

137th ACBL Educational Foundation Minutes
Teleconference
Monday, May 13, 2019
8:00 pm Eastern Time

1. **Call to Order** – Barbara Heller
Barbara Heller called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. Attending the meeting via teleconference were Ellen Anten, Flo Belford, Jane Champion, Paul Cuneo, Mitch Dunitz, Kristen Frederick, Barbara Heller, Joel Kramer, Bryan Howard, Betty Starzec and Robert Todd. Jay Whipple joined as a guest.
2. **President's Report** – Barbara Heller
Barbara Heller reported that the Foundation has received two recent bequests. Katherine Carlene Garrigus for \$1,000,000.00 and Richie Swartz for \$250,000.00.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Jane Champion
Paul Cuneo made a motion to approve the minutes of the 136th ACBL Educational Foundation meeting at the 2019 Spring NABC in Memphis, TN. Betty Starzec seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Mitch Dunitz
The Audit is now complete and we are in good shape. The "Kids Table" is complete and we should be done funding the project.
5. **Search Committee Follow-up** – Joel Kramer
Joel Kramer reported that Kristen Frederick has begun work, is reporting Joel and Barbara Heller and is working hard and off to a good start.
6. **Executive Director Report** – Kristen Frederick
Kristen is proud to be the operational leader & principal spokesperson for the Foundation and looks forward to providing oversight, strategic direction and outreach. She is committed to a strong working relationship with the board and committees. Kristen will be sending out a survey to learn more about the direction and focus of the Foundation and to determine the best approach to programs and fundraising. Kristen will be reaching out to each member of the board for a one-on-one meeting. Kristen's preliminary work has been to investigate costs for logo development and marketing programs with agencies.
7. **Educational Liaison Committee Report** – Barbara Heller
The ACBL Educational Foundation along with ACBL and the American Bridge Teachers Association will be in partnership in the new Educational Liaison Committee. Members will include Joel Kramer, Barbara Heller, Betty Starzec and Joe Jones.
8. **Grant Report** – Flo Belford
A grant application was received for a research project in Poland. There was discussion of providing some amount, but not \$60,000. The discussion was tabled until our meeting in July.
Flo asked that the request from Eric Hendrickson for funding for students to the College Bowl in Vegas be made a motion so I can advise him that this was the board's final decision. Board felt there was no need for a motion, just advise him that the board will not provide additional funding for travel expenses.
9. **Non-profit Status** – Bryan Howard
The charitable solicitation registration has been completed in several states and is making good progress in the other states. This long and drawn out project should be complete in the next few weeks. Bryan will check on the process in Canada

10. **Reach** – Jay Whipple

Reach will be held July 29 – August 3, 2019 as a benefit to the ACBL Educational Foundation. He anticipates this will generate \$100,000.00 in gross revenue for the Foundation.

11. **New Business**

- a. **Return Survey** – Kristen Frederick asks us to return the survey by June 15th.
- b. **ACBL Board of Directors** – We will resubmit a request to make February a charity month for the Foundation at the Summer 2019 NABC meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019.
- c. **“Kid’s Table”** - The “Kid’s Table” premiere will be held at the Summer 2019 NABC on Sunday, July 21st at 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next meeting will be 8:30 am, Saturday July 20, 2019 at the Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas, NV.