NVBA Board Meeting November 1, 2026 –*draft minutes*

Attendees as Board Members: President: Georgette Weiss; Treasurer: Ann Atcheson; Secretary: David Goldfrank; Joe Hertz; Hal Hindman; Terry Jones; Daniel Morgan.
Attendees as Non-Voting: Past President Marty Bley; Webmaster Ron Kral; Former Newsletter Editor Lucy McCoy, Howard B. Stevens, Education

Initial Procedures

9:30: Georgette called the meeting to order.

9:31: The September 13 Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

9:36: Approval of the September 2026 Financial Report, which is posted on the NVBA website.
It is worth noting that our ACBL remission for Q3 2026 was $987.12, of which we received, besides $705.08 = 5% of our dues paying members, $141.02 each for 3 new members and 8 reinstated members.

Old Business

9:37: Terry reported that she distributed to teachers and directors the Newcomer Welcoming Letter for new players, which we approved on September 13. She suggested that we likewise pass it on to new or prospective new players.

9:38: Ron will now have 100 copies of the revised Welcome Booklet printed.

9:39: Jay has updated our Board and officer Roster for ABCL, which he sent to ACBL on October 5.

9:40: RSVP Bridge issues – Check the NVBA website for game links"
Note that it can be used for some game registration and partnership seeking.
The feedback from the September 24-27 sectional was that it was then impossible to cut off entry paying an hour before starting time, which required the TAs (adjunct directors) to keep a laptop at the registrations table to track RSVP paid registrations.
Ann reported that overall those who use it like it.
Marty observed that once a director masters RSVP, it is quite easy to use, and that Brenda Egeland is always ready to help us and that the Army-Navy Club game uses it exclusively for scoring due to insufficient bridgemates. She added that both Jim and Keith like it for team games.
While many NVBA games accept only cash, Jay will check with Brenda regarding payment options.

9:54: Joe now has his electronic bidding machine ready for testing. He hopes soon to try it at one Unit Game table and discuss with Brenda how to interface with RSVP Bridge.

9:55: Dan reported the addition of two new mentors and mentees, but the loss of a mentee due to relocation, so we have 19 of the latter. For what he envisions as practical, seasonal issues, he will suspend his active recruiting until 2027.

9:57: Concerning the updating of our NVBA Website Calendar, Ron said that we cannot go beyond 2026 until NVBA and WBL work out their 2027 schedules, which Georgette, Jim and others must work out with their WBL counterparts.

In the lengthy discussion with a variety of variables, Ron observed that the website should house what data folk call the "Source of Truth".

10:07: Regarding our National Capital 4th of July Regional, at Chantilly, Georgette and Ann will be co-chairs again, and we need to make special efforts concerning both partnerships and the 99-ers.

Another lengthy discussion centered on the crucial role that NVBA plays in overall in DC-area and District 6 functions.

10:15: Jason had no Return to the Fold data to report.

10:16: Due to travels, Jay and his team have delayed fixing loose ends in the Job Description update.

New Business

10:17: Due to upcoming travel plans, the 2026 Holiday party is now scheduled for December 10 instead of December 17.

Ann noted that we are in sufficiently sound financial shape provide $600 instead of the usual $300. We decided to use the modestly priced Italian Store on Washington Blvd. for the main course, where we can provide, among the choices at hand, a vegetarian option.

Concluding Procedures

10:25 Review of Action Items:

Georgette and David: Holiday Party food, etc.
Jay and Georgette: contact with Brenda Egeland re various RSVP issues.
Jay and team: finish the Job Description Update.
Jason: Continue Return to Fold calls.
Ron: Order 100 Welcome Booklets.
Joe: Continue Electronic Bidding Box development.
Georgette et al.: make the combined NVBA/WBL 2027 Schedule.

10:41: The next regular Board Meeting was set for January 10, 9:30am

But a special, targeted Board Meeting will be held November 22, 9:30

This is because we must decide the four annual awards announced at the Holiday Party:

Dave Murray Award,
Ron and Mary Ann Kral Award
Sara Goodwin Award
Leo Cardillo Volunteer Award

Ann and Marty will take care of the material aspects of these awards.

10:50 Georgette adjourned the meeting**.**