

New ACBL Structure

The ACBL National Board of Directors voted to reduce the size of their board from 25 to 13 to achieve cost saving, better quality participation and better quality decision making. Some functions of the Board will transition to other ACBL decision-making bodies. Functions including communications, strategic, bylaws, finance, appeals, Executive Director review, etc. will remain with the National Board. By 2024, the ACBL will have reduced the number of National directors to 13. This is being accomplished by combining districts (geographically & membership numbers) to form a Region. The Region's purpose is to elect a representative to the National Board. Our District 17 will become Region 10. Only 3 of the 13 regions will not be combining with another district to elect the Regional Director. Our current D17 National Director is Cindy Shoemaker. In 2023, there will be 17 National Directors.

District 17 is & will remain a legal entity and will remain intact. This includes the treasury and district events such as NAP's and GNTs, a newsletter – The Buzz and goodwill. District 17 is comprised of 20 units from Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Wyoming and Colorado. These units elect 10 directors to serve on the district board. Larger units such as Mesa, Phoenix, Tucson and Denver each have a representative and the small units are combined geographically and membership wise to elect the remaining directors. The D17 board elects their President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. The units are responsible for electing the National Representative. Each unit board votes and the votes are tallied based on the weight of the unit's membership numbers.