

CONSTITUTION

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Article I .NAME

The name of this organization is and shall be the Southwestern Section of the American Bridge Association, Incorporated, herein called the ABA.

Article II .OBJECTIVE

Its object shall be to foster, encourage and develop the game of Duplicate Contract Bridge and any other later developments of the game of cards and to sponsor, supervise and conduct duplicate Sectional tournaments through which contestants may be rated.

Article III .MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of all financial members of the ABA residing within the boundaries of the Southwestern Section.

Article IV .GOVERNMENT

The government of the Southwestern Section shall be vested in the members at the business meetings and in the Section Vice-president and Section Committee in the interim between business meetings.

Article V .OFFICERS

The officers of the Southwestern Section shall be the Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer.

Article VI .ELECTIONS

The election of section officers shall be by the membership in a manner as prescribed in the Bylaws. The election shall be held biennially in odd numbered years at the open meeting in June. Each financial member shall have the right to vote in any general election.

Article VII .COMMITTEES

- A. There shall be a Section Committee established in a manner as prescribed in the Bylaws.
- B. A Section Committee meeting may be held at any time during a Sectional or Grade "A" Tournament with only one day's notice.

Article VIII .TOURNAMENTS

Sectional Tournaments shall be sponsored by the Section as prescribed in the by-laws.

Article IX .MEETINGS

- A. A section business meeting shall be held at every sectional tournament.
- B. Members of at least five (5) of the chartered clubs representing 10% of the Section membership present at the tournament shall constitute a quorum for the Section Meeting.

Article X .AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may be at any business meeting provided that the president of each unit and each will have been duly notified concerning the proposed amendment at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

The amendment must then be supported by two-thirds majority of the certified members present and voting.

Whenever the National Constitution or by-laws change, the Southwestern Section will automatically adhere to these changes.

Article XI .RULES OF ORDER

Insofar as they do not conflict with the provisions of the ABA or Southwestern Section Constitution and By-laws, Robert's Rules of Order, latest revision, shall govern the deliberations of the Southwestern Section.