full members have the right to vote. Honorary members are not automatically full members. The Chairman is supposed to control and check the Executive but is at the same time part of the Executive. This is not a tenable situation so the Auditor and Counsel should be in this position. It is now too easy to change the Constitution. At present 1 extra meeting directly after an AGM is enough. This will be changed so that 2 AGM's are necessary. Barry Rigal asks if we can ratify the new Constitution now or if we have to wait till the next AGM. Per suggests that we ratify now and early in the agenda of the next AGM we can approve. 38 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

11. Awards

The awards of 2021 were presented by David Stern. Judges consisted of Barry Rigal, J.J. Wang, Zia Mahmood, Jan van Cleeff, David Stern, Gilad Ofir, Peter Fredin, Marek Wojcicki, Maurizio Di Sacco.

Best declarer play: Boye Brogeland player and Christina Lund Madsen journalist.

Best Defence: Kjell Jonsen player and Knut Kjærnsrød journalist.

Best Bid: Jerry Li and Ao Hailong players and J.J. Wang journalist.

Best Junior Deal: Jin Kai player and Jie (Jerry) Li journalist.

Book of the Year: Two winners: Simon Cochemé with *Bridge with a Twist* and Samantha Punch with *Bridge at the Top: Behind the Screens*

Personality of the Year: Samantha Punch is named Personality of the Year for the publicity following her and the Scottish team's courageous stand in not playing against the Italian team at the EBL championships and her work with the University of Stirling and the *Keep Bridge Alive* campaign. Samantha is delighted and honoured with her awards. She is proud of her team members who supported each other in not playing against Italy. They were the first scheduled to play Italy and all the other teams followed suit. She is doing a new research about inequality and sexism in the bridge world. Unfortunately this is still taking place.

12. Any Other competent business

Frank Stewart sends a motion asking the IBPA to take a stronger action against cheats. In the opinion of David Stern and Per Jannersten we are an organisation for journalists and not involved in political actions. John Carruthers has published in the Bulletin all the reports on cheating and confessions that were sent in. He might encourage journalists to take a strong stand against cheating in an editorial. Jan van Cleeff asked about the threat from an Italian player, who has been convicted of cheating, to sue the IBPA. Allan Falk replies that nothing new can be reported. The chance of success for a lawsuit is minimal. Jan van Cleeff wants to know if the revised constitution protects a journalist from being sued. The answer is that the IBPA will be better protected but not the individual journalist.

Barry Rigal congratulates all the award winners and thanks the Executive for their contribution to the organization. He thanks Dilip Gidwani for his hard work and sponsorship. Dilip represented our organization in Sanya at the last Hainan Bridge Festival. A special thanks to David Stern who has organized this AGM in a perfect way.

13. List of attendees to the AGM

Les Amoils, Svetlana Badrankova, John Carruthers, Simon Cochemé, Herman DeWael, Allan Falk, Dilip Gidwani, Per Jannersten, Britt Jannersten, Julian Laderman, Bridzs Latvije, Slawek Latala, Joe Lentz, Jerry Li, Christina Lund Madsen, Margaret Maruszkin, Sam Punch, Barry Rigal, Karlis Rubins, Hans Secelle, Barnet Shenkin, David Stern, Jan Swaan, Katie Thorpe, Jan van Cleeff, Elisabeth van Ettinger, Toine van Hoof, Peter Ventura, Jian Jian Wang, Tadashi Yoshida.

Proxies: David Bakhshi, David Berkowitz, Marc van Beijsterveldt, Herman DeWael, Patrice Foulon, Alan Grant, Anna Jannersten, Jan Kamras, Knut Kjærnsrød, Fulvio Manno, Daniel Miles, Liam Milne, Margaret Maruszkin, Douglas Newlands, Pierre Schmidt, Barbara Seagram, Hans Secelle, Elena Ström, Jerry Thorpe, Barbara Travis.



President's Report 2022

Last year, could have been summarized as 'Nothing happened'. This year it seems was a hive of activity – not necessarily of the right sort. Which do I prefer? It is hard to say.

The year began for me on a personal low note, but as the COVID position improved IBPA also returned to something approaching normality.

The biggest single issue has of course been the impending retirement of John Caruthers, who has been the only editor many of us have known, or worked with directly. He and Patrick Jourdain have defined the IBPA for the outside world, and in partnership with Katie Thorpe he has presented the face of IBPA. I am sure that Brad Coles will carry on this tradition.

There remains considerable work to be done; we need to get all sponsors back and active again. The Hainan Bridge Festival has been unable to host the awards ceremony during COVID, but next year we hope things will finally return to normal.

Work on our job descriptions remains to be completed but progress is being made; I remain hopeful that more of the rank and file members will contribute to the bulletin rather than leaving a very small group responsible for providing the bulk of the material. It is YOUR magazine; if you enjoy it, please provide deals to Brad and let him knock them into shape. And if you don't find everything you need, please provide stuff that you would like to see more of.

Most importantly, for IBPA to survive long term we need new members at all levels, lowering the average age. If you are willing and able to serve, please let me know. I trust the organization is democratic enough to embrace a wide range of views about the way forward.

Barry Rigal

New York, November 1 2022



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Chairman's Report

Covid-19 affects us in several ways. We have lost almost 30 members during this year and we have also lost a substantial income from our awards ceremony, which was cancelled because of China's Covid policy.

The consensus of the Executive is that our organisation needs to develop to stay relevant to existing members at the same time as we have to attract new [young] media people. There is not yet any consensus in the Executive on what to do more in detail, but a vivid discussion on which way(s) we should go.

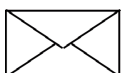
Some decisions have been made, however. Next year the Bulletin will be available in a phone/tablet friendly format and its content will be revised based on the result of a survey. We have also set up a chat forum that will be open to members only.

We do not know what next year will bring, but one thing is clear: We will remain an organisation of members, for members. Our future lies in your hands, dear fellow member*.

Uppsala October 29 2022

Per E Jannersten

*Please click the link ibpa@jannersten.com and propose at least one new member that we should invite. (Not later on, but NOW.)





24-10-2022

Secretary's Report

During the World Championships in Salsomaggiore we held a live EM for the first time since Covid. It was good to see some of the Executive in the flesh.

The other activities have all been online, unfortunately. So my job consisted mainly of sending messages and polls by email.

It has been a pleasure to do some work for the IBPA but since I am not getting any younger I have decided to not stand for re-election. The AGM 2022 will be the last one in my capacity as Secretary.

I wish you all successful years, especially my successor, and hope to continue to come to as many Championships as possible.

Elisabeth van Ettinger

IBPA Membership Report 2022 as of November 1, 2022

Total membership for 2022	252	(Note: includes partial 2022 members who joined for ½ or ¼ of year)
Over 80 years of age	11	
Honorary Members	9	(see list on next page)
Sponsored Members 2022	80	(see <i>separate</i> spreadsheet)
Deceased 2022	2	(Sven-Olov Flodqvist, Maureen Hiron)
Resigned during 2022	1	

Distribution of members

Zone 1 (Europe)	136
Zone 2 (NA)	63
Zone 3 (SA)	3
Zone 4 (Asia & Middle East)	4
Zone 5 (CA&C)	1
Zone 6 (Asia Pacific)	15
Zone 7 (South Pacific)	30
Zone 8 (Africa)	0

Members for Future Years - Pre-Paid or Sponsored (Prizes)

2023	21
2024	8
2025	2
2026	1
2027	0

List of 2022 Honorary Members

(Does not include a printed bulletin)

Jose Damiani

*Sven-Olov Flodqvist

deceased during 2022

Denis Howard

Per Jannersten

David Rex-Taylor

Barry Rigal

Gianarrigo Rona

Tommy Sandsmark

PO Sundelin

2021 Members Resigned/Did not renew

Of the paying members in 2021, 21 did not renew. Some sent an email indicating their retirement from bridge (whether journalism, competition, etc). Some simply did not renew.

Of the members sponsored by various of the executive, 42 were not renewed as they had not contributed articles to the Bulletin nor assisted in other roles.

Submitted by Katie Thorpe (IBPA Membership Secretary)
November 1, 2022

SPONSORED MEMBERS 2022

Last name	First names
Aalander	Thomas
Alder	Phillip D
Amoils	Les
Amsel	Alon
Ao	Hailong
Åsgård	Jo-Gaute
Babsch	Fritz
Bergen	Marty
Blakset	Lars
Boehm	August
Bourke	Tim
Brock	Sally
Brogeland	Boye
Carr	James T
Carruthers	John
Chen	Sun
Chorus	Marjo
Coles	Brad
Cullin	Per-Ola
Drijver	Tom
Elmroth	Gunnar
Fleet	Richard James
Foster	Julian
Gidwani	Dilip
Gjellestad	Harald
Granovetter	Matt
Gronkvist	Mikael
Hainan Bridge	
Hammond	Nicolas
Hollander	Al
Horton	Mark
Jacob	Nick
Jacobs	Jos
Jin	Kai
Kjaernsrod	Knut
Klinger	Ronald D
Kokish	Eric
Kvangraven	Nils
Larsson	Jessica
Larsson	Jan Eric
Laurant	Eric
Lee	Ray
Lee	Linda
Lema	Fernando

Last name	First names
Lester	Stephen
Li	Jerry
Liao	Yufan
Lundby	Ib
Madsen	Christina Lund
Manley	Brent
Martinez	Roberto
Meyers	Jill
Moquist	Lars
Munday	Sue
Nickell	Frank (Nick)
Nilsson	Ulf
Novrup	Svend
Punch	Samantha
Rasmussen	Halle
Robson	Andrew
Rubins	Karlis
Senior	Brian
Shenkin	Barnet J
Sidar	Erdal
Stewart	Frank
Ström	Elena
Swaan	Jan
Tammens	Kees
Thorpe	Katie
Todd	Robert
van den Bergh	Rob
van der Wouden	Huub
van Ettinger	Elisabeth
Ventura	Peter
Wang	JianJian
Wojcicki	Marek
Woodruff	Laura
Woolsey	Kit
Xu	Michael
Yeh	Chen
Zhu	Qingfeng



IBPA Editor's Report 2022

For the IBPA AGM December 10, 2022

John Carruthers

This will be my last Editor's Report as I am retiring at the end of the year. The new Editor is Brad Coles of Australia and the *IBPA Bulletin* will be in very capable hands for the foreseeable future. Brad has been associated with *Australian Bridge* magazine for 20 years, the last decade or so as Editor. He has all the personal, bridge, writing, editing and technical skills to take on the IBPA Editor post and perform with distinction. It is of note that the IBPA is truly a worldwide organisation, as our three most-recent editors have been from Wales, Canada and now Australia. We are represented by Officers, Executive members and appointees from 11 different nations.

As usual, I must laud my superb support team: Katie Thorpe, PO Sundelin and Phillip Alder. Katie makes sure every deal in the Bulletin comprises 52 unique cards and that each hand has 13. She uploads the Bulletin to the IBPA server every month and sends the notifications to members, as well as proofreading each issue at least twice. PO is my technical guru (and there is none better), but also proofreads each issue and loves to catch me out in a grammatical or syntactical error and does so with his own brand of sardonic humour. (I can't tot up the times I've read, "Oh, really?" or "Do you think so?") Phillip volunteered to help many years ago when he could not bear to see so many tense changes in a single article (one of my faults as a writer/editor – and I'm not alone amongst bridge writers). He ensures that we use bridge terminology correctly: deal vs. hand, transportation vs. communication, winning with a card as opposed to winning a card, and so on, among other things. All three of these stalwarts perform their duties on a volunteer basis, without remuneration.

Since this is my last report, I'll relate a few personal details.

Katie and I got together at the 1974 ACBL Spring Nationals in Vancouver. We've been together ever since – that's almost 50 years! It's a testament to Katie's patience and tolerance that we are still an item. Can you imagine living with me for almost five decades? No? Nor can I! Sainthood has been bruited. Katie will continue as Membership Secretary after I retire and has agreed to take over from Elisabeth van Ettinger as IBPA Secretary in 2023.

PO and I have been friends since we met in New Orleans at the World Championships in 1978. Katie and I have spent a lot of time with PO and his family, Jill, Marcus and Tina, over the years, in Europe, North and South America, Australia and Asia. In 2001, at the Forbo Invitational in Scheveningen, Netherlands (my all-time favourite tournament – thanks to Elly Ducheyne), I ran into PO and asked him how Tina was doing. He replied that she was at the top of her class in her last year of high school and was planning to go to university in Boston in the fall (this was in February). “Oh, where?” I naïvely asked, “Harvard, MIT, BU, BC, Northeastern?” (Boston is the Wrocław of the USA in truly being a ‘university town’.) PO replied, “Don’t know yet.” I said Tina should come to the University of Toronto. I offered him five reasons: (i) Tina had family in Toronto (Katie and me); (ii) U of T is as good as Harvard for undergraduate studies; (iii) Toronto is a much safer city than Boston; (iv) it may be too late to get into an American university, having not already applied, and the clincher; (iv) it will cost you about one-quarter as much for Tina to come to Toronto as it would if she goes to Boston. “Ahh hahh,” drawled PO to the last. Tina came to U of T, became our surrogate daughter and spent five years here. I now introduce PO as the father of my daughter.

Phillip came to the USA from the UK and subsequently took over from Alan Truscott as the bridge editor of *The New York Times*; he is currently the Associate Editor of *The Bridge World*. As well as the obvious bridge connections, Phillip and I share a love of fine wine. However, my budget does not allow me to drink Pétrus, Ornellaia, Grange and Margaux as often as I would like. Nevertheless, I’ve promised to share a nice bottle with Phillip when next we meet.

The regular contributors to the *IBPA Bulletin* are headed by Tim Bourke, author of the IBPA Column Service for most of my tenure as editor and co-author of the best bridge book ever written, *The Art of Declarer Play*. Additionally, I’d like to give a nod to my most regular contributors, Mark Horton, Knut Kjærnsrød, Ron Klinger, Jerry Li and Barry Rigal; but also, David Bird, Martin Cantor, Nicolas Hammond, Jos Jacobs, Nils Kvangraven, Fernando Lema, Jens Otto Petersen, Karlis Rubins, Brian Senior, Barnet Shenkin, Erdal Sidar, Marc Smith, Frank Stewart, JJ Wang and Marek Wójcicki. Thank you all. Now-regular columnists Larry Cohen, Andrew Robson and Joey Silver have added immeasurably to the variety and humour of the Bulletin.

Over the years, in my editorials, I’ve occasionally been quite critical of the WBF, the EBL, the ACBL, CAS, the courts and a few NCBOs. In some cases, my criticism has led to changes and improvements in the way they operate. In a couple of cases, the powers-that-be have tried to get me sacked as Editor. The IBPA Presidents (initially, Patrick Joudain and now, Barry Rigal) and the Chairman (Per Jannersten) have been consistently supportive of my efforts and have rebuffed these entreaties. I thank them for that support.

Despite my criticisms and sometimes contentious spats with them, I’ve had good relationships with all the WBF and EBL Presidents over the years. I’d especially like to single out and thank Gianarrigo Rona for his collegiality and policy of inclusion. Despite being

heartily criticised by David Stern over the European Open Championships in Menton in the IBPA Bulletin, but being offered the opportunity to reply to that criticism in the same issue, Rona vowed to do better in the future and invited Stern and me to Tenerife to prove that he would do so, and he did.

One of my innovations has been the introduction of the IBPA Awards document, which has been expanded in recent years due to the involvement of the Hainan Bridge Festival as overall sponsor of our awards – the IBPA Awards Ceremony in Sanya is a spectacular event. Additionally, I've brought in several specific awards sponsors, such as Ray Lee of Master Point Press, Chen Yeh, Les Amoils, Nick Nickell, and Rose Meltzer. I've also recruited our current Legal Counsel, Allan Falk, and our Membership Secretary, Katie Thorpe.

I've been IBPA Editor since August 2002 and I've loved every minute of it. I've done as good a job as I'm capable of doing and I've been conscientious doing it. When I was interviewed by Jean-Paul Meyer for the post early in 2002, we hit it off immediately and had a connection with the direction we felt the Bulletin should go. However, now, at my advancing age, I feel a younger person with new ideas should take over, much as Patrick felt when he retired in 2002.

Twenty twenty-two has been notable for the return of face-to-face bridge in most jurisdictions. Some combination of online and live bridge will likely be the future of our game. This has not affected the IBPA Bulletin to a significant degree. What has affected us has been the membership drive by our Executive and the number and variety of articles submitted by new members. This year, through November, we have had articles published by 73 different authors from 25 countries on five continents. No other bridge journal can come close to this diversification.

In my 20-plus years as the IBPA Bulletin Editor, I think I've advanced, expanded, varied and improved it. In almost 250 issues, I have never missed a single deadline, despite having travelled to bridge championships all over the world and having suffered one serious illness and a few surgeries, including three eye procedures. I've incorporated suggestions made by members (notably Christina Lund Madsen and Brian Senior), while maintaining our goals as an organisation. But these goals are changing and Brad Coles will keep pace with them.

John Carruthers
November 1, 2022



25/10/22

IBPA general counsel's report for 2021-2022:

No consultation with or legal assistance from the general counsel was sought by the Executive Committee as a group, or by the officers. At the request of Chairman Jannersten from time to time during the year, counsel assisted in drafting, revising, or clarifying, for consideration by the EC or membership as appropriate, bylaws, internal procedures and guidelines, rules for a possible IBPA internet chat room, and editorial policies and disclaimers, and also provided advice and counsel regarding potential organizational and directorial liability in relation to possible actions for defamation, particularly in regard to such as might be initiated in a court in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Allan Falk
Hon. General Counsel



The International Bridge Press Association

Uppsala September 23 2022

Re. IBPA financial statement 31 December 2021

We have three types of sponsors

- i. The World Bridge Federation (WBF) contributing with \$2500 each year.
- ii. Awards title sponsors paying \$5500
- iii. Hainan Bridge Festival (HBF) paying \$11,000 for each award presentation ceremony.

The problem is that iii. is dependent on China's Covid strategy. The income for the 2020 ceremony was booked against Trade debtors in 2020, because the ceremony was planned to be in Q1 2021. The 2020 ceremony was cancelled and so was (later on) the 2021 ceremony. When it proved to be impossible to stage a ceremony in 2022 it was (in 2022) agreed that HBF will pay 50% of a yearly payment as compensation for the missed years when the 2023 ceremony is held. (The Chinese expects the zero Covid policy to be abandoned.)

Next year IBPA will get 16,500 ($11,000 \times 1.5$) from HBF assuming that Chinese travel restrictions will permit an awards ceremony. The budgeted 22,000 is these 16,500 + the title sponsors 5,500.

The trade debtors will be reduced to nil in the 2023 accounts

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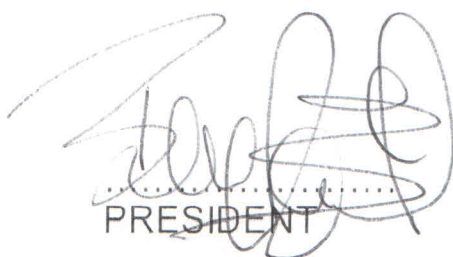
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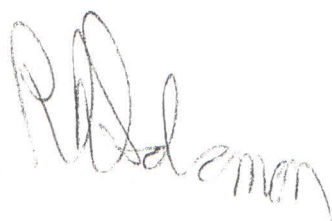
Approval

The financial statements which appear on pages 4 and 5

were approved by the President and Treasurer and are signed by:



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PRESIDENT



TREASURER

International Bridge Press Association

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**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION
INCOME STATEMENT**

For the year ended 31 December 2021

2020		2021	2022	2023
Actual	Income	Actual	Estimate	Budget
11 969	Subscriptions Email	11 138	11 000	11000
144	Subscriptions Printing	288	300	300
2 500	WBF Grant	2 500	2 500	2500
16 500	Award Sponsors	5 500	7 500	22000
3 000	"Fun Bridge"	0	0	
2 268	Gain on Exchange	0	0	0
36381	Total Income	19426	21 300	35800
Expenditure				
13 200	Bulletin Editor's Fee	13 200	13 200	13200
0	Bulletin Editor's Travel	0	0	0
1 000	Bulletin Hands Columnist	1 000	1 000	1000
200	Bulletin Printing and Postage	576	500	500
3 225	Honorary and Sponsored Members	4 988	5 000	5000
0	Loss on Exchange	1 805	0	0
0	President's Expenses	0	0	
0	President's Travel	0	0	
0	Transition Costs - Editor	0	0	3300
500	Treasurer's Allowance	500	500	500
0	Travel and Accommodation- Hainan	0	0	1800
500	Membership Secretary Allowance	500	500	500
2 600	IBPA Award Prizes	1 900	1 900	1900
0	IBPA Award Costs	0	300	300
219	Credit Card Charges	257	200	250
55	Bank Charges	67	100	100
-1	Miscellaneous Costs	72	100	100
21498	Total Expenses	24865	23300	28450
0	Reduction Trade Debtors	0	2 000	11000
14883	Excess (deficit) income for the year	-5439	-4 000	-3 650

Note Subscriptions

8529	Subscriptions due	5 839
144	Subscriptions due (printing)	288
215	Subs. Paid in advance	311
0	Subs paid in advance (printing)	0
3225	Honorary and Sponsored Members June 2022	4988
12113	Total	11426

Richard Solomon Treasurer



INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31ST December 2021

	2020	2021
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	86 749	79 762
Prepayments	500	500
Trade Debtors	13 000	13 000
Total Assets	100 249	93 262
Current Liabilities		
Award money in advance	3 000	1 000
Subscriptions Received in Advance	205	311
Trade and other payables	2 404	2 750
Total Current Liabilities	5 609	4 061
Net Assets	94 640	89 201
Reserves		
Retained profit brought forward	74 164	89 167
Profit and Loss Account	15 003	-5 439
Jourdain Bequest	5 473	5 473
Total Reserves	94 640	89 201

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31st December 2021

	\$	\$
Cash Funds as at 1st January 2021	84 034	86 749
Net Inflow(Outflow) of Cash during the year	447	-5 182
Exchange Gain / (-Loss) in Euro account	2 268	-1 805
Cash Funds as at 31st December 2021	86 749	79 762

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31st December 2021

1 Subscriptions paid in advance

The treatment of Subscriptions in advance is such that only subscriptions received relating to the actual year are recorded as Income and Subscriptions received for the following year are shown as Prepayments in the Balance Sheet.

2 Assets

Computers, printers and fax machines are all written off to Nil in the year of purchase.

3 Cash Funds 31st December 2021

	US\$	US\$
	2020	2021
Handelsbanken US\$	44 051	45 918
Handelsbanken Euro Account	35 328	33 753
US Stripe Account	7 370	91
Per Balance Sheet	86 749	79 762

4 Jourdain Bequest

As at 31st December 2020 and 31st December 2021	5 473	5 473
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR' REPORT

Management of
International Bridge Press Association
611 Pleasant Street
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USA

December 9, 2022

I have audited the balance sheets as provided by the Treasurer of the International Bridge Press Association as of December 31, 2021. The financial statements are the responsibility of the IBPA management. As the Honorary Auditor my responsibility is to give an opinion of the financial statements based on my audit.

My audit was conducted with the help of the IBPA Treasurer and a licensed accountant in the State of Washington. With the help of these individuals there was an evaluation of the overall financial statement's presentations. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

I examined the final cash funds as of 31st December 2021. The money is in separated accounts, and not used for any other purpose than for IBPA business. This was evident by the bank statements, with their own bank account numbers, for December 31, 2021.

In my opinion the financial statements of the Treasurer present fairly the financial position of the IBPA as of December 31, 2021, and the results of it operations and its cash flow for the year. This was done "to assist its members to publicize throughout the world the game of contract bridge in all forms of media."

Jerry Thorpe
Honorary Auditor

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Constitution of the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA)

The Constitution was approved at the Annual General Meeting in Albuquerque 1994, amended at the AGMs in Hammamet 1997 and Veldhoven 2011; and revised 2021.

I) NAME, LEGAL STATUS, etc.

1. The name of the association is the International Bridge Press Association ("IBPA"). IBPA is controlled by its full members.
2. IBPA is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Montana, USA. The Registered Office of IBPA shall be situated in the State of Montana, USA. The address of the Registered Office, and the contact addresses of IBPA and its Officers, shall be published in the most recent edition of the IBPA Bulletin.

II) OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the IBPA are:

1. To assist its members to publicize throughout the world the game of contract bridge ("bridge") in all forms of media.
2. To assist its members generally in their bridge-related professional activities.
3. To support the principle of free media and to oppose censorship.
4. Generally to perform such other acts as may be incidental or conducive to the promotion or teaching of bridge and to the attainment of these objects.
5. To liaise with the World Bridge Federation, WBF Zonal organizations, national bridge organizations, state and regional bridge associations and other sponsoring bodies, in order to assist IBPA members in their bridge media activities.

III) MEMBERSHIP

Any person of good moral character is eligible to membership of the IBPA subject to the terms of this Constitution and approval by the Executive Committee. No person shall be denied membership because of gender, race, color or creed.

1. Types of membership:

Full members have full rights. *Associate members* have no voting rights and are not eligible to serve as officers or members of the Executive Committee. *Honor members* can have full or associate membership.

2. Requirements of membership:

(a) **Full members:** Those eligible for full membership include bridge journalists, writers and reporters, all publishers, editors and regular contributors to bridge periodicals and to other periodicals regularly publishing features about bridge and its players, all professional producers of bridge on electronic media, writers about bridge, and any other persons as the Executive Committee may deem fit and desirable, conforming by profession or interest to the aims and objectives of the IBPA.

(b) **Associate members:** All persons in good standing who have an interest in the activities of the IBPA but lack the qualifications required for full membership.

(c) **Honor members:** Such persons, not necessarily confined to the world of bridge, nominated by the Executive Committee and confirmed at an AGM as honor members. Honor members shall enjoy their status for life without payment of dues.

3. Applications for membership

(a) Applications for membership shall be made in writing, accompanied by:

- (i) full name and address;
- (ii) a description of the applicant's qualifications, if the application is for full membership;
- (iii) the prescribed application fee;
- (iv) the prescribed membership dues;
- (v) any additional fee(s) as provided in IBPA's bylaws or regulations; or decided at AGM.

(b) The application shall be transmitted to the Membership Secretary. Membership and category of membership is subject to approval or rejection by the Executive Committee. Any person whose application for membership is rejected may appeal that decision to the next AGM of the IBPA.

(c) By applying for membership the applicant agrees that the IBPA will collect, and keep on file, the member's personal data that IBPA requires; whether in relation to legal requirements, internal regulations, other legitimate purposes, or to facilitate membership services.

(d) By applying for membership, or renewing membership of the IBPA, the member waives his/her right to have disputes with the organization resolved in any court of law; and agrees to accept a final binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") by a single arbitrator.

4. Membership continues unless:

- (a) The member fails to pay membership dues;
- (b) Membership is denied by the Executive Committee;
- (c) The member resigns.

IV) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Between General Meetings the Executive Committee (EC) is the highest authority of the IBPA. Without prejudice to its other powers the EC shall have the power to manage, conduct, supervise and control the business and activities of the IBPA; and to do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute, or the Certificate of Incorporation, or this Constitution, or IBPA's bylaws, or regulations adopted by a GM, reserved exclusively to the members.

2. EC meetings are called by the President; or by the Secretary on request of two EC members.

3. Six members constitutes a quorum of the EC. Decisions can be made by vote, poll, or a combination thereof, where each member have one vote.

V) MANAGEMENT

1. There are five officers of the IBPA, consisting of the President, the Executive Vice-President, the Organizational Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The officers shall be elected from amongst full members. The election shall be at the AGM in even numbered years for a two year term of office commencing no earlier than the date of the AGM and no later than six months thereafter.

The respective officers shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are specified in this Constitution, and such additional powers or duties as the Executive Committee shall lawfully from time to time determine.

2. The President is the highest ranking officer of the IBPA and its head. He is the official spokesman of the organization and its organizational leader. If the President's position falls vacant, [s]he shall be replaced by the Executive Vice-President, or, if the Executive Vice-President is not available, by the Organizational Vice-President.

3. The Executive Committee shall fill the position of any other officer falling vacant.

4. The Chairman is elected at the same time, and for the same period, as the five officers. The Chairman is a member of the Executive Committee and has full voting rights.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the five officers listed above; the Chairman; and nine members elected for three years on a three year cycle, with three places falling vacant each year.

6. The Executive Committee shall appoint persons to fill the offices of:

- (a) Membership Secretary;
- (b) Awards Secretary;
- (c) Bulletin Editor;

on such terms as are laid down from time to time by the Executive Committee. Such persons need not be elected members of the Executive Committee; where they are not, they may be co-opted to the Executive Committee but without voting rights.

7. The Control Committee consists of the Auditor and the General Counsel, who are to agree on the third member of the Control Committee. The Control Committee's mission is to exercise supervisory powers over the management of the organization. As such, the Control Committee has the power to:

- (a) nominate persons at the AGM for election as officers and to the Executive Committee;
- (b) to call Extraordinary General Meetings of the IBPA;
- (c) to call for any papers, minutes and accounts emanating from, or which have been before, the Executive Committee.

8. The Auditor shall report to the AGM after having scrutinized the Treasurer's fiscal account, all vouchers and bank statements

9. *President Emeritus* is an honorary title given to a Past President of the IBPA.

10. The AGM can, upon prior recommendation by the Executive Committee, elect *Zonal Vice-President(s)*. The Zonal Vice President(s) shall be eligible to carry out the duties of the President in his absence but only in so far as they have been invited to carry out such duties by the President. Zonal Vice President(s) may attend meetings of the Executive Committee but shall not have a vote.

VI) MEETINGS

1. The convocation of full members in a duly summoned General Meeting (GM) is the highest authority of the IBPA.

2. Proceedings of a GM shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of order.

3. A quorum for a GM shall consist of at least 20 full members. The chairman of the meeting shall call for an adjourned meeting to be held within seven days if there is no quorum. The quorum for such an adjourned meeting shall be at least 20 full members.

4. There shall be an Annual GM (AGM) once in every calendar year, or at such time as is convenient, but in any event not more than 18 months after the previous AGM.

5. Notice of an AGM must be published at least 30 days in advance, together with a preliminary agenda. Accidental omission to give notice to a member, or non-receipt of notice by a member, shall not invalidate the proceedings of an AGM.

6. Full members have the right to raise issues at an AGM. Issues to be raised at an AGM shall be sent to the President not later than two months before the AGM.

7. The Treasurer shall make his report, with supporting documentation, available for members not less than seven days before the AGM.

8. The AGM shall:

(a) elect a chairman to lead the meeting.

(b) approve or disapprove the summoning to the meeting.

(c) adopt an agenda for the meeting

(d) pay homage to deceased members.

(e) receive the President's written report on developments since the previous AGM.

(f) receive the written report of the Chairman.

(g) receive the written report from the Secretary; the Membership Secretary; the Editor; and the Organizational Vice President, which shall include a summary of the report(s) from the Zonal Vice-President(s).

(h) receive the written financial report and proposed budget from the Treasurer.

(i) receive the Auditor's report.

(j) determine the acceptability of the financial statement ~~and the Auditor's report.~~

(k) adopt a budget for the coming fiscal year and decide dues for the immediate approaching calendar year.

(l) act on proposals as stated in the agenda.

(m) Elect, when the Constitution so requires, for the term specified: the President; the Executive Vice-President; the Organizational Vice-President; the Treasurer; the Secretary; the Chairman; the Auditor; the General Counsel; any Zonal Vice-President(s) and Honor Members.

(n) elect three members (out of nine) of the Executive Committee for a term of three years, and fill by election any vacancies on the Executive Committee for shorter terms.

(o) elect three members (of three) to the nomination Committee.

(p) bestow IBPA awards.

(q) hear any other miscellaneous business not entered on the agenda. No vote shall be taken under this point, but the AGM may decide to enter the matter on the agenda for the next GM.

9. An Extraordinary GM (EGM) can be called by the AGM; the Executive Committee; the Control Committee; and upon written request of not less than one third of all full members identifying the purpose of the meeting.

10. Notice of an EGM, together with a preliminary agenda, must be published by the Secretary at least 15 days in advance of the meeting. An EGM shall only address issues identified in the agenda. Accidental omission to give notice to a member, or non-receipt of notice by a member, shall not invalidate the proceedings of an EGM.

11. Voting

(a) Only full members have a vote

(b) The chairman of the meeting may declare an agenda item out of order for stated reasons. Such declaration may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of those attending the meeting.

11.1 Voting at a physical meeting

The chairman of the meeting will cast proxy vote(s) in accordance with the voter's instructions, provided the member has lodged a proxy with the Secretary at least 8 days before the meeting with instructions how to cast the vote on an item published in the draft agenda. Proxies lodged with the Secretary less than 8 days before the meeting may be accepted at the discretion of the meeting.

Proxies may be revoked by a signed notice to that effect by the member appointing the proxy. Such revocation shall be delivered to the Secretary no later than the day before the meeting. By attending the meeting, a member will automatically invalidate his/her proxy for that portion of the meeting for which the member is present.

Resolutions put to a vote shall be decided by a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded by at least five attending full members. Such poll, if demanded, shall be taken as the chairman of the meeting directs, and must include the proxies held by the chairman of the meeting. In the case of a tie, the President, or in his absence the chairman of the meeting, may cast a tie-breaking vote.

11.2 Voting at a virtual meeting

Voting at virtual meetings is either by instant electronic voting or written ballot.

Ballots shall accompany the agenda for the meeting. Ballots must set forth all proposed actions that require a vote, and include the slate of nominations when an election is part of the agenda. Ballots must provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action.

Members who do not attend the meeting may exercise their voting rights by delivering their ballots to the Secretary no later than two hours before the meeting. A member who has submitted a ballot can revoke it either by a signed notice to that effect delivered to the Secretary no later than two hours before the meeting, or by attending the meeting.

11.3 Voting at a combined virtual and physical meeting

Members present at a physical meeting follow the rules outlined in §8.1, whereas those who do not attend the meeting physically follow the rules stated in 8.2. Electronic and physical voting shall be carried out simultaneously.

VII) CODE OF ETHICS

A member must respect the target of truth in published work, and act in conformity with copyright law. Persistent dishonesty by a member in published material, defamation, or gross copyright infringement, would be cause for reference to an IBPA Disciplinary Proceeding.

A member who is suspended by National Bridge Organisations for cheating in bridge, or convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment would be subject to discipline on that basis alone.

Only full members may submit matters for consideration by the CDP. Such reference must be made to the Chairman or President or, if involving both the Chairman and President, to a member of the Executive Committee.

VIII) DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

1. (a) Upon the Executive Committee receiving a written complaint alleging, or (b) upon the Executive Committee's own initiative charging, that a member has conducted himself in such a way as infringes the IBPA's Constitution, the IBPA's code of ethics, or brings the IBPA into disrepute, then the Executive Committee shall appoint an ad hoc Committee on Professional Discipline (CPD).

2. The CPD so appointed shall investigate the matter, and only the matter, complained of. A CPD shall consist of not less than three and no more than seven members. If the CPD consists of five or fewer persons, no two of them shall be from the same National Bridge Organisation (NBO). If the CPD consists of six or seven persons no three of them shall be from the same NBO.

3. The CPD shall:

(a) give notice in writing of its enquiry and the substance of each and every allegation to the member against whom such allegation is made;

(b) have made reasonable efforts to accommodate such member, fix a date and place at which the enquiry into the allegation(s) shall be held following informal, but reasonably fair procedures;

(c) at the enquiry allow such member to defend himself against each allegation and allow him to make a statement of his own case and to call witnesses, but not allow him to be represented, save at the CPD's discretion;

(d) determine the result of each allegation against such member. In its determination the CPD shall seek to be unanimous, but if this is impossible then the determination of the majority shall be the determination of the CPD;

(e) in the event of the CPD finding that an allegation against such member has been established, recommend to the Executive Committee that such member be reprimanded, censured, suspended and/or expelled, summarizing the evidence relied upon and the findings of the CPD.

4. The decision of the CPD shall be communicated both to the Executive Committee and to the charged member promptly after the CPD concludes its deliberations. The Executive Committee may (but need not) consider further written representations by such member concerning the CPD's decision, and any response on behalf of the CPD. Any written representations must be made to the Executive Committee within one month of such member receiving notification of the CPD's decision. The Executive Committee shall, not less than one month, nor more than two months, after receiving written notification of the CPD's decision, either:

(a) ratify such decision or

(b) impose a lesser penalty than that adjudged by the CPD.

5. Such decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and binding on the IBPA and to the charged member. Decisions reached by the Executive Committee may be reached by majority voting, but a member shall only be expelled from membership by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee members present.

6. The CPD and Executive Committee shall have the right to publish their decisions in the IBPA Bulletin together with the relevant details including the name of the disciplined member.

IX) AMENDMENTS

No amendment, or change, shall be effected to this Constitution except by a three-quarters affirmative vote in two successive AGMs.

X) INTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. No part of the net earnings of the IBPA shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the IBPA shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments, and distributions in furtherance, of the purposes set forth above.

2. No substantial part of the activities of the IBPA shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the IBPA shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Constitution, the IBPA shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

(a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or

[Should it not be 501(c)(3)?]

(b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

4. The five elected officers of the IBPA constitute its Board of Directors, and the number of directors constituting the board is five.

5. Upon the dissolution of the IBPA, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the IBPA, dispose of all the assets of the IBPA exclusively for the purposes of the IBPA in such manner, or to such entity or entities organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as exempt organization(s) under of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

6. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be subject to the direction of the court of general jurisdiction in which the principal office of the IBPA is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as the said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes as detailed in §5 above.

XI) DISSOLUTION

1. Proposal for dissolution of the IBPA can be made by any full member.

2. Such proposal must be published by the Secretary in the Bulletin, or otherwise, at least six months prior to the AGM.

3. The proposal will need a three-quarter majority vote in two successive AGMs to be put into effect.

4. If dissolution should be decided, paragraph X) 5. provides the rules for the distribution of IBPA assets.

The International Bridge Press Association Bylaws

I. MEMBERSHIP FEES

- (a) Upon becoming a member of the IBPA the member may be required to pay additional fee(s), as decided by the AGM from time to time.
- (b) The annual membership dues shall be for calendar year, in an amount fixed from time to time by the AGM. The annual membership dues and all extra fees shall be expressed in a currency to be determined by the AGM. Conversion to other currencies shall be determined at the time of payment, with the objective of IBPA receiving no less than the amount specified by the AGM net of conversion fees and bank charges.
- (c) The annual membership dues become due on the first of January each year. Where payment has not been received by the end of February, the defaulting member shall no longer be entitled to receive the Bulletin. Members paying late must pay the full annual membership dues, but are entitled to receive the Bulletins they have missed.
- (d) If the membership dues have not been paid by 30th June in the year when it became due, the defaulting member shall be deemed to have resigned. It is the sole responsibility of the member to ensure that membership dues are duly and timely paid.
- (e) Persons applying for membership must pay at least a full year's annual membership dues, plus a proportion of the current year as follows:
- (i) Before 1st June the full year's dues for the current year shall apply; and the new member shall be entitled to receive the Bulletin from the start of the year;
 - (ii) Between 1st June and 1st September the fee shall be one and a half times the annual membership dues at the start of the period. The payment will cover the period to the end of the following year, with the member entitled to the Bulletin from 1st July of the current year;
 - (iii) Between 1st September and 1st December the fee shall be one and a quarter times the latest annual membership dues determined by the AGM. The period will be to the end of the following year, with the member entitled to the Bulletin from the 1st October of the current year;
 - (iv) During December membership shall apply from 1st January; and the fee shall be the dues for the immediate approaching calendar year.

II COPYRIGHT

1. Facts such as details of an actual deal are not copyright;
2. Editors should not copy the words of a named author without crediting the author in the case of an extract or asking permission in the case of the bulk of an article;
3. Authors who send the same words to more than one publication should tell the Editors what they have done;
4. Analysis of a deal is not copyright;
5. If an author is employed then ownership of copyright is a matter between the author and employer, but others may work on the assumption that it is the employer who owns the copyright, particularly where the author is unnamed in such publications as Tournament Bulletins;

6. Further to this it could be good practice for such publications to have a clear statement regarding copyright of content so that contributing authors and prospective users of copy knew the published conditions;
7. Authors can give permission to specified third parties such as "other IBPA members" to reproduce their work;
8. IBPA is a member's club where there is an assumption that the IBPA Bulletin may reproduce members work without payment or permission, but readers of the Bulletin must treat copy in the Bulletin as having the same copyright as the original work;
9. Invented deals such as Par Hands or Double Dummy Problems should be treated as words, and subject to copyright.
10. When third parties ask the permission of an Editor to reprint published material, the Editor should make it clear that the author's permission is also required unless the publisher clearly owns the reprint rights.

III BULLETIN

1. By consent, express or implied, the IBPA reproduces material in the Bulletin to which it has no copyright. The IBPA does not and cannot warrant the right of any member to reproduce material from the Bulletin without the express consent of the person or persons in whom the relevant copyright may be vested.
2. In special cases the IBPA may claim the copyright in Bulletin material.
3. It follows from 1. and 2. above that members wishing to use Bulletin material should observe the legalities and/or proprieties which would apply were the material in question to be taken directly from the original (copyrighted) source.