



## EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

Gianarrigo Rona  
*President*

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

Milan, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010

Dear Friends,

### EBL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010

According to paragraph 1 of art. 21 of the Statutes I am pleased to convoke the Ordinary General Assembly of the European Bridge League which will be held **on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 10.00 am. at Thermae Palace Hotel in Ostend, Belgium.**

The Agenda will include, inter alia, the President's Report, the election of the EBL President and Members of the Executive Committee for the legislature 2010/2014, the approval of the balance-sheet and accounts 2008/2009 and Auditors' Report and the examination of the Budget 2011 and 2012.

I am pleased to remember to you that according to the EBL Statutes:

- any NBO may submit a matter for discussion to be put on the Agenda by writing to the Secretary of the League (**EBL President Office: Via Ciro Menotti 11/C, 20129 Milano, Italy – e-mail [abl@federbridge.it](mailto:abl@federbridge.it)**) at least sixty days before the General Assembly, it means **before on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010** (art. 21, 4); the Executive Committee has the right to refuse to include such matters on the Agenda.
- nominations for EBL President and Executive Committee Members must be in writing or e-mail and be received by the EBL Administrative Office (**EBL President Office: Via Ciro Menotti 11/C, 20129 Milano, Italy – e-mail [abl@federbridge.it](mailto:abl@federbridge.it)**) at least 60 days before the Ordinary General Assembly, it means **before on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010** (art. 37, 1);.



- 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 (art.37, 3);
- to be validly nominated the 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), or be automatically nominated under Article 37 (art.39, 1);
- 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 (art. 39, 2);
- the candidate must be physically present at the General Assembly at the time of the election (art. 39, 3);
- 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 legislature (art. 38,2);
- no person earning a substantial part of his income from bridge activities, such as from the manufacturing or sale of bridge equipment, may be elected as EBL President or as a member of the Executive Committee (art. 42).

Sixty days prior to the Ordinary General Assembly, I will send you the definitive Agenda of the General Assembly and all relevant enclosures (including the list of the candidates), according to the paragraph 3 of art. 21 of the Statutes.

Yours sincerely  
Gianarrigo Rona

Registered letter