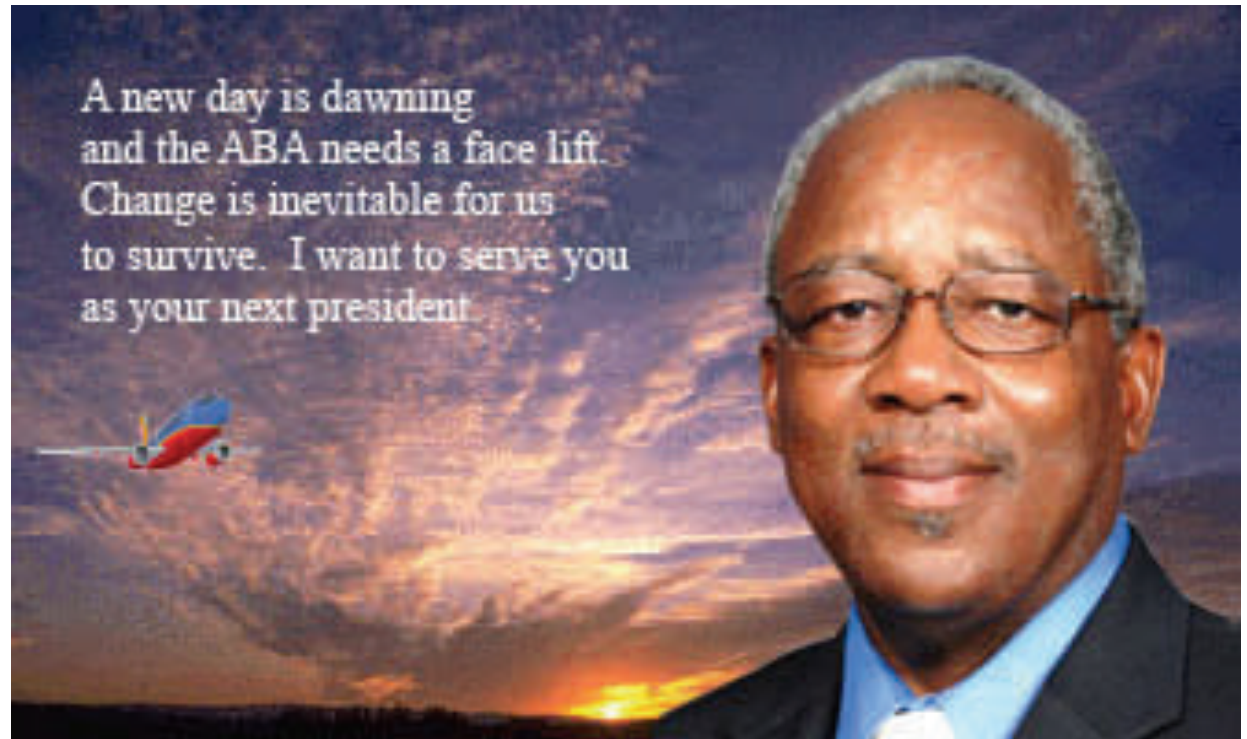


## PROVEN ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS

- LEADERSHIP
  - ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
  - COMMUNICATION
  - CONSENSUS BUILDING
  - CRITICAL THINKING
  - PROBLEM SOLVING
  - COMPUTER OPERATIONS
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## ISSUES TO ADDRESS:

- Membership Recruitment
- Membership Involvement
- Accountability and Full Disclosure
- Restructure the ABA Administration
- Restructure ABA Operations
- Develop A Long Range ABA Plan
- Improve tournament scoring — implement the ACBL Scoring Program to automate posting procedures at tournaments and at the National Headquarters in Atlanta.



**Together we can  
make a difference.**

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My desire to serve you is to give the very best of what I have to make the ABA a better place for you to play this game of bridge. I will always maintain an open door and will listen to any constructive suggestion you offer before making my decision. I believe that the organization belongs to the members and as your servant I will accept responsibility and will insure that you are kept informed. I am searching for new leaders to carry us to the future.

**VOTE FOR**  
**HENRY "HANK" IRWIN, JR**

**NATIONAL  
PRESIDENT**

**of the**

**AMERICAN BRIDGE  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## ABA DEDICATION

- Active ABA member since '89 & Life member
- **Immediate Past ABA President (05-07)**
- ABA Certified Instructor and Level 5 Director
- Served on following National Committees: Leadership, Merit/Life, New Players, ABA/ACBL, Scholarship, Constitution/By-Laws, Recommendations, Collegiate Bridge, Education
- Served as National Board Parliamentarian
- Elected SWS VP for two terms (99-03) Attended all Annual General members meetings since '91
- Conducted and recapped an ABA National Survey of membership
- Conducted Nat' Bridge Education Seminars and Supported New Player Pro-Am Game since '99
- Founded the Okay C Duplicate Club; and Co-founded 1st Collegiate Bridge Club, Club president for 2 terms
- Conducted seminars to clubs or groups in the following areas: Austin, TX, Portland, OR, Sacramento, CA, Kansas City, MO, Jacksonville, FL, Jackson, MS, Prarieview, TX, Oklahoma City, OK, Corpus Christi, TX, Seattle, WA and three bridge cruises.
- Assist Staff development with training directors on new procedures.
- Contributed to ABA Foundation General Fund

## PERSONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Air Force officer for 20 years;
- Captain for Southwest Airlines for 17 years; retired August 2005 as a Senior Captain;
- numerous opportunities to exercise and develop leadership skills and abilities;
- learned to manage, organize and effectively utilize people skills and talents;
- visionary and Strategic Planner, with ability to evaluate current programs, develop new and innovative ones;
- effectively implement them for the betterment of the organization;
- BS degree in Mathematics Education from North Carolina A&T State University in '68;
- MS Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in '86;
- local and state positions in the Masonic and Shrine Organizations;
- 33rd Degree in World Federation of Masons;
- immediate past commander of VFW Post and current Senior Vice Commander;
- Married to Dorothy and father of 2 children, Latoya and Anthony with 2 grand children, Layla and Camron. I thank them all for their untiring support.

## MY PLATFORM

(will be based on the following facts)

- The game of bridge is fun, enjoyable, and sociable for some and for others it is competitive, challenging, and educational. We must find a way for the two to coexist to be able to recruit, reclaim, and retain our members.
- We have a large spectrum of members; the young, and not so young, the wealthy and not so wealthy, the experienced players and the new players. It is very important to make decisions such as, site location, types of games, and master-point allocations, based on the concerns of all members.
- The ABA organization including its clubs, units and sections must remain vibrant, financially solvent, growing, well organized and well managed. The ABA image must be constantly improved and the rich history preserved and shared.
- The staff must be personable, well trained, and humble but always in control. Emphasis must be placed on staff development and placing the best tools-of-the-trade available at their fingertips.
- The ABA headquarters must stay on the cutting edge of technology, maintain an updated website, maintain accountability through its recordkeeping, and make this information available through better communications.
- Finally, the leaders and leadership must be groomed, trained and selected based on their ability and vision, and not on based haphazardly on favoritism. Our leaders must be friendly, accountable, and knowledgeable and they must make sure all of the above platform items are addressed.