

Minutes

Meeting of the Congress of the United States Fencing Association

Attendees: Nancy Anderson, Edward Wright, Sherry Posthumus, Jane Carter, Stacey Johnson, David Micahnik, George Masin, Steve Sobel, Monisha Tasker, Bradley Baker, Robert Del Gaizo, Tyler Jacobson, Carol Buerdsell, Melly Flynn, Chris Pullo, Albert Merritt, Janet Aucoin, Mary Annavedder, Joseph Aucoin, Aaron Clements, David A. Sierre, Charles Johnson, Denys Beecher, Gerrie Baumgart, April Woodward, Brenden Richard, Susan Hughes, Robert Hughes, Debra Oppenheim, Edwin Hurst, Bill Towry, Deana Everett, Amy Grant, David Anderson, Kyle Shane, Cathy Zagunis, Ron Herman, Derek Cotton, Linda Merritt, Joseph Streb, Andrea Lagan, Ayden Young, Kameron Hanson, Adrian Douglas, Pia Douglas, Ray Finkelman

Guests: Donald Alperstein, Greg Dilworth, Jessie Burke, Barbara Lynch, David Sapery, Michael Massik, Andy Shaw

The 2005 Congress began at 7:45 am immediately upon the conclusion of the membership meeting.

The Congress Agenda is divided into the three phases:

- General Information
- Financial Performance & Review
- Decision

All Congressional Representatives are provided copies of the Board Agenda. To avoid redundancy, confusion and the additional cost of printing and mailing, reports are not attached to this Agenda.

Officer, director and committee reports (required under Bylaws Article VII, Section 4) are referenced to the corresponding Board of Directors Agenda appendix.

A moment of silence is observed for Gerard Poujardeau, Ralph Zimmerman, Frank Andrew, Hal Goldsmith, Bill Goering, Bob Scranton and Joseph Levis

I. Information

- A. Approved the minutes of the July 2004 meeting
- B. Appointed George Masin as Parliamentarian
- C. Officer and Director Reports: (Please refer to Board Agenda Index of Appendices)
- D. Committee Reports (Please refer to Board Agenda Index of Appendices)

II. Financial Performance Review (Budget reports in Board Agenda)

III. Discussion and Decision

A. **Determination of Election Procedures and Election of Directors to USFA Board of Directors:**

Congress determined in 1998 that it would elect its four Directors to the Board by requesting volunteers and nominations from the floor. Each representative would be allowed four votes and the top four receiving the most votes would serve on the Board as representatives to Congress for the one-year term commencing as of the September Board meeting. It is recommended to continue this process of election as we have over this last quad.

Motion: That the process developed in 1998 be used for the 2005 election. Motion approved.

Motion to elect Jane Carter, Jessie Burke and Sherry Posthumus as tellers for the election. Motion approved

Nominees from the floor as follows:

Brad Baker
Greg Dilworth
Andrea Lagan
George Masin
David Micahnik
Cathy Zagunis

The four people elected to the Board representing Congress are:

Brad Baker
Greg Dilworth
Andrea Lagan
David Micahnik

Motion to destroy ballots. Motion approved.

B. **New Business**

1. **Confirmation of Presidential Appointments**

To confirm the President's appointment of the following positions:

- a. Editor, American Fencing Magazine

Motion: to confirm Cindy Bent-Findlay as Editor American Fencing; Motion approved. *Suggestion that Cindy be complemented on quality of the magazine.*

- b. Hall of Fame Chair and Committee

Motion: To confirm the following appointments of the President to the Hall of Fame Committee: Andy Shaw, Chair; Dan Bukantz and Richard Cohen. Motion approved.

2. **Hall of Fame election.**

New procedures for election to the Hall of Fame are implemented. Andy Shaw explains the reasons for the three era procedures. Because of the new process voters need time to read the histories of the nominees. Ballots should be turned in to the registration desk by 5 pm July 2 for tabulation. Induction for newly voted Hall of Famers will take place at the Hall of Fame Ceremonies during Nationals in the year following the election. *The voting results are announced at the Hall of Fame dinner.**

Congress gives appreciation to Arnie Messing and Steve Khinoy for the great strides made in the HOF process.

*The 2006 inductees elected by Congress are:

Aladar Kogler
Michel Alaux
Mathilde Jagemann
Gustave Heiss

3. **Pennsylvania Division Boundaries**

Congress will entertain the following proposal to change the Division Boundaries within the State of Pennsylvania:

Western PA

Will include the counties of:

Erie, Warren, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Forest, Lawrence, Butler, Clarion, Jefferson, Armstrong, Indiana, Beaver, Allegheny, Washington, Greene, Fayette and the State of West Virginia.

Central PA

Will include the counties of:

McKean, Potter, Elk, Cameron, Clinton, Clearfield, Centre Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, and Westmoreland.

Harrisburg PA

Will include the counties of:

Union, Northumberland, Snyder, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin, Schuylkill, Lebanon, Cumberland, Franklin, Adams, York, and Lancaster.

Philadelphia, PA

Will include the counties of:

Northampton, Lehigh, Berks, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, Philadelphia within the state of Pennsylvania, and New Castle within the State of Delaware.

Northeast PA

An application for a new division will be entertained by the USFA Congress for the northeastern PA counties, to include:

Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Lycoming, Sullivan, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Montour, Columbia, Luzerne, Carbon, and Monroe.

Congress applauded Dana brown for her help in determining the numbers in each PA division.

Motion: to change the division boundaries of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as stated above. Motion approved.

C. Good and Welfare

1. Buzz Hurst will host a town meeting this afternoon at 2:00 pm. Discussion will be about matters that concern divisions; bylaws, election procedures, etc.
2. The Hall of Fame dinner will be this evening at 7 pm in the Gardenia Room at the Sheraton.
3. 2006 Hall of Fame ballots to be returned to registration desk at the venue by 5 pm.

Motion to adjourn. Motion approved