

ARKANSAS BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
ACBL - UNIT 161  
June 1, 2002  
CONSTITUTION

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION**

- Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Arkansas Bridge Association, Unit 161 (Unit), a subsidiary of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL).
- Section 2. The Unit exists under the sanction of the ACBL and functions within the regulations of the ACBL.

**ARTICLE II**

**OBJECTIVES OF THE UNIT**

- Section 1. To promote and stimulate interest in Duplicate Bridge among its members and prospective members; and especially to provide for them a continuous and attractive program of bridge events.
- Section 2. To promote the development and organization of affiliated clubs within the Unit.
- Section 3. To establish and maintain contact with neighboring Units, insuring cooperation on matters of joint interest and mutual support of each other's activities.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. Membership in ACBL automatically carries with it membership in the Unit.
- Section 2. A member of ACBL and the Unit, may be, but is not required to be, a member of an affiliated chapter of the Unit.

**ARTICLE IV**

**OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

- Section 1. The affairs of the Unit shall be administered by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be made up of eleven members, and the retiring President and shall be duly elected in accordance with the provisions and restrictions contained in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **MEETINGS**

- Section 1. The annual meeting of the members of the Unit shall be held during the last tournament of each calendar year held within the Unit.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Unit may meet at any time as necessary to conduct the business of the Unit.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

- Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be initiated at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, providing not less than ten (10 ) days notice in writing of such meeting and the proposed amendment has been given to members of the Board of Directors announcing the intention to revise the Constitution or By-Laws at said meeting. Two thirds of the Board of Directors must be present and voting to initiate an amendment. The amendment must be ratified by the general membership.
- Section 2. The concurrence of two thirds of all members present and voting shall be required to ratify any amendment by the general membership at any regular or special meeting.