



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

Yves Aubry
President

To The Presidents of the EBL NBOs
EBL Executive Committee Members
EBL Presidents Emeritus
EBL Honorary President
EBL Honorary Member

Wednesday 7th March 2018

EBL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

Dear Presidents, dear Friends,

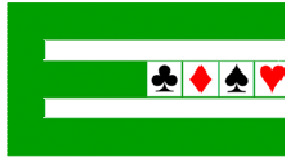
According to paragraph D 1 (a) of the EBL By-Laws, I hereby give you notice of the convocation of the Ordinary General Assembly of the European Bridge League, to be held on **Saturday 9th June 2018** at 10:00 am at the Andromeda hotel in Ostend, Belgium.

The Agenda will include:

- hearing and approving the report of the EBL President;
- approving the Financial Statements for 2016/2017 and receiving the Auditors' report
- examining the budget 2018-2019;
- fixing membership dues and other fees;
- ratification of the admission to membership of NBOs;
- electing the EBL President;
- electing the 12 members of the Executive Committee;

I would also remind you that according to the EBL By-Laws, D 1 (d):

- any NBO may submit a matter for discussion to be put on the Agenda by writing or by e-mail to the secretary of the League (**12 rue Christophe Colomb – 56860 Séné/France** or at secretariat@europeanbridge.org) at least sixty days before the Ordinary General Assembly, that means that the notification must be received by the EBL **no later than 9th April 2018** (By-Laws D,1, d); please note also that the Executive Committee has the right to refuse to include such matters on the Agenda for due cause.
- nominations for EBL President and Executive Committee Members must be in writing or e-mail and be received by the EBL Administrative Office (**12 rue Christophe Colomb – 56860 Séné/France** or at secretariat@europeanbridge.org) at least sixty days before the Ordinary General Assembly, it means **no later than 9th April 2018** (By-Laws E,1, a);



- the outgoing EBL President and Executive Committee members, in the absence of express renunciations, are automatically nominated for re-election for the same positions (EBL President – EBL E.C. Member) as currently held (By-Laws E,1, c);
- to be validly nominated, any further candidates for EBL President and for members of the Executive Committee must be nominated by the NBO of the country of which the candidate is a citizen (the NBO must be in good standing and must have paid its current and all previous years' dues), or by the NBO of the country of which the candidate is bona fide permanently resident and has been so for at least the last three years (the NBO must be in good standing and must have paid its current and all previous years' dues);
- a summary of the candidate's bridge activities (with a picture if agreed) must be attached to the nomination and must be circulated to all NBOs (By-Laws E, 3, b);
- the candidate must be physically present at the General Assembly at the time of the election (By-Laws E, 3, c);
- in order to preserve continuity and to ensure experienced leadership, candidates for the office of President must have been members of the Executive Committee for at least one term of the legislature (By-Laws E, 9, c);
- no person earning a substantial part of their income from commercial bridge activities, such as from the manufacturing or sale of bridge equipment, may be elected as a member of the Executive Committee (By-Laws E, 6).

You will find (as per attached document) the voting entitlement for each NBO. To have the right to vote, the NBO must be in good standing and must have paid its current and all previous years' dues.

If you do not agree with the number of votes attributed to your own NBO, you are asked to immediately contact the EBL: Catherine Vitry – Secretariat (at secretariat@europeanbridge.org) or Yves Aubry – President (at president@europeanbridge.org).

Sixty days prior to the Ordinary General Assembly, I will send you the definitive Agenda for the General Assembly and all relevant enclosures (including the list of the candidates), according to the By-Laws (D 1, c).

Yours sincerely

Yves Aubry

Letter by email with confirmation of reception