

GREAT LAKES SECTION of the ABA

BARBARA EMERSON ADAMS, VICE PRESIDENT

May 20, 2015

Dear GLS Units/Clubs/Members,

We are proud to say, Bridge Player(s) from almost every Unit/club in our Section supported the ABA Spring National and our Dayton Grade "A". Your continued cooperation is very much appreciated. However, the Great Lakes Section was saddened by the passing of our Secretary/Treasurer Lawrence Wills. As required by our constitution: the Representatives Board appointed Lillian Hale to serve as our Secretary/Treasurer until our next regular election.

On Wednesday July 1st thru Saturday July 4th, 2015 the Cleveland Congress of Bridge Clubs will host our annual Great Lakes Sectional. For more information see the schedule of events attached. Twenty (20) tables per game are needed to cover the required expense of this Sectional. It is essential that every Club and Unit in the Section support our Sectional with attendance and finance.

The Great Lakes Section Representatives Board agreed the Clubs that do not host our Annual Sectional should cooperatively make a financial contribution toward the expense of Hospitality. The requested amount is based on your Club membership. Therefore, we suggest a \$_____ donation from your Club. Please forward your Club's donation to: Secretary/Treasurer, Lillian Hale 23115 McCann Street Warrensville Hts., OH 44120, by June 30th, 2015. Your Clubs support of this request last year was most appreciated.

Please respond promptly to the Life Membership/Merit Award Chairman, Norma Jenkins, the Scholarship Chairman, Joann Miller and your Club News to Flagship Chairman, Doanne Jackson.

On Friday, July 3rd at 9:00 AM is the Annual General Membership Meeting. Following the meeting we will conduct a Memorial/Inspirational Service in remembrance of our Final Grand Slammers. Please submit the name(s) and a photo of your Club's Grand Slammer(s) who have ceased their sojourn among us during the last year (June 1, 2014 thru May 31, 2015); also include a five (5) to ten (10) line statement about the deceased. Designate a member of your Unit or Club to represent their Grand Slammer(s) and to participate in the Memorial Service. Participants please wear white. Forward information by U.S. Mail, E-mail or Fax to: Condolence Chairman, Claudia Ivy Jackson, by June 20th, 2015 at 12000 Fairhill Road Apt. 301, Cleveland, Ohio 44120-1054, phone 216-541-5680 and (fax # 216-851-1070) or e-mail marieivy1070@att.net.

The Constitution/ByLaws Chairman, Dr. Ellen Mayfield, submitted the following recommendations to amend the Constitution/By Laws: the recommendations were approved by the Representatives Board. Members will vote to adopt or reject the amendments at the General Membership Meeting. The recommended amendments are in bold print.

ARTICLE IV – VACANCIES

In the event of a vacancy in either elective office of the Great Lakes Section, the surviving officer shall call an emergency meeting of the Section Representatives to appoint an interim officer **(to serve until the next regular election)**. Should the vacancy be in the office of the Section Vice President, the name shall be forwarded as a recommendation to the National President for confirmation by the National Board.

ARTICLE IX – OTHER OBLIGATIONS

5. The Great Lakes Section shall allocate up to \$300.00 for Spring Nationals and up to \$300.00 for Summer Nationals to subsidize lodging/travel expenses that exceed the stipend provided by the National Board for the GLS Section Vice President or the designated representative, to attend the Nationals. **(Receipt of payment for services rendered must be received in the same calendar year that the services were rendered.)**

We thank you in advance for your expeditious attention to the above request.

Remember our sick and shut-in Members with calls, cards, visits and prayer. Love is healing.

Sincerely,

Barbara Emerson Adams, Vice President

