

## NVBA Board Meeting February 7, 2026 – *draft minutes -- dg*

Attendees as Board Members: President: Georgette Weiss; Vice President: Jay Simon; Treasurer: Ann Atcheson; Secretary: David Goldfrank; Jason Carter; Joe Hertz; Hal Hindman; Terry Jones.

Attendee as Non-Voting: Weekly Email Production: Daniel Morgan.

9:39: Georgette called the meeting to order.

9:40: Approval of the draft **minutes** for our Dec. 14 2025 meeting.

9:41-9:44: Approval of the **Treasurer's reports** for Dec 2025 and Jan. 2026 and also of the projected 2026 budget and revenue, with Ann's explaining that the projected \$100/mo. from NVBA members' participation in the online Carolina games fell short by about 50%. But we had the overall good news that in FY 2025, we ended up with \$85,527, that being \$2058 more than our total assets than at the end of 2024.

9:44-10:02: Review of Action Items from the Dec 14 meeting:

Everything expected for the Dec 18 Unit Game/Holiday Party was accomplished.

David had Ron Kral post the approved minutes from Nov. 2.

Jay reported concerning the need to change "**Board and Committee chair Position Descriptions 2026**" that the Committee of himself, Hal Jones, Dan Morgan, and Rene Costales is primed to move ahead with this, and he (Jay) will write a first draft, and the committee will proceed from email communication to a real meeting if needed.

Jay reported concerning the **bridgemates** that current low inventory renders a quick conversion to a new type impossible. Ann noted that we have about 45 which work, enough for now. Nevertheless, Jay and Jim Gerding will go to Gainesville to try out the smart phone option.

Jay then explained how **Return to the Fold** operates, with his sending a list of names to Jason, who—now Jason took over and explained how he emails everyone on the list and follows where needed with phone calls, and this has mixed results. Jay's **current statistics**, for which ACBL appreciates our efforts are for "Recruited" Guest Members. 4 have "lapsed", and 2 (w <5 MPs) are "at risk"; as for regular members, 50 have "lapsed", and 17 (w <5 MPs) are "at risk".

Concerning return **share of dues** which we receive back **from ACBL**, Ann noted that our last check was from Q3 of 2025, but everything seems normal.

Concerning the idea of a **welcoming letter**, Terry shared her idea that we ought to combine with our excellent **Newcomer's Booklet** [titled: "Welcome to the Northern Virginia Bridge Association" – it's 12pp -*dg*]. It ought electronically to be in the hands of all so interested in joining us as well as of actual newcomers, who, Georgette noted, are supposed receive a copy of it from Eric Poskanzer. Thus, said Terry, the bridge teachers need to play a key role in connecting prospective new members to this document, and she emphasized the practicality of the electronic version, which can easily be updated. Jay said he would tell Ron Kral to post it on the website. As for referring to this posting in the **Newsletter**, which Jay suggested, Georgette noted that prospective members do not receive it, but teachers ought anyway to urge prospective members to sign up for it.

10:02: The question of a **fall charity game** was raised, and we agreed with Ann that we did not need one.

10:03-10:04: Regarding the **Life Master/Non-Life Master Game**, we reaffirmed the date—June 11—and that Joe will be in charge as in the recent past and will ensure that notices be sent out two months in advance.

10:05: Georgette reminded us that due to Passover, the **April 2 Unit Game** will be at St. Andrews.

10:06-10:07: Action Items.

Basically, all of us shall continue what we are doing in our various capacities.

Jay upon request said that he would send David a copy of a letter explaining the **Return to the Fold statistics** in the agenda, so that he can include them in the minutes.

Ann urged us to talk up the **Feb 19-22 Sectional**.

10:08-10:09: We set the **next meeting** for March 22.

10:10: We adjourned.