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**DBAA/Unit 253 Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 29, 2017 – 10:30-12:00  
Ravinia Crown Plaza**

**Present:**

**Board of Directors**

**Officers:** Marty Nathan, Rob Epstein, Pete Martin, Jan Noll

**Directors:** Josie Mitchell, Roz Howell, Joan Duffy, Jack Feagin, Becky Butler, Sue Williams

**Guests:** Ron Torre, Don Baker, Patty Tucker

**Absent:** Janice Ripley

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Marty Nathan.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the July 15, 2017, meeting, sent to the board on August 8, 2017, were **approved**.

**Treasurer's Report** – Pete sent out Treasurer's report prior to meeting. The report was **approved**.

**President's Message** – Marty Nathan – nothing to report.

**Committee Reports** (Note: Not all will have a report every meeting)

- New Appointments Marty Nathan  
Marty proposed Rahm Sankaran to fill the vacant board position.  
*Rahm was **approved** as our new board member.*
- Awards Susan Wolfe  
Plaques are being updated, per Marty.
- Change of Rank Becky Butler  
Nothing to report
- DBAA Game Pete Martin  
Nothing to report
- Directory Rob Epstein/Sue Williams  
Marty wants to appoint a small committee to work on this. Roz, Rob, Sue, and Joan Sheldon were named (people want print directory).
- District 7 Report Judy Fendrick (or appointee)  
Next meeting in Charlotte.

- Education Joan Duffy / Janice Ripley  
Nothing to report  
Patty Tucker pointed out that the annual American Bridge Teachers Association meeting in 2018 will be before the National's in Atlanta. She suggested that the Education Committee might want to try to get the word out about ABTA to our local teachers.
- Elections Elyse Mintz  
Marty will ask Elyse if she is willing to serve again.
- Finance Bob Fendrick  
Nothing to report
- GNT/NAP Vacant  
Nothing to report
- Goodwill (D7) Judy Fendrick  
Nothing to report.
- Hall of Fame Mike Sheldon  
No nominations were made so there will be no new inductees this year.
- Membership Bev Wilkinson  
Nothing to report
- NABC Judy Fendrick/Joe Sherwood  
Nothing to report.
- Newsletter Diane Strickland  
Nothing to report – next newsletter comes out around November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Special Games Vicki Bell  
Nothing to report.
- Sportsperson of the Year Roz Howell  
Only 1 nominee so far; Roz asked us to encourage nominations; the deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Tournament Committee Jack Feagin  
100 rooms not available due to construction, so Jack is worried about attendance. He needs volunteers to hand out coupons at selling desks. 2018 has been difficult to get locations for sectionals – had to change format of how we do tournaments. 2018 sectional tournament locations are the Doubletree at Chamblee Dunwoody (4 day schedule) – February; Marriott at Windy Hill, 3 days at hotel, plus one club day – October; week after Memorial Day at Ravinia Crown Plaza.

Proposal to increase fees \$1 at Sectionals going forward – discussed. Agreed to budget next year to lose \$3000 per tournament on our Sectionals and readdress if costs continue to be an issue.

- Tournaments

See above.

- Web Site Sue Williams/Rob Epstein  
On the teacher listing, a suggestion was made to try to improve the appearance.
- Youth Bridge Patty Tucker  
Atlanta University starts their program September 30. The second will be in November. The third will be early next year. Kennesaw College is going to be doing Learn Bridge in a day. Youth NABC will be in Atlanta in conjunction with Nationals. Patty is working on a template for a College Bridge Program for Atlanta colleges.

### **New Business**

- Motion to amend the entry fees for 2018 Sectionals – Discussion above under tournaments
- Alpharetta NLM Sectional – Marty has discussed with Don Baker and Dianna Norris. They understand it is a DBAA event and must be done per our P&P. They are working with D7 to get an appropriate date.  
*A motion was made to approve Alpharetta holding a NLM tournament between now and December 31, 2018. This was **approved**.*

Next Meeting (October 14, 2017) - Meeting was adjourned at 11:47