



2014 ABC ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

Held during: July 26 – 30, 2014

**Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort
400 Mandalay Avenue
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767**

Monday, July 28th, 2014

Welcome – Ken Lawson, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Introduction of Members – Everyone present introduced themselves.

President's Welcome – Tim Lueckenhoff (MO) Introduction of representatives of Member Commissions and Guests.

Verification of Registered Commissions: (Attachment 1 – Voter Authority Forms)

Commission

1. Alabama
2. Arizona
3. Arkansas
4. Chickasaw Nation
5. Citizen Pottawatomie Nation
6. Comanche Nation
7. Colorado
8. Connecticut
9. Florida
10. Georgia
11. Hawaii
12. Iowa
13. Illinois
14. Louisiana
15. Maryland
16. Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
17. Minnesota
18. Mississippi
19. Missouri
20. Mohegan Tribe
21. Muscogee Creek Nation
22. Nebraska
23. New Jersey
24. North Dakota
25. Oklahoma
26. Oneida Indian Nation

Voting Representative

Brandon Owens
Matthew Valenzuela
Lydia Robertson
Haskell Alexander
Diana Fletcher
Lisa Dawsey
Josef Mason
Michael Kostrzewa
Frank Gentile
Matt Woodruff
Alan Taniguchi
Joe Walsh
Joel Campuzano
Buddy Embanato
Patrick Pannella
Jim Erickson
Matt Schowalter
Jon Lewis
Tim Lueckenhoff
Mike Mazzulli
Dan Kirby
Brian Dunn
Aaron Davis
Mary Feist
Joe Miller
Jessica Downey

27. Rhode Island
28. South Carolina
29. St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
30. Texas
31. Utah
32. Washington D.C.
33. Washington
34. Wichita Tribe
35. Wisconsin

Peter Timothy
Pam Shealy
Elliott Lazore
Lee Parham
Bill Colbert
Tim Thomas
Susan Colard
Matt Roberson
Adam Burkhalter

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2013 Annual Conference:

Motion to accept by Josef Mason, seconded by Pam Shealy (SC).

Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report – Buddy Embanato (LA)

2013 Financial Report will be made available to commissions requesting to see the report.

Motion presented by Joe Miller (OK) to accept 2013 Financial Report, seconded by Josef Mason (CO).

Motion to accept Financial Report passed unanimously.

Lydia Robertson (AR) announces Susan Colard (WA) to form a committee for Sponsorships with vendors for the 2015 ABC Conference site and future Conference sites.

President’s Report – Tim Lueckenhoff (MO)

Fight Fax Reports, Boxing Records, and Registry of the records for the ABC. Seeking Boxing Record keepers to become certified with the ABC, Bill Colbert (UT) raised concerns for the Maui Thai boxing commissions with different registries, moving to a single database and registry to view a fighter’s complete suspension and fight record. Wants to move to a single registry database. Mike Mazzuli (Mohegan) made comment about the lack of funds to put Boxing and MMA database and records together.

Possible problems with a dual database are that there is a \$10,000 process for adding both Boxing and MMA, limited resources for the funds to secure a single database.

Susan Colard (WA) proposes **Motion** to formulate a committee for issues with Records & Databases to provide report to President, Fight Fax and Box Rec. Seconded by Bill Colbert (UT).

Motion passed unanimously.

2015 is an Election Year, Tim Leuckenhoff (MO), has asked for when voting should be open for election of offices. Buddy Embanato (LA) has proposed for the election to be on Tuesday afternoon/evening.

Lydia Roberson (AR) makes a **Motion** for Election of offices on Tuesday afternoon, seconded by Skip Brown (DC) with amendments that new officers would transition into new offices on Wednesday, installation Wednesday night.

Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Tribal Committee – Joe Miller (OK)

Muskogee Creek Nation – Dan Kirby, wants to be able to regulate MMA and Boxing events at their casinos and arenas with the ABC. Joe Miller presents the Muskogee Creek Nation for introduction of membership into the ABC.

Current by-laws suggest that Muskogee Creek cannot enter the ABC Membership due to having no Boxing events, only MMA events done with the state of Oklahoma. Currently up to members to make Amendment to the ABC Constitution.

Motion to amend the bylaws presented by Jon Lewis (MS), seconded by Buddy Embanato (LA) to remove “boxing” and replace with “combat sports” under Section 2.1 Eligibility of the ABC Constitution.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion presented by Jon Lewis (MS) to vote on waiver of 24 hour to amend by laws, Seconded by Lydia Robertson (AR).

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion presented by Buddy Embanato (LA), Seconded by Alfred Grant (DC), to accept Muskogee Creek Nation as a member of the ABC.

Motion passes unanimously.

Tribal Advisory Committee Report – Jim Erickson

- Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs) – Chairperson
- Ernie Gallardo (Pascua Yaqui)
- Elliott Lazore (St. Regis Mohawk)
- Jack Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi
- Phillip Martinez, Southern Ute
- Matt Cooper (Mashantucket Pequot)
- Haskell Alexander (Chickasaw)
- Lisa Dawsey (Comanche)
- Matt Robertson (Wichita)

Safe regulation on Tribal lands/Nation, Chickasaw Nation has held a Tribal Regulation last June of 2013, Mohegan holding training in September 2014.

Tribes open to suggestions from the State on how to help regulate MMA/Boxing events at Casinos and different arenas.

Update on tribes currently seeking member with the ABC.

- **Red Lake Nation Athletic Commission**
- **Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Athletic Commission**
- **Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Athletic Commission**
- **Chippewa Tribal Athletic Commission**

Proposed ABC Constitutional Changes – Emeritus Status

Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan) proposes that Emeritus Status should not be up to just the President, but the entire ABC membership body.

Josef Mason (CO) proposes a time period for qualification of Emeritus Status, but also to view the activity of standing of that current member to Emeritus Status.

Motion to accept document as changes to Constitution, 34 yes, 1 no as follows:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1. Alabama	Yes
2. Arizona	Yes
3. Arkansas	No
4. Chickasaw Nation	Yes
5. Citizen Pottawatomie Nation	Yes
6. Comanche Nation	Yes
7. Colorado	Yes
8. Connecticut	Yes
9. Florida	Yes
10. Georgia	Yes
11. Hawaii	Yes
12. Iowa	Yes
13. Illinois	Yes
14. Louisiana	Yes
15. Maryland	Yes
16. Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Yes
17. Minnesota	Yes
18. Mississippi	Yes
19. Missouri	Yes
20. Mohegan Tribe	Yes

21. Muskogee Creek Nation	Yes
22. Nebraska	Yes
23. New Jersey	Yes
24. North Dakota	Yes
25. Oklahoma	Yes
26. Oneida Indian Nation	Yes
27. Rhode Island	Yes
28. South Carolina	Yes
29. St. Regis Mohawk Tribe	Yes
30. Texas	Yes
31. Utah	Yes
32. Washington D.C.	Yes
33. Washington	Yes
34. Wichita Tribe	Yes
35. Wisconsin	Yes

Motion Passes.

Inspira Health Network (Sponsor) – Joan Pierce

Sponsor of Cocktail Party.

Leading blood work pathogen advice for the Northeast states and commissions.

GL Solutions (Sponsor) – Brian Bennett Agency Consultant

Gave \$500 donation to Wednesday’s Cocktail Party

Tailor to each individual commission for staff for reports, licensing, paper less operation, web based application. Helps keep track of events, inspections; have the ability to put the information on iPads & Mobiles.

MEDLIC – Jan Hubbard, (medical database)

Gave \$300 donation to defray the cost of the convention.

Compliance Committee Report – Tim Lueckenhoff (MO)

- Compliance Committee:
 - o Tim Lueckenhoff (MO)
 - o Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs)
 - o Aaron Davis (NJ)

Only 12 violations for Boxing in the past year for fighters fighting on suspension. After event is complete, send in results ASAP to avoid a fighter fighting on suspension. Currently MMA is not Federally Regulated for suspensions. Every year is getting better and better as far as checking suspensions. As of July 1st, only two (2) fighters have fought on suspension.

Discussion follows:

Problems with turnover in commissions, lack of funding to attend trainings to learn regulations for Boxing and MMA. Aaron Davis (NJ) suggests all commissions attend the New Commissioner’s training even if the Commission has been a member of the ABC for years.

Nominations for 2016 ABC Conference Site

Las Vegas, NV

New Orleans, LA

Minneapolis, MN

Charleston/Hilton Head/Myrtle Beach, SC

Orlando, FL

Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan) nominates Lydia Robertson (AR) to head the 2016 Travel Committee for ABC.

2016 ABC Travel Committee:

Lydia Roberson (AR) – Chairperson

Brandon Owens (AL)

Josef Mason (CO)
Alan Tanaguchi (HI)
Mike Mazzulli, (Mohegan)

Traumatic Brain Injury – Dr. Julian E. Bailes

Award given to Dr. Bailes from ABC President Tim Luekenhoff (MO), Vice President Aaron Davis (NJ), and 2nd Vice President Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs) for study and research for Traumatic Brain Injury.

Presentation: Brain Injury and concussions due to exposure to hits/punches for MMA Fighters and Boxers.

Discussions followed:

- Boxing headgear possibly leads to more brain damage, gives false pretense of safety.
- Symptoms of concussion: Confusion, headache, dizziness

MMA, LLC Record Keeper Report – Kirik Jenness & Chris Palmquist

Amateur Events have increased by 30% over the past few years.

5,500 National MMA ID's were issued last year

Suspensions were up last year; 11,500 total for year 2013

The report will be available on the database's website after the convention.

Big Update: Medical Database

- Requirements for Commissions
- Debut of Pros/Women/Age of fighter

Fight Fax, LLC Certified Record Keeper Report – Ani Miramontes

In the process of going web based due to demand by the industry. More information to follow later this year as the system is developed.

Recommendation: Send a photocopy of the passport to Fight Fax so the correct record can be sent (due to large amount of fighters from Latin America with multiple last names).

Ani to examine the possibility of free access of the suspensions/information list being made available to the Public.

World Boxing Council (WBC) – Mauricio Sulaiman President

Discuss the use of Instant Replay

- Use in between rounds?
- Wait until the fight is complete?
- Referee is given the option to review outside of the one (1) minute rest period in between rounds.

Tim Luekenhoff (MO) proposes a Motion to form a committee to study instant replay all combative sports.

- Josef Mason (CO), chairman
- Joe Miller (OK)

ABC Governmental Affairs Committee Report – Bill Colbert (UT)

- Government Relations Committee:
 - o Andy Foster (CA) – Chairperson
 - o Lydia Robertson (AR)
 - o Brandon Owens (AL)
 - o Bill Colbert (UT)
 - o Skip Brown (D.C.)

Committee would like to provide services to all members

Fighters who fight in unsanctioned events be suspended of 120 days and required to submit new medicals prior to new bout, most commissions only require 60 days.

Motion presented by Bill Colbert (UT) to extend time frame from 60 days to 120 days, seconded by Joe Miller (OK).

Motion passed unanimously.

Member commission are encouraged to go back to their respective jurisdictions to being the rule making process to make these changes.

Drug testing of fighters who use performance enhancing drugs, allocate 20% of ABC funding for commissions who do not have the funding to test the fighters that fight in their jurisdiction.

Motion to set up funds for drug testing presented by Bill Colbert (UT) as well as a committee, seconded by Lydia Robertson (AR).

Discussion follows.

Several members expressed their disapproval of the motion as 20% of the ABC annual budget would be about \$2000 per year for drug testing. The other concern was who was going to determine which commissions received the funding.

Motion presented by Mike Mazulli (Mohegan) to table the Motion presented by Bill Colbert (UT) until next meeting seconded by Josef Mason (CO).

Motion passes;

Discussion of "floating" the idea to the ABC membership regarding state and tribal athletic commissions being granted "weighted" or additional votes based on the number of combative sports events held in each jurisdiction on an annual basis. Patrick Pannella (MD) strongly opposed the idea, opining that, similar to the United States Senate requiring that each state be fully represented by the same number of individuals, the ABC ensures fairness and equity among its membership by allowing each state and each tribal nation to have the exact same voting authority -- one vote for each jurisdiction.

ABC Boxing Officials Training Committee Report – Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs)

- Boxing Judging and Referring Training & Education Committee:
 - o Jim Erickson (Mille Lacs) – Chairman
 - o Josef Mason (CO)
 - o Pat Pannella (MD)
 - o Aaron Davis (NJ)
 - o Dennis O’Connell, (AZ)
 - o Tim Lueckenhoff (MO)

Goal is to have a certified program instead of multiple programs to approve.

Motion to accept Training Document for Boxing Referee and Judge Training Outline presented by Tim Lueckenhoff (MO), seconded by Aaron Davis (NJ).

Motion passes unanimously.

Announcement of 2015 ABC Conference Location – Lydia Robertson (AR)

Wyndham San Diego Bayside 1355 North Harbor Drive San Diego, CA

Hotel is hosting a Welcome Reception, Cocktails for Cocktail hour, coffee for meetings.

Dates: July 25th – July 29th

Election Year – Joe Miller (OK)

Joe Miller, (OK) as for clarification of the Term Limits passed during the 2013 Meeting. Lydia Robertson (AR) read from directly from the constitution as passed during the 2013 meeting.

4:30 p.m. Adjourn Meeting

Tuesday, July 29th, 2014

General Session – Boxing

Welcome by Steve Canton – Representing the Florida Boxing Hall of Fame

Presentation by Duane Ford: Project for Boxers to raise money for foundation in Nevada; having the Boxing Referees wear patches on the back of the shirt collar. Five hundred fights are required to have \$150,000 raised to help Boxers in need, not specifically just WBC boxers.

Motion presented by Jon Lewis (MS), second by Joe Miller (OK) to promote project for boxers.

Motion passes unanimously. Update on project by Duane Ford at 2015 ABC Conference.

Discussion of state and tribal athletic commissions submitting official results of professional boxing events to BoxRec. Patrick Pannella (MD) and Jon Lewis (MS) strongly encouraged commissions to voluntarily do so on a consistent basis and in a timely manner, noting that: (1) many commissions utilize BoxRec when bouts are first submitted to a commission by a promoter or matchmaker for approval; (2) commissions will still be required to obtain a fighter report for each boxer competing in a bout from the certified boxing registry approved by the ABC; and (3) commissions will still be required to report the official results of a professional boxing event to the certified boxing registry approved by the ABC.

Proposed Change to the Unified Championship Rules for Boxing

Instant Replay can be used to determine the outcome of a fight in case the Referee may have not been in a good position to make decision.

There is a General Rule in Boxing that the Referee is generally the sole arbiter in a match/bout, which raises the suggestion that Instant Replay should be used to review the situation for a different angle to determine the action that occurred during the fight.

Current Rule: “The Referee is the sole arbiter of a bout and is the only individual authorized to stop a contest”.

Change to Rule: “This rule shall not preclude a video or other review of a decision under the procedures of the applicable regulatory authority if a protest is filed claiming a clear rule violation.”

Motion presented by Nick Lembo (NJ) to change the ABC Uniform rules of Boxing, seconded by Joe Miller (OK). Motion passes unanimously

ABC Medical Committee Report – Dr. Sheryl L. Wulkan, M.D. Chairperson (NJ)

Medical Report will be placed on the ABC Website for review.

Concussions

- **Top 10 Concussion symptoms:**
 - o Headaches
 - o Decreased Cognitive Function
 - o Lack of Coordination
 - o Pupil Dilation
 - o Nausea
 - o Blurred Vision
 - o Bruising
 - o Emotional Outbursts
 - o Slurred Speech
 - o Disrupted Sleep Patterns

Use of Prosthetic Legs/Arms/Hands

Any fighter, from a medical professional stand point, should not be allowed to fight in a sanctioned event that has prosthetics.

Therapeutic Use Exemption Forms

- Allows fighters to use medications for pre-existing medical conditions.

Athletes may have illnesses or conditions that require them to take particular medications.

If the medication an athlete is required to take to treat an illness or condition happens to fall under the Prohibited List, a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) may give that athlete the authorization to take the needed medicine.

This section provides information about the TUE process and is intended for athletes, members of Therapeutic Use Exemption Committees (TUECs) or for anyone involved or interested in this area of anti-doping.

The purpose of the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ISTUE) is to ensure that the process of granting TUEs is harmonized across sports and countries.

- **Testosterone:**

- o Long term usage causes to body to quit making its own natural hormone.

Motion presented by Nick Lembo (NJ) for ABC to re-visit Boxing policy for Health & Safety concerns. Seconded by Pat Pannella (MD).

Motion passes unanimously.

Sickle Cell Trait

People who inherit one sickle cell gene and one normal gene have *sickle cell trait* (SCT). People with SCT usually do not have any of the symptoms of sickle cell disease (SCD), but they can pass the trait on to their children.

How Sickle Cell Trait is inherited

- If both parents have SCT, there is a 50% (or 1 in 2) chance that any child of theirs also will have SCT, if the child inherits the sickle cell gene from one of the parents. Such children will not have symptoms of SCD, but they can pass SCT on to their children.
- If both parents have SCT, there is a 25% (or 1 in 4) chance that any child of theirs will have SCD. There is the same 25% (or 1 in 4) chance that the child will not have SCD or SCT.
- If one parent has SCT, there is a 50% (or 1 in 2) chance that any child of this parent will have SCT and an equal 50% chance that the child will not have SCT.

Complications

Most people with SCT do not have any symptoms of SCD, although—in rare cases—people with SCT might experience complications of SCD, such as *pain crises*.

In their extreme form, and in rare cases, the following conditions could be harmful for people with SCT:

- Increased pressure in the atmosphere (which can be experienced, for example, while scuba diving).
- Low oxygen levels in the air (which can be experienced, for example, when mountain climbing, exercising extremely hard in military boot camp, or training for an athletic competition).
- Dehydration (for example, when one has too little water in the body).
- High altitudes (which can be experienced, for example, when flying, mountain climbing, or visiting a city at a high altitude).

SCT and Athletes

Some people with SCT have been shown to be more likely than those without SCT to experience heat stroke and muscle breakdown when doing intense exercise, such as competitive sports or military training under unfavorable temperatures (very high or low) or conditions. Studies have shown that the chance of this problem can be reduced by avoiding dehydration and getting too hot during training. People with SCT who participate in competitive or team sports (i.e. student athletes) should be careful when doing training or conditioning activities. To prevent illness it is important to:

- Set your own pace and build your intensity slowly.
- Rest often in between repetitive sets and drills.
- Drink plenty of water before, during and after training and conditioning activities.
- Keep the body temperature cool when exercising in hot and humid temperatures by misting the body with water or going to an air conditioned area during breaks or rest periods.

- Immediately seek medical care when feeling ill.

Medical Marijuana vs. Recreational Marijuana

Doctors may prescribe medical marijuana to treat:

- Muscle spasms caused by multiple sclerosis
- Nausea from cancer chemotherapy
- Poor appetite and weight loss caused by chronic illness, such as HIV, or nerve pain
- Seizure disorders
- Crohn's disease

The FDA has also approved THC, a key ingredient in marijuana, to treat nausea and improve appetite. It's available by prescription Marinol (dronabinol) and Cesamet (nabilone).

Boxer Health/Safety Issues, Results of Maryland CTBI/CTE Study

“Sparring and Neurological Function in Professional Boxers” – Research Article – Dr. John W. Stiller, M.D. (MD)

Handout given to each Commission present. (See *Attachment #2*)

Pat Panella (MD) makes a **Motion** to send the CTBI study to USA Boxing, Inc. from the ABC.

Second by Frank Gentile (FL).

Motion passed unanimously.

Amateur Boxing Record Database

Introduction – Pat Pannella (MD)

Presentation – Mike Martino: Executive Director of USA Boxing, Inc. and Matt Esposito: Ai Group

Nick Lembo (NJ) USA Boxing no longer requires amateurs with little or no boxing experience to solely be eligible for the open class only because of amateur MMA or amateur kickboxing experience. USA Boxing agrees that athletes with 5 or less MMA or kick boxing contests can still allow for eligibility in USA Boxing Novice class.

Current Issues in Amateur Boxing

Mike Martino: Executive Director of USA Boxing, Inc.

International Boxing Association Website: www.aiba.org

USA Boxing, Inc. Website: www.teamusa.org

Martino provided an update on the World Series of Boxing as well as use of head gear during amateur competitions.

Panel Discussion Replay to Overturn Decisions – Showalter (MN) and Pat English (NJ)

Currently, as of July 29th, 2014; Nine (9) commissions out of the 35 present at ABC have used Instant Replay to make determinations in a bout/fight.

United States Intercollegiate Boxing Association (USIBA)

Luke Reunion provide background on Intercollegiate Boxing Association and their willingness to ensure these types of events are supported on college campuses across the United States.

Open Discussion on Boxing Issues:

- Health & Safety Disclosure/Risk of Brain Injury Statement – Recommendation of U.S. Congress
 - o Pat Pannella (MD) has handout for each Commission.
- Completion of Title Bout or 10-Round Bout Financial Disclosure Forms per Federal Boxing Law
- ABC Uniform Procedures for Commissions Requesting and Forwarding Boxers' Medical Exams
- ABC Medical Information Release Form for Boxers
 - o Required for each Boxer/Fighter to release medicals to the Commission.
- Written Criteria for the Issuance of a Professional Boxer's Federal Identification Card

- Any Foreign fighter, any Athletic Commission may issue the Federal I.D. if the fighter is new. If the Federal I.D. is expired, a new state may issue the I.D., but change the issuing state.
- Second Day Weigh-Ins for all Bouts
 - Joe Miller (OK) main issue with Amateur MMA fighters and having contract weights.
 - Josef Mason (CO) agrees contract weight does not matter for Amateur MMA.
 - Aaron Davis (NJ) agrees Amateur MMA fighters should not have a “contract” at all.
 - Bill Colbert (UT) requires Amateur MMA fighters to have the same requirements as Pro MMA.

Social Media for ABC

- **Social Networking Committee:**
 - Brandon Dawson, (AR) (Chairperson)
 - Brandon Owens, (AL)
 - Bill Colbert, (UT)
 - Josef Mason, (CO)

During the last year the ABC has created both a Facebook page and a Twitter Account. All members who are facebook users were asked to send it to their friend to increase the number of likes. Brandon Dawson and Brandon Owens manage the facebook page. Do not hesitate to post articles and other information on the page.

The links to facebook and twitter, will be added to the ABC Website.

Facebook: 467 Followers

Twitter: 5 Followers

Committee on Renaming Cruiserweight Class as Heavyweight and Heavyweight to Super Heavyweight:

Joel Campuzano (IL), Chairperson

Josef Mason (CO)

Jon Lewis (MS)

Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan)

Pat English (NJ)

3:05 p.m. Adjourn Meeting

Wednesday, July 30th, 2014

General Session: Mixed Martial Arts

- ABC MMA Training Committee Report – Nick Lembo (NJ)
 - Approved Trainers – No new additions
 - On Website – criteria listed for Referee & Judge Training to be qualified
 - Amateur MMA: “Regulate it or Ban it”
 - ♣ Medical Committee has stepped in stating that Amateur MMA needs to have Medicals required for each of the fighters, that Amateur MMA needs to be regulated the same as professional.
 - ♣ **Motion** presented by Pat Pannella (MD) for ABC to issue a statement that Amateur MMA needs to be regulated by the ABC. Seconded by Lydia Robertson (AR).
 - ♣ **Motion** Passes Unanimously.
- ABC MMA Scoring Criteria Committee – Kilparchuk (CCSC)
 - Through training and appointing better officials, no major problems have been reported.
 - Consistency is scoring from different Commissions and States. What are the criteria for different scoring for rounds? Question raised by Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan).
 - Call a Committee meeting to discuss the scoring evaluations, what qualifies a 10/9 or 10/8 round?
- Pre-Fight Exams and Post-Fight Exams; Update on MMA Injury Study – Pat Reid (Edmonton)

- About one-third of professional mixed martial arts matches end in knockout or technical knockout, indicating a higher incidence of brain trauma than boxing or other martial arts, according to a new study in the American Journal of Sports Medicine.
 - Presentation will be submitted to the ABC for further review.
 - Suggestion: Have doctors look at mouth guards prior to fights.
- Open Discussion on MMA Issues
- Bill Colbert (UT) – Give more focus early on the session to MMA issues since more Commissions do more MMA events than Boxing.
 - Mike Mazzulli (Mohegan) – Have an ABC Inspector Training, similar to Judge & Referee training.
 - Lydia Robertson (AR) – Health issue with weight gain from weigh in to actual fight weight.
 - ♣ Mike Mohegan has a 3% rule. Has regulation as to how much weight you can lose/gain prior to fights.
 - ♣ Susan Colard (WA) questions pulling fighters from the scheduled event if they do not make weight or have serious fluctuations in weight gain/loss.
 - ♣ Patrick Pannella (MD) presents a Motion to ABC to recommend to all state and tribal athletic commissions that, for all combative sports being regulated, a commission make available the required fighter reports for each respective sport -- including, but not limited to, the fighter's bout history and suspension history -- to the working ringside physician to review at the weigh-in activity for an event or at a point in time earlier whenever requested by the ringside physician. Second by Alan Tanaguchi (HI). **Motion Passed.**
 - UFC – Mike Mersch
 - Bellator MMA – Christian Printup, Executive Director & Tracy Smith, General Counsel
 - ♣ New President – Scott Coker, formerly with Strike Force