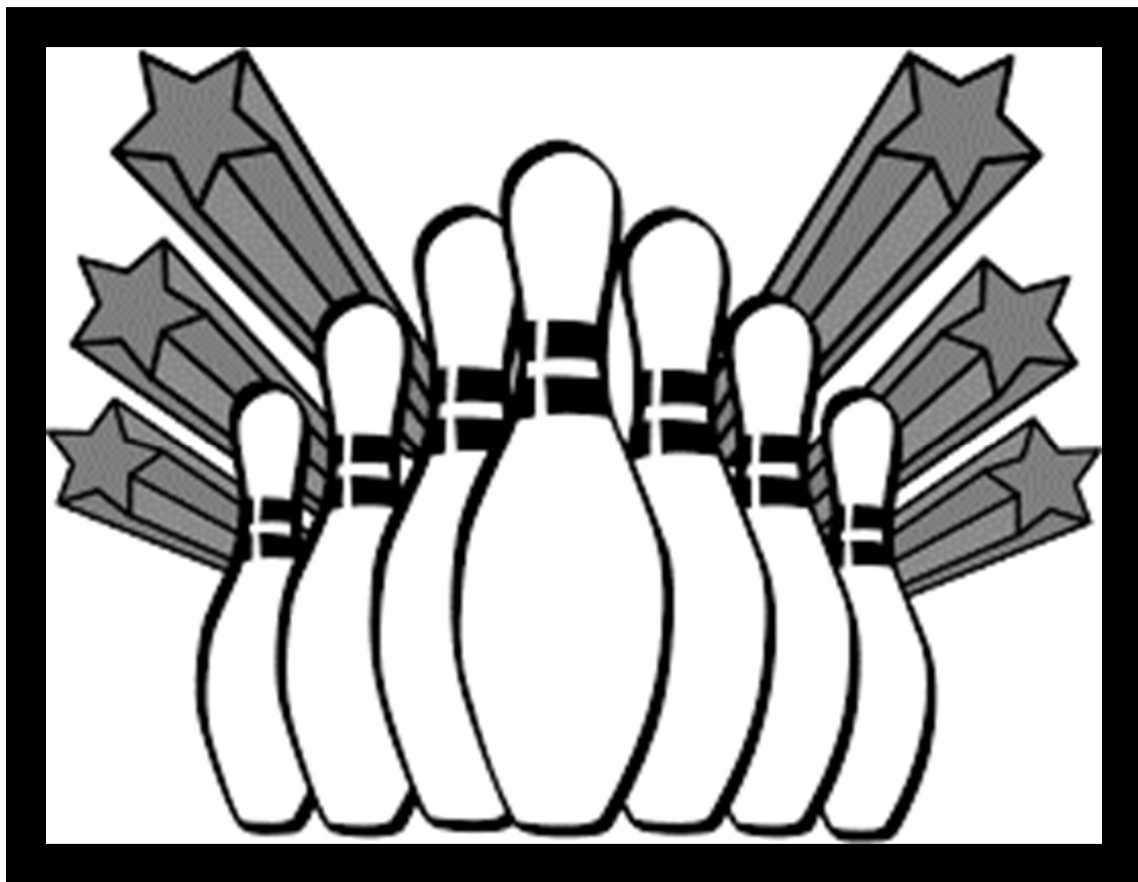


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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Greetings everyone,

I want to first thank you for allowing me to sit as your President once again. With great enthusiasm, I am looking forward to a prosperous and peaceful transition in our organization. Everyone has gone through something throughout these past 12 to 24 months. One thing we all know is that we have our love for family and our love for bowling. No matter if you are blind or sighted, it is that thread that keeps us together. So, let's get to the fun. I hope to be with all of you in Chicago.

YOUR ABBA PRESIDENT,  
~Joyce Spencer-Mintz~

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY / TREASURER**

### **WELCOME TO THE 2021-2022 BOWLING SEASON!!!**

Please remember members who had to say good-bye to family, friends and bowlers, all who are no longer with us especially those who COVID – 19 claimed. Please remember those in the West affected by the worst fires in history along with lives and property lost due to hurricane Ida. Lastly, flooding and power outages in Michigan, it has been a stressful year, we are looking forward to good bowling, renewed friendships, and fellowship.

Welcome back to Peggy Washington of the Queen City Crushers, Charlotte, NC.

Leagues, MBBA & SBBA Secretaries, Active Life members, Officers, and Tournament Directors received: The Average Book, August Packet, inclusive of information and forms needed for the new season (whenever your league begins). We are still asking any league or members with used rails they are willing to donate or sell to please contact the Secretary as soon as possible. Anyone mentioned who did not receive the Average Book, August Packet or Letter regarding the Mid-Year Meeting, should contact me and I will send the documents to you by email.

- A few reminders (especially for new secretaries)
  - ✓ *Minutes should be maintained for all league meetings.*
  - ✓ *A prize list should be approved by the league at least by the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the bowling season. It can be amended at a later date.*
  - ✓ *The fiscal year for ABBA is August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.*
  - ✓ *Leagues should review and update their by-laws or constitution on an annual basis per ABBA by-laws Article IV, Sec. 3.*

Policy Statement F-3, Financial Reports from Member Leagues, approved in November 2011: Leagues under ABBA's 501c3 status must submit a brief Fund Raising Guideline explaining how the proceeds will be used.

*This information should be recorded in the meeting minutes. The league's fund-raising guideline should be sent to the ABBA Secretary-Treasurer if the league plans to raise more than \$1,000 in a year. That amount does not include prize money.*

- ✓ *League secretaries must file the 990 EZ form with the IRS each year. If this is not done, the league is removed from the list of ABBA leagues covered by the nonprofit status.*

*Leagues not covered under the 501c3 status do not have to follow this procedure.*

- ✓ 2021 Mid-Year Board Meeting – November 18 – 20, held at the Marriott Chicago O’Hare. Board Meeting will be held Sat. @3pm. All leagues are requested to have at least one representative for the 2021/22 season to carry back to their league, information obtained at the Board Meeting. All committee meetings will be held in the River Room, 1<sup>st</sup> room on the left side of the meeting rooms. When times are received, they will be given to all. Those traveling by plane, there is a 24-hour shuttle from the airport to the hotel. Please go to the Shuttle Call Center, door #2.
- ✓ May Convention – May 25 – 29, 2022, Hotel – Marriott Chicago O’Hare – 8535 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631 – 773-693-4444. Must identify yourself as a member of ABBA to receive Group rate – \$105 current tax 17.40%, cutoff (May 5, 2021).
- ✓ Each guest should contact the hotel at least (30) days prior to your arrival and identify yourself.
- ✓ TENTATIVELY the Board and Convention will convene back to back at 6:30pm with a break in between. The Chinese Auction will take place unless notified that it is cancelled. If you would, please start collecting items or sending donations to Janice Erkill/Linda Hoepner.
- ✓ The following information may be of interest, I will not submit this in another issue, please keep it for reference later in the season:
- ✓ Our group will receive: Complimentary
  - 24-hour Fitness Center Access
  - Breakfast Vouchers will be \$15 per person per day for the restaurant breakfast buffet.
  - Discounted Self-Parking for \$10 per vehicle per day



- Space available in front of the hotel for any group charter buses to park at no charge.

Please keep in mind when sitting in on the committee meetings, members are welcome to sit in the room and listen. If you have any suggestions, please give them to the Chair before or after the meeting. Those creating a disruption will be asked to leave the meeting. Water will be provided within the room. Please make note, all official positions will be vacant in May. Transition of outgoing and elected officers should take place during the months of June – July 31<sup>st</sup>. Newly elected officers must be prepared to step into their new positions August 1, 2022.

People across the country have asked to purchase rails, especially the VA facilities. Some wanted the procedure for ordering, we are going to try and make sure this is on our website. Those who call and state they have my contact number but not the procedure for ordering.

- 1 – State number of rails needed, include location, receiver – addresses & phone #.
- 2 – Will reply with an invoice of total cost inclusive of shipping.
- 3 – Send a check or money order made out to ABBA – 2829 Tall Oaks Ct., Apt. 11, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 (we do not take credit cards)
- 4 – Upon receipt of money, the rail manager will be contacted to ship rail/s, turnover time, approximately 7 days. Prices of rails are subject to change this season presently they are \$280 for a 12 ft. rail with 3 ft. extension.

**MORE AWARDS** – realizing many suspended bowling for this season, we mailed in April awards held. Listed below are the awards earned after the last printing of the Blind Bowler.

**PLUS 60 FOR AVERAGES 85:**

**Jim Lopez** – TM – average – 70 – bowled – 142 – Colorado

**75 PINS OVER AVERAGE:**

**Jim Sabatini** – SM – average – 131 – bowled – 209 – St. Louis  
Pin Splitter

**Jay Travers** – PM – average – 134 – bowled – 213 – Colorado

**BRONZE MEDAL:**

**Robert Wright** – TM – average – 116 – bowled – 168 –  
Colorado

**Paul Trujillo** – TM – average – 96 – bowled – 172 – Colorado

**Jay Travers** – PM – average – 134 – bowled – 222 – Colorado

**Ron Neer** – SM – average – 209 – bowled – 253 – Colorado

**Matthew Donley** – SM – average – 172 – bowled – 251 –  
Colorado

**SILVER MEDAL:**

**Paul Trujillo** – TM – average – 95 – bowled – 179 – Colorado

**Jeff Spantikow** – PM – average – 152 – bowled – 244 –  
Milwaukee Beer Barrels

THE FOLLOWING DID NOT TAKE PLACE BECAUSE OF COVID, LISTING IT ONCE AGAIN. IT WILL BE UP TO THE SUBMITTER IF THEY WANT TO CONTINUE WITH ALL THAT'S LISTED. LEFT THE ORIGINAL DATES IN DOCUMENTS

- The following Proposals and By Law Changes were submitted. The name of the person submitting the item is listed at the end. Please copy and keep. They will be presented to the Board & Convention, May 2022, Chicago, IL.

- The following were submitted in Nov. 2019. They were unable to be presented at the May Convention because of COVID-19. Any reference to 2020 should be 2021 or thereafter.

### **Past Presidents By-Law Proposal**

C. All new contracts must be reviewed and approved by the Finance committee before being signed

#### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Article V. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2 ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

**DELETE:** Line 3 No individual May hold the office of President for more than one consecutive term.

#### **NEW LANGUAGE:**

##### **LINE 3 REPLACEMENTS**

THE President May run two terms or four years consecutively provided majority votes at the annual convention.

### **Article V – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Section 2. ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

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Submitted by Clayton Saunders from the legislative committee and our chairperson is Tonya Renee Wilson Jones

Members of The American Blind Bowling Association,

I am sending you these proposed by-law changes in advance of the deadline because if enacted they will significantly change the administrative structure of our Association and I want you to be as knowledgeable when making your decision as possible.

If you receive this information more than once please accept my apology. I am sending this to the two most comprehensive lists that I have for ABBA members.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me by phone, text, or email. A phone call will require you to leave a message as I do not answer calls from numbers I do not recognize.

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 1: OFFICERS**

#### **CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

The officers of this Association shall be President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Tournament Director. These officers, associate members and life members together with one representative from each member league and Area Association and as many additional persons as may be determined by the delegates at the annual convention shall be known as the Board of Directors.

#### **CHANGE:**

- Eliminate the Office of Secretary/Treasurer and the position of Assistant Secretary.
- Create the Office of the Secretary and Create the Office of Treasurer.

- Remove all references to the Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary in the by-laws and policy statements.

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

The officers of this Association shall be President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Director. These officers, associate members and life members together with one representative from each member league and Area Association and as many additional persons as may be determined by the delegates at the annual convention shall be known as the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SECTION 2: ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

The officers of the Association shall be elected by majority vote at the annual convention of the Association. The term of office for the President shall be two years or until a successor is elected beginning August 1. No individual may hold the office of President for more than one consecutive term. The term of office for the Vice-Presidents shall be two years beginning August 1. The term of office for the Secretary-Treasurer and Tournament Director shall be three years beginning August 1.

Passage of this amendment will eliminate the position of Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Responsibilities and duties of the Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary will be appropriately reassigned as identified in the new Article V Section 8 “Duties of the Treasurer” and Article V Section 9 “Duties of the Secretary” and any references to the Secretary/Treasurer in the by-laws and policy statements will be removed.

**CHANGE:**

Revise Terms and Term limits for the Officers of the association in order to establish consistency and fluidity when officers change.

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

The officers of the Association shall be elected by majority vote at the annual convention. The President, Second Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected for two (2) year terms in odd number years with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. The First Vice-President, Secretary and Tournament Director shall be elected for two (2) year terms in even number years. The First Vice-President and Secretary will also have a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. The Tournament Director's terms are unlimited. Terms of office shall begin August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year elected. Vacancies in any of these positions for any reason shall be filled in accordance with Article V Section 4 of these by-laws. Partial terms filled from vacancies will not be considered as part of term limitations.

This amendment will take effect immediately after its adoption to facilitate the transition.

**Transition:** This section will be removed when transition is complete. Transition will take effect as follows:

- The President will not be affected.
- The First Vice-President's term will be extended until 2022.
- The Second Vice-President will not be affected.
- The Treasurer will be elected to a term of one (1) year.
- The Secretary will be elected to a two (2) year term.
- The Tournament Director will be elected to a one (1) year term.

As of August 1, 2020 (2021) the position of Assistant Secretary is eliminated.

Starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, the stipends for the Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary will be combined and divided by direction of the Board between the Secretary and Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 8: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER**

The fiscal year shall begin August 1 and end July 31 of the succeeding year.

The Treasurer shall:

- A. Receive any and all monies and other property paid or donated to the Association except where otherwise stated in the by-laws.
- B. Keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements and publish an annual report to the Association.
- C. Deposit all monies received by the Association in individually titled accounts in a National bank or banks to the credit of, and in the name of, the ABBA.
- D. Draw all warrants for the payments of bills allowed by the Board of Directors. The signature of the Secretary-Treasurer together with the signature of the President or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President shall be required for the withdrawal of all funds belonging to the Association with the exception of the Tournament Fund.
- E. Based on guidelines established by the Finance Committee, authorize the payment of bills of a general nature.
- F. Provide guidance to league and association officials regarding financial matters associated with their relationship with ABBA.

- G. File the annual incorporation document and fee with the State of Delaware, annual report form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service and fulfill any other requirements stipulated by government entities.
- H. Provide any information with regard to the association's finances requested by the Finance Committee or the President.
- I. Perform any other duties consistent with the office of Treasurer requested by the Board of Directors or the President.
- J. The Treasurer shall not be compensated at the end of his/her term until all the accounts are closed and transferred to the newly elected/incoming Treasurer. In order to receive his/her last full stipend, all assets must be turned over to the new/incoming Treasurer within thirty (30) days. Should this transition not occur in the specified time allotted an amount of stipend reduction will be determined by the RIEC. The last stipend must be issued and signed by the new/incoming Treasurer and the President.

**ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**SECTION 8: DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall:

- A. Keep a true record of all proceedings at the meetings of the Association and Board of Directors.
- B. Maintain a membership roster and such other records as may be determined by the Board of Directors or President.
- C. Conduct correspondence of the Association, including sending to leagues and Area Association, notice of meetings and minutes of the Board of Directors and the annual convention.
- D. Conduct the ABBA awards program.



- E. File statistical reports received from league secretaries and local tournament officials.
- F. Annually compile, publish, and distribute a book containing the averages of ABBA members who competed in twenty-one (21) or more league games during the preceding bowling season.
- G. Annually compile, publish and distribute, to all leagues, Area Associations, Life Members that are active in blind bowling, Associate members, ABBA Officers and Committee Chairs a complete and current copy of the by-laws and Adopted Policy Statements. These shall be sent within ninety (90) days following the Annual Convention. Supplemental print or Braille copies will be sent on written request.
- H. The Secretary shall not be compensated at the end of his/her term until all relevant materials consistent with the office of ABBA Secretary including but not limited to: files, average books, awards, minutes, membership records, statistical reports, a current copy of the by-laws and Adopted Policy Statements and anything else the board deems pertinent to the duties of the Secretary. In order to receive his/her last stipend, all the aforementioned must be turned over to the new/incoming Secretary within thirty (30) days. Should this transition not occur in the specified time allotted an amount of stipend reduction will be determined by the RIEC. The last stipend must be issued and signed by the new/incoming Secretary and the President.

## **ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 9: LIMITATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

No member of the ABBA, except the President, Tournament Director and the Secretary-Treasurer, may serve on more than one standing committee concurrently. The Past Presidents

Committee shall not be counted in applying the restriction set forth in this section unless otherwise specifically stated. All committee appointments shall be for one year beginning August 1, except as set forth elsewhere in these by-laws. Any person on or presiding over any ABBA standing or special committee must be a current member of ABBA.

**Change:** From one to two

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Submitted by,  
~**Charles Glaser**~  
Chairman, ABBA Rules Interpretation and Enforcement  
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If you were missed, I will list you in the next issue.

Please note: Regardless of the award being submitted, all information needs to be supplied, (reason for the NA by names)

once again, Jackie can be either male/female and although the award is for a Triplicate, I still need the average. Please supply all information on all forms, thank you.

Congratulations to Tonia Koo, Public Relations Chair and Secretary of the Cincinnati Blind Bowlers, who will be in Secretary Treasurer training with the Secretary Treasurer.

I am available by phone, email or text (except Sundays/Holidays) 248-410-2411, E-mail: [rozellacampbell2826@gmail.com](mailto:rozellacampbell2826@gmail.com) (I check mail daily, except Sunday/Holidays).

~**Rozella Amerson Campbell**~  
Secretary Treasurer  
September 2021

## **MID-YEAR MEETING**

Our Mid-Year meeting is nearing, November 18 - November 20, 2021. Cutoff date to register at the hotel (Marriott Chicago O'Hare is Thursday, October 21, 2021, call direct 1-800-228-9290 or 773-693-4444, please identify yourself as part of the ABBA group staying at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare, 8535 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Room rate \$109 plus tax of 17.4% must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

This message is to help you (those who are bowling this year) to decide who your league representative will be at the Mid-Year meeting and the number of delegates you will be sending. Forms will be sent to the league secretaries soon for the name of the representative (the person who will vote at the Board Meeting on your league's behalf).

**Mid-Year Committee Times:**

- Thursday - Legislative - Tanya Jones @ 7pm
- Friday - Finance - Fred Nickl @ 10am
- Friday - RIEC - Charles Glaser @ 11:15am
- Lunch @ 12pm
- Friday - PR - Tonia Koo @ 2pm
- Friday - Tournament Committee - Sandy McDaniel @ 3:15pm

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

REMINDER from Legislative Chair:

The legislative committee is working on the ABBA by-laws and policies. If you have concerns, please call me at 336/817-6138.

Thank you,  
~**Tanya Jones**~

**MESSAGE FROM THE  
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

We have a great tournament coming in 2022 in Chicago and I hope everyone will be able to attend. Dates of the tournament are May 26<sup>th</sup> thru May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be staying at the Marriott Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 8535 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Phone # is 1-800-228-9290 or 773-693-4444. Room rates are \$105.00 per night plus taxes. They do provide complimentary transportation to/from O'Hare International Airport running every 30 minutes. The Brickton Grill, Bar and Lounge is on site, featuring American fare made from locally sourced ingredients and a day-to-night bar. Also, less than a mile away are several restaurants.

We will be bowling at Arlington Lanes, 3435 Kennicott Ave., Arlington Heights, IL, 60004. Arlington Lanes will allow us to use the screw down rails. This will be the last tournament that we will use the screw down rails as the bowling lanes do not allow us to use these rails anymore.

For those leagues that did not have the opportunity to bowl last season and have paid Membership Fees for the current season I will use the 2019/2020 official ABBA average book or if you bowl 21 or more games during the 2021/2022 season you will be able to participate in the 2022 Chicago Tournament.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in May for the Tournament. It has been a very long time since we have been able to get together.

More information will be in the January Blind Bowler.

~**Sandy McDaniel**~  
ABBA Tournament Director

## **MESSAGE FROM MBBA**

Hey, friends and family!

It's time. The first tournament in two years will be held in St. Louis Missouri on March 18 through the 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Midwest Blind Bowling Association would like to invite each and every ABBA member to attend this tournament. Please come join us. The host hotel will be the Hilton St. Louis airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO. Phone number is 314-426-5500. The room rate will be \$90 for a king room, \$100 for a double. The room rate includes breakfast for two.

The bowling center which we will be using is the Tropicana Lanes, which has a full bar, restaurant, and many other amenities to enjoy. We still need help with organizing and arranging things. Unfortunately, MBBA did not have a whole city for this tournament. But we will not let that stop us. Please help out so blind bowling can continue to move forward.

~**Robert McDonald**~  
MBBA Vice President  
773-255-3121

Any help is appreciated.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

It's the start of a new season, and across the country leaves are falling from the trees and pins are falling on the lanes. In the spirit of the new season, we at the Blind Bowler, would like to wish you strikes & spares all season long.

If you have anything to share with the blind bowling community, please submit it to [The-Blind-Bowler@outlook.com](mailto:The-Blind-Bowler@outlook.com). And don't forget to check out our website at [ABBA1951.com](http://ABBA1951.com).

Happy Bowling,  
~**Patrick Koo**~  
The Blind Bowler Editor



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