

CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2026

President Suzi Subeck called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm; the meeting was held using Zoom. Also present and constituting a quorum were:

Craig Allen
Bill Anspach
Jan Churchwell
Steve Donahue

Betsy Downs
Bob Maxson
Frank Pancoe
Missy Ravid

Jamie Rubenstein
David Sales
Wayne Snider
Mark Stein

Not present: **Phyllis Bartlett, Loring Knoblauch.**

MINUTES (Jan Churchwell): Steve Donahue moved to accept the Minutes of the December 18, 2025 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Churchwell told the Board that the Minutes of the 2026 Annual Meeting and the Election of 2026 Officers Minutes would be presented at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Missy Ravid): The CCBA is financially sound. The mix of cash, interest-bearing accounts, and investments is working well. A team surcharge payment was sent to District 13.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Suzi Subeck): Last fall President Subeck launched a new website (<https://ccbaunit123.com>) for the CCBA. Initial acceptance has been very positive. The website is the OFFICIAL website for Unit 123. Missy Ravid spoke for the entire Board in thanking President Subeck.

Students at the University of Chicago held an inter-collegiate bridge tournament on April 4-5, 2026. Players from Northwestern, the University of Michigan, and the University of Georgia competed. Vice President Bob Maxson arranged for trophies, and the CCBA made a \$500 donation. Kendra Bridges directed the games. Points were awarded at 80% of open game championships ("cruise points").

Warning: The ACBL has been hacked; Peter Wilke's email was one of the ones affected.

TOURNAMENTS

WinterFest (Betsy Downs): Attendance was low (in the same range as the Subeck/CS Regional in October). Chair Downs thanked the volunteers who assisted with set-up (Jim Dressler and Steve Donahue); she also thanked Secretary Churchwell who ran Partnerships with assistance from Guy Franklin and David Sales.

Windy City, June 3-7 (Betsy Downs): Frank Pancoe went with Chair Downs to inspect

the site. They believe it works well. Jim Diebel will offer a talk between games on Saturday.

It is time for the Windy City blast email; Chair Downs has sent flyers to the chairs of all area tournaments taking place between now and then.

Labor Day, September 4-7 (Steve Donahue): The tournament will repeat the Pair/Team format; there will be I/N sections if attendance permits. The Invitational Pairs game will be held at 10:00 and 3:00 on Sunday, September 6. Jan Churchwell will chair Partnerships.

COMMITTEES

Finance (Frank Pancoe): The Board will hold an Executive Session following the meeting.

Sites (Frank Pancoe): EventZ in Schaumburg could be a good option for the CCBA. Lighting was a potential problem; the Board approved the purchase of battery-powered standalone lights if needed.

The Manager at IAHC has not replied to multiple attempts to contact her. He will talk to EventZ about hosting the Subeck/CS Regional next fall.

The CCBA needs to find sites.

Bill Anspach will review contracts on behalf of the Board.

Communications (Jan Churchwell): CCBA information needs to be removed from “bridgeinchicago,” which is now solely managed by Tom Dressing. Some governance info and Kibitzer issues have been removed, but contact information (bottom of the page) remains. Suzi Subeck’s address appears as the CCBA mailing address, and the CCBA phone number, which is a line into her home, is also posted. Googling “bridge in Chicago” produces “Chicago Contract Bridge Association – Home Page.” This should be changed; Tom Dressing cannot call his webpage “Chicago Contract Bridge Association.” President Subeck will ask Amin Hakim about dropping “Home Page” while the issues are sorted.

President Subeck is currently serving as webmaster for the website ccbaunit123; she said the site is easy (and not time-consuming) to maintain.

Awards (Bob Maxson): He is now “open for business” and would appreciate suggestions. There will be an announcement in the Kibitzer.

NEW BUSINESS

President Subeck appointed Mark Stein to join the District 13 Board; he replaces Steve

McConnell who resigned. The Board approved the appointment.

Missy Ravid moved to adjourn the meeting. She then moved to convene the Board in Executive Session.

Jan Churchwell
Secretary

RECAP OF MOTIONS

Steve Donahue moved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of December 18, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.