

**ACBL Unit 539 Board Meeting  
November 17, 2024**

**Present:** John Boackle, Kathy Byrne, Marjorie O'Malley, Jane Petering, Bridget Poizner, Robin Rodger, Greg Chaffee

**Absent:** Mark Hartzell, Lamy Agelidis

**The meeting was called to order at 9:45 A.M.**

- **Minutes of July 7, 2024 Board Meeting**
  - Motion to approve was put to vote. Minutes approved.
  
- **Financials**
  - Motion to approve June to October financials was put to a vote. Financials approved.
  - The Unit's taxes this year were done by Ron Celeste pro bono for Celeste and Associates, saving the Unit the historical cost of filing. The Board voted to thank him with a gift card to the restaurant of his choice.
  
- **Website**
  - Updates to the website were discussed and it was agreed that Marjorie would coordinate requests for articles/coverage. For now, assignments are:
    - Robin—NLM Sectional with pictures
    - Bridget—North University Library classes with picture
    - Marjorie—ACBL Foundation grant, once presented to the grantee. This will be done after Bridget contacts the recipient.
  
- **Membership**
  - Bridget is reviewing the 699er Unit Game participants to see who has not yet joined the ACBL and help them with the free membership and then the transition to paid membership.
  
- **Sectionals**
  - Sectionals have been successful this year:
  - The joint sectional with the La Jolla Unit was held the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August at Soledad.

- NLM sectional was held at Redwood in October, with excellent attendance and set a good precedent for working with the club on future sectionals.
- **Beginners Program at the North University Library**
  - The program has been restarted for the fall under Wirt's leadership with assistance from members of the Board. It continues to be well-received.
- **ACBL 5-5-5 Plan**
  - Mark will be providing an update for the next meeting.
- **Next Board Meeting:** January TBD

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marjorie O'Malley, Secretary**